

**From:** festival@

**Subject: 2026 Honor Band – January Mailing**

«Primary\_Contact\_FormAssembly\_Email»

«student\_email»

Good afternoon!

Once again, congratulations on your acceptance into the 2026 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 **February 1, 2026**. 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 «Package» - «Room\_Type»

**Total Package Cost:** «Package\_Cost»

**Amount Previously Paid:** «Amount\_Paid»

**Remaining Balance:** «Amount\_Due»

*\*Only 50% of this remaining balance is due by 2/1/26. The rest is due and all accounts must be paid in full by March 1, 2026.*

**Link to Pay Balance online:** <https://musicforall.tfaforms.net/f/mfanf-he-balance-payment>

### **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, and listed above. 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 [HERE](#).**

*Friends and Family package holders 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 cannot be guaranteed.*

Tickets to the Honor Band of America and Jazz Band of America concert will be sold through TicketMaster beginning Friday, February 6, 2026.

NOTE: *Honor ensemble members and Family and Friends package holders 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. If you are interested in becoming an honor ensemble chaperone, please email us at [festival@musicforall.org](mailto:festival@musicforall.org)

### **HONOR ENSEMBLE MUSIC – Chair Placement**

As part of the Honor Band of America, all wind players will submit a virtual music “audition” via MusicFirst prior to their arrival in Indianapolis to help our faculty determine the part distribution, and for those who play a unison part, the chair order.

Music For All is committed to the philosophy that you are a member of the Honor Band of America, per your initial audition and we value your participation, regardless of where you are sitting. As in any ensemble, it is important to identify part division (1st, 2nd, 3rd), as well as who will serve as principal players for the ensemble should there be solos, one on a part, etc. We ask that you not panic over this audition. **You have become a member of the ensemble; the hard part is done!**

We ask that you read through the steps below so we can distribute music for you to begin practicing at the conclusion of this assignment.

1. All students have been given a complementary MusicFirst log in.  
**Site:** <https://musicforall.musicfirstclassroom.com/>  
**Username:** «User\_name\_must\_be\_unique»  
**Password:** «Password\_Required»
2. When you log in, you’ll see your assigned task on your home page. Open the task, launch Practice First and begin practicing, and then record your assignment.
3. A PDF Guide on how to use and navigate to the playing assignment can be found [HERE](#).

**This assignment is due by 11:59pm EST on Sunday, February 22, 2026.** Please do not wait until the last minute to complete this assignment because you never know what technical difficulties you may experience.

### **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 REMINDER**

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.

**If you are arriving on Tuesday March 11, and need to add an extra night of housing to your package, please fill out this form: [2026 Honor Ensembles - Additional Night of Housing](#)**

There will be a Travel Arrangements form to complete and purchase shuttle transportation. More information will be shared when it's available.

**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

[festival@musicforall.org](mailto:festival@musicforall.org)

Again, congratulations on being selected as a member of the 2026 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 Coordinator*