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**Local Student to Represent [STATE] In Music for All’s 2023 Honor Band of America**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - [NAME], a [CLASS] at [HIGH SCHOOL], will join other outstanding musicians from across the nation as part of Music for All’s 2023 Honor Band of America. [LAST NAME] was selected from applicants for membership from across America in this prestigious national honor ensemble. [LAST NAME] is the [SON/DAUGHTER] of [PARENTS’ NAMES]. [LAST NAME] is a member of the [LIST SCHOOL MUSICAL ENSEMBLES] under the direction of [DIRECTOR NAMES].

[NAME] plays [INSTRUMENT] and was selected by audition to rehearse and perform in concert as part of the Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha, March 31-April 2 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Honor Band of America is recognized as one of the finest scholastic ensembles in America.

[LAST NAME] joins fellow Honor Band of America members from 23 states, representing 54 high schools. Mallory Thompson, director of bands at Northwestern University, will conduct the band.

The Honor Band of America will perform in concert at 8:00 p.m., Sunday, April 2, at Clowes Memorial Hall on the campus of Butler University. Members will also participate in student workshops and special Festival events.

[INSERT FACTS ABOUT STUDENT MEMBER HERE: INSTRUMENT, HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS, ETC.]

Members were selected by recorded audition, evaluated by leading music educators. “To be selected from among their peers for membership in this national ensemble is a great achievement and honor,” says James P. Stephens, Jr., Director of Advocacy and Educational Resources for Music for All. “The 2023 Honor Band of America members are ambassadors of America’s music programs, as well as their states, schools, and communities.”

The Music for All National Festival will bring more than 3,000 outstanding school musicians and scholastic musical ensembles to Indianapolis to perform and celebrate musical excellence. Music and arts are vital parts of a well-rounded education and have intrinsic benefits for students. In addition to the Honor Band of America, the Festival includes the Jazz Band of America. First held in 1992, the Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha, is an annual program of Music for All, one of the nation’s largest and most influential organizations in support of active music making, headquartered in Indianapolis. The 2023 Music for All National Festival is the first to be held since the 2020 Festival was concluded early when local restrictions were implemented due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A full schedule of Festival ensemble concerts, times, and locations is available at festival.musicforall.org.

**About Music for All**

Music for All’s mission is to create, provide, and expand 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 –– more than 1.3 million since 1975. Programs include the Bands of America Championships for marching bands, a summer music camp for students and teachers, festivals for concert bands and orchestras, national honor ensembles for students, and educational webinars, podcasts, and online resources for teachers.

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