



Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha

Important Event Procedures

March 30-April 2, 2023 • INDIANAPOLIS, IN



Welcome to the 2023 Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha. The following are details associated with your participation in the week's activities. Please be familiar with this information, bring a copy with you to the Festival, and pass along the critical items to your parents. It is a good idea for your parents to keep a copy of this information at home as well if they are not attending the Festival.

FESTIVAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Please keep the following contact information, should you have questions during the Festival. During the Festival, Music for All will operate an on-site headquarters located at the JW Marriott.

Please use the Event Hotline number during the event to reach us on-site in case of emergency or travel delay. Do not contact the hotel directly.

FESTIVAL HOTEL AND HEADQUARTERS:

JW Marriott Indianapolis, 10 S. West Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204
Festival Hotline: 866.643.6043

YOUR TRIP TO INDIANAPOLIS

ARRIVING TO THE AIRPORT

Music for All representatives will meet the students at the airport upon descent from the escalators to the baggage claim level. **Students please do not remain at the gate.** We will see to your needs upon arrival and direct you to the shuttle to get to the hotel, if you pre-purchased a shuttle ride. **If you did NOT purchase a shuttle ticket within the Travel Arrangements form, it is your responsibility to arrive at the JW Marriott on your own.**

Special reminder: A picture ID is required (driver's license, passport, or state or school ID) to board a commercial aircraft, and most airports require that you arrive two hours early. Students should be aware that most airlines only allow one carry-on, and one purse or briefcase. Check with your airline about rules well in advance, as airline policies and Federal security rules change often.

If you are flying with your instrument, make sure you check with airport guidelines. You may find this link helpful: <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information>

Do not be concerned if your flight is delayed. Our staff and chaperones will monitor flight arrivals throughout the day. If your flight is CANCELED, or you experience any other circumstance on your day of travel that will prevent you from arriving on your scheduled flight, PLEASE CALL Music for All's Event Hotline as soon as possible – 877.643.6043.

DRIVING TO INDIANAPOLIS

Students driving themselves to Indianapolis must check-in their car keys upon arrival at their designated Honor Ensemble check-in table or with their ensembles' head chaperone. **No student is allowed to drive their car once they arrive.** This includes local Indianapolis area students who are not accompanied by an adult. Students will pick up their keys following check out with their Head Chaperone on Sunday morning.

CAR PARKING – Music for All will not cover the cost of student parking at the hotel, or surrounding area parking garages. Parking your car at festival is the responsibility of the student/family.

GETTING AROUND DOWNTOWN

The central core of downtown Indianapolis is fairly compact. The JW Marriott hotel is connected by overhead walkways to other downtown facilities, including the Circle Centre Mall. Clowes Memorial Hall and the Schrott Center for the Arts are 6.5 miles (20 minutes) north of downtown on the campus of Butler University. Students in the honor ensembles will be provided with bus transportation as an ensemble to get to these venues for rehearsals and the concert per the schedule.

WEATHER IN INDIANAPOLIS

Indianapolis weather varies during the month of March. The average temperature in mid-March is 30 degrees. Expect highs that range from 35 to 47 degrees and lows in the 27 to 35-degree range. Snow and/or rain are often in the weather forecast. Please bring appropriate attire in case of inclement weather. We suggest you check www.weather.com before leaving home.

CHECKING IN TO HONOR ENSEMBLE HOTELS

When you enter the JW Marriott, please proceed to the Honor Ensemble Check-in Area, **which is located on level 2 of the hotel**. There will be Music for All representatives there to check you in and issue your room key. Room keys are magnetic cards, and each student will receive his/her own card. Do not lose your room card, and remember to place in a safe area, away from your cell phone. **DO NOT** write your room number on your key for security purposes.

Important: All participants will receive a check in packet containing a name badge that is to be **worn at all times, except when performing**. This badge is your pass to all events, including meals

We have made arrangements with the hotel to block out long-distance phone service (unless using a credit card or calling card), TV movies, and other services not included in the package price. If adults who have purchased a Music for All package for the weekend wish to have these privileges, a credit card must be submitted to the hotel front desk after checking in at the Music for All desk. The hotel will then extend all charging privileges to the adult guest. Extra services will not be available to Honor Ensemble students.

CHECKING OUT OF YOUR HOTEL

Each hotel has made special arrangements with Music for All to provide an easy check-out. You will check out with Music for All staff **BEFORE LEAVING THE HOTEL**. You may leave your key in the room, with a chaperone/staff person or at the front desk. If your parents have personal charges with the hotel, they will follow normal check-out procedures at the lobby check out area.

MONDAY MORNING DEPARTURE

Check-out time for Honor Ensemble students is before 12:00 p.m. **Every student must check-out with Music for All Staff prior to their departure.**

If you purchased a shuttle back to the airport, you will be provided shuttle instructions on Sunday evening following the Honor Ensemble concert. Students will meet in the hotel lobby prior to your scheduled shuttle departure. Students driving home may pick up their car keys following their checkout from Music for All Staff.

CHAPERONES

All Honor Ensemble students are housed with other Honor Ensemble students, or with family members, at the JW Marriott. We are pleased to have a strong team of chaperones working with the Honor Ensembles. Our chaperones are your parents away from home. We expect that you will treat them with the utmost respect, as they will with you.

Students will be held strictly accountable to the Code of Conduct, which each student and parent has already signed. *Violations of this Code will not be tolerated. Any student not in compliance with the expectations set forth will be removed from the Festival and sent home at the expense of the parent/family.*

SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

ITEMS TO BRING WITH YOU

- **Business casual clothes for rehearsal- no jeans** (See Dress Code)
- Concert attire (See Dress Code)
- Casual clothes for the Thursday night student social – *jeans are permitted ONLY for this event.*
- Coat or jacket with other winter items (scarf, gloves, hat, etc.)
- Raincoat or umbrella
- Toiletries
- Your instrument with your **name, address, and school** marked on the case
- Any necessary supplies or instrument accessories (e.g. reeds, valve oil, etc.)
-Brass Players: Remember to bring any necessary mutes as indicated in the music.
- A folding music stand with your name, address, and school clearly marked on it.
- All percussionists must bring sticks and mallets. Percussionists should bring **triangles/wood blocks/tambourines** if they have them.
- Spending money for quick snacks at the vending machine or to purchase Festival souvenirs

DRESS CODE

At the Music for All National Festival, **no jeans or shorts are to be worn during the activities with the exception of the Student Social.** The student social has no particular dress code; however, please use your best judgment. For rehearsals, business casual clothes should be worn. Khaki pants are acceptable.

CONCERT DRESS: *Honor Ensemble members must wear CONCERT BLACK.*

- Gentlemen
 - Tuxedo is preferred.
 - If you do not have access to a tuxedo, you should wear a black suit, white dress shirt, and black bow tie.
 - Black shoes and Tall Black Socks.
- Ladies
 - Mid-calf length or longer black dresses, or skirts with a black blouse. **Sleeveless dresses or blouses are not allowed.**
 - If you do not wish to wear a dress or skirt, you may wear black pants with a black blouse instead.
 - Black close-toed shoes. If you must wear open-toed shoes, **open-toed shoes are to be worn with black pantyhose.**

ORIENTATION MEETING

There will be a REQUIRED meeting for all Honor Ensemble members at 2pm on Thursday, March 30.

OPENING SESSION

The opening session for the Music for All National Festival for all participating students will begin on Friday, March 31 at **1:00 p.m.** This is also required, as it is different than the Orientation Meetings. More details will be on the final schedule in your check-in packet on site. You will travel to this as a group with the other honor ensemble members.

REHEARSALS

It goes without saying that rehearsals are critical. Your time together is very limited, and your conductor will expect to begin rehearsals promptly. Therefore, you must be in your seat, warmed-up, and tuned by the designated time. Do not delay the rehearsal by arriving late or unprepared.

Honor Ensemble students participating with their school ensembles will be dismissed from Honor rehearsal for their ensembles' *warm-ups, performances, and clinics* only. Your director has been informed and will adjust accordingly. **Music for All will arrange transportation for you to and from your ensemble's warm-up, performance, and clinic.** You and your ensemble director will receive specific instructions regarding transportation on-site.

STUDENT SOCIAL

The Student Social will include a DJ, dancing, and snacks. Honor Ensemble chaperones will escort all students to and from the social as well as serve as chaperones for the event. You may wear jeans at this event.

LARGE EQUIPMENT

All percussionists, and large-instrument musicians will be responsible for helping to load and unload their equipment from our box truck, as your instruments will not fit on the provided bus transportation. Please look at the schedule to keep track of the ensemble movement and make sure that your instrument and gear is where it needs to be on time.

WORKSHOP SESSIONS

We are excited to provide with leading music industry professionals to all students performing at the Music for All National Festival. These classes are designed to help prepare students for success in their future musical endeavors.

GALA AWARDS BANQUET

Sunday evening's Honor Ensemble Banquet will be held at the JW Marriott Hotel. **Students in the Jazz Band of America and Honor Band should be dressed in their concert attire for the banquet.** You will receive instructions from your chaperones as to when the busses are leaving for the concert that evening. Parents or family members who have purchased packages will be seated near their student's Honor Ensemble.

ENSEMBLE PHOTO

All students will receive a group photo as part of their package. Each student will also have an opportunity to pose for an individual photo in concert dress - this is optional, and the individual photo is not included in the package. Information on ordering individual photos will be provided during the weekend.

FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE VENUES - HONOR ENSEMBLE CONCERTS

You will be performing for participating ensembles, evaluators, directors, parents, and the general public. Clowes Memorial Hall and Schrott Center for the Arts are renowned concert venues. Enjoy your experiences there!

Honor Band of America - Clowes Memorial Hall, Butler University

4602 Sunset Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46208

Jazz Band of America Concert Venue – Schrott Center of the Arts, Butler University

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All seats for the Honor Ensembles' concerts are reserved, and seating is limited. Tickets can be purchased through Ticketmaster beginning on March 1, 2023.

Family members that are package holders will receive their tickets while in Indianapolis as part of their purchased package.

FOLLOWING THE CONCERT

There will be a reception for each Honor Ensemble in the performance venue immediately following the concerts. The Honor Orchestra reception will be following the final performance on Saturday evening at Schrott Center for the Arts. All Honor Ensemble members, guests, and family are encouraged to attend. Following the reception, Honor Ensemble members will be bused back to the hotel.

All Honor Ensemble students are housing in packages that include a Saturday night stay. **There are no refunds associated with early departure.** As with each night's stay, we will do bed-checks Saturday night following the performance. The chaperones will coordinate your post-concert procedures. **If for any particular reason your parents choose to depart Indianapolis on Saturday night and wish to take you with them, YOU MUST inform Music for All on the day you arrive at check-in and check-out with your chaperone prior to your departure.**