<u>From: hailey.s@musicforall.org</u> Subject: 2025 Honor Ensembles – January Mailing

Good afternoon!

Once again, congratulations on your acceptance into the 2025 Music for All National Festival Honor Ensembles. It is quite an honor and an experience that we hope you will treasure for years to come.

Below you will find updates on important information pertaining to the festival, as well as information needed to make your monthly payment. It is crucial to read through this entire email, even if you have previously participated in the Honor Ensembles.

MONTHLY PAYMENT

50% of your final balance on your account is due this week. This can be paid online, or by mailing a check to our office, with the student's name clearly in the memo line.

Student Name: «Participant_First_Name» «Participant_Last_Name»

Registration ID: «Registration_ID» Primary Contact Email: «Primary_Contact_FormAssembly_Email»

Package Selected: Package «Room_Type» Total Package Cost: «Total_Package_Cost» Amount Previously Paid: «Amount_Paid»

Remaining Balance: «Amount_Due» **Link to Pay Balance online:** <u>https://musicforall.tfaforms.net/f/he-balance-pmt</u>

FAMILY INFORMATION: HOTEL, TICKETS, BANQUET

Students and Family members may NOT share a room. All students are to be housed with other Honor Ensemble students, as a quad package or a double package, as indicated on your initial registration. No single rooms will be offered for students.

Families are encouraged to purchase a Friends and Family Package, which will follow the Honor Ensemble schedule for meals and activities, including concert tickets and the Honor Ensemble banquet. Transportation to and around Indianapolis is the responsibility of the package holder.

To purchase a Friends and Family package, please click <u>HERE</u>.

To purchase a Hotel ONLY, please click HERE.

Friends and Family package holders, and hotel only purchasers will be housed in the Marriott Complex in Downtown Indianapolis. This is the same hotel complex as the honor ensemble students, although the same hotel placement can not be guaranteed. Tickets to the Honor Band of America and Jazz Band of America concert will be sold through TicketMaster beginning March 1. We will email out ticket information when it becomes available so you can order tickets for family and friends that are not package holders. NOTE: Package holders, including *Honor ensemble members, DO NOT need tickets. You only need to purchase tickets if you are a Hotel Only, or a la carte.*

CHAPERONES

Those that indicated an interest in chaperoning the honor ensembles on the student registration will be getting more information about the chaperone application process.

HONOR ENSEMBLE MUSIC – Chair Placement

All Honor Band of America students will be asked to complete a music assignment in MusicFirst, prior to your arrival in Indianapolis to serve as a chair placement hearing. More information will be emailed out after Feb. 1.

Jazz Band of America students will not need to take part in chair placements because they audition on standard repertoire. Part assignments will be distributed after Feb. 1 via email.

MEMBERSHIP GUIDE

Please make sure that you have read the membership guide posted online. This detailed packet of information contains a packing list, concert attire, and the dress code for the event, as well as other detailed information about the festival.

https://festival.musicforall.org/honor-information/

TRAVEL FORM

If you have not already done so, we encourage you to book your travel as soon as possible. As a reminder, all Honor Ensemble members must arrive to the hotel in Indianapolis and check in with Music for All Staff on Wednesday, March 12 by 1:00 p.m. You are able to leave Indianapolis after 11:00 pm at the conclusion of the Honor Ensemble Concerts on Saturday, March 15, however ALL housing packages include housing on Saturday night, and an early departure will not affect your package price. If you are flying, the earliest option to fly home is Sunday, March 16.

There will be a Travel Arrangements form to complete after February 1. More information will be shared when it's available.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY- Deadline to apply: February 20, 2025

The Music for All Foundation has a long history of awarding scholarships to future music educators. The William D. Revelli Scholarship is a one-time \$1,000 award for a student performing at the 2025 Music for All National Festival.

Nominees must be graduating seniors who:

- Plan to pursue a degree in music education
- Demonstrate outstanding musicianship, leadership skills, and work ethic
- Plan to enroll in college within one year of graduating high school

- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent on other scales)
- Will perform in an ensemble, including the Honor Ensembles, at the 2025 Music for All National Festival

Applications and recommendations are due by Sunday, February 20, 2025.

Review criteria and apply here: <u>https://musicforallinc.submittable.com/submit/315336/2025-</u> william-d-revelli-scholarship

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions before the festival, please feel free to reach out with your questions or concerns. **We can be reached Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST** by phone or email. Contact information is below: Music for All Office – Main Line (800) 848-2263 <u>festival@musicforall.org</u>

Again, congratulations on being selected as a member of the 2025 Honor Ensembles. We look forward to seeing you in Indianapolis in March! Be sure to watch your email for all forthcoming communications.

Sincerely, Hailey Short, *Participant Relations Intern*