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**9th Annual Indianapolis School Music Festival held at Arsenal Tech
During Music in Our Schools Month
*50 Indiana Music Ensembles to Perform March 10-12***

INDIANAPOLIS, IN – March 2, 2026 – Instrumental and choral ensembles from local Indianapolis schools are coming together for three full days of music making. The 9th annual Indianapolis School Music Festival begins on Tuesday, March 10 and runs through Thursday, March 12 at Arsenal Tech High School.

Supported by Music for All, students from Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) and schools in surrounding rural communities receive the opportunity to perform at no cost, receive feedback, participate in post-performance clinics led by Music for All clinicians, and watch performances by their peers. The Indianapolis School Music Festival performances are also free to the public.

The 50 ensembles that will be participating include 36 instrumental and 14 choral. This year has the most participating ensembles with representation from IPS and schools from the surrounding Central Indiana area.

The schools participating are:

- Arlington M.S.
- Arsenal Tech H.S.
- Broad Ripple M.S.
- Crispus Attucks H.S.
- Daleville Junior/Senior H.S.
- Edison School of the Arts
- Eleanor Skillen Montessori School
- George Washington H.S.
- Harshman M.S.
- Longfellow M.S.
- Northwest M.S.
- Richmond H.S.
- Shortridge H.S.
- T.C. Howe M.S.
- William Penn M.S.

For a full schedule of performances, visit festival.musicforall.org/ismf

March has been officially designated by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) for the observance of Music In Our Schools Month® (MIOSM®). The purpose of MIOSM is to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children—and to remind citizens that school is where all children should have access to music.

The Indianapolis School Music Festival is an integral component of Music for All's partnership with Indianapolis Public Schools and furthers the mission to create, provide, and expand positively life-changing experiences through music.

“It is our privilege to offer this non-completive, educational performance experience for the students of Indianapolis Public Schools and Central Indiana,” says James Stephens, Senior Director of Education and Advocacy at Music for All. “It is our vision to be a catalyst to ensure that every child across America has access and opportunity to participate in active music-making. That commitment begins at home, which is why we are deeply dedicated to investing in the students of our own community with experiences that can truly shape their futures.”

This festival is held two weeks before the Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha, where 54 ensembles representing 14 states from across the nation will gather and perform in downtown Indianapolis. For more information visit festival.musicforall.org

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About Music for All

Music for All's mission is to create, provide, and expand positively life-changing experiences through music. Our vision is to be a catalyst to ensure that every child in America has access and opportunity for active music-making in their scholastic environment. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational organization, Music for All's events and programs serve more than 600,000 attendees annually — and more than 1.7 million program participants since 1975. Programs include the Bands of America Regional and the Grand National Championships for marching bands; the Bands of America Summer Camp for students and teachers; the Music for All National Festival for concert bands, orchestras, and percussion ensembles; national honor ensembles including the Honor Band of America, Jazz Band of America, and the Honor Band in the Rose Parade®, Advocacy in Action Awards, the Music for All Podcast Network, and affiliate concert and marching events across America. Visit musicforall.org

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