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**Local Student Musician to Perform in Indianapolis During the 32nd Music for All National Festival**

[CITY], [STATE] – [DATE] – [STUDENT NAME] will perform at the 32nd Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha, as part of the [HONOR BAND OF AMERICA or JAZZ BAND OF AMERICA]. This festival will take place in Indianapolis March 13-15 filling the city with student musicians from 61 ensembles representing 27 states, including [STUDENT NAME] from [CITY/SCHOOL DISTRICT].

The Music for All National Festival is home to two national ensembles, the Honor Band of America and the Jazz Band of America, which are both recognized as two of the top honor ensembles for young musicians in the nation, with a prestigious legacy and reputation for the highest level of excellence.

Students were chosen for these ensembles following a selective audition process. [STUDENT NAME] is one of only 80 students in an honor ensemble. Both groups are composed of individual students from across the country who come together to play in a once-in-a-lifetime performance.

[\*HONOR BAND ONLY] The Honor Band of America is under the baton of Rodney Dorsey, Professor of Music at Florida State University and FSU Wind Orchestra conductor. The ensemble is made up of 62 students representing 20 states and 55 different schools.

[\*JAZZ BAND ONLY] The Jazz Band of America is conducted by saxophonist, composer, educator, and Yamaha Performing Artist, Sharel Cassity. The ensemble is made up of 18 students representing 8 states and 14 different schools.

During the festival weekend, students participate in music education and life-skills workshops and get the opportunity to celebrate with their fellow performers during evening receptions, socials, and banquets.

[OPTIONAL - ADD A QUOTE FROM STUDENT OR DIRECTOR ABOUT THEIR EXCITEMENT OR EXPERIENCE LEADING UP TO THE FESTIVAL]

The Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha, also hosts scholastic ensembles including high school and middle school concert bands, orchestras, percussion ensembles, and chamber ensembles.

Both the Honor Band of America and Jazz Band of America will perform on Saturday, March 15, at 8:00 pm Eastern. The event will be livestreamed online, but tickets to the live performances are only $15 and available via Ticketmaster. All scholastic ensemble performances are free and open to the public and available to watch live online as well.

For a full schedule of ensembles, locations, and times please visit: festival.musicforall.org/

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**About Music for All**

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