BANDS OF AMERICA
HONOR BAND
in the ROSE PARADE®

December 27, 2020 – January 3, 2021
Application Deadline: January 15, 2020
Music for All is honored to have received an invitation for the Bands of America Honor Band to perform in the 132nd Rose Parade®, January 1, 2021 in Pasadena, California.

The 300-piece, national Bands of America (BOA) Honor Band will be directed by Richard Saucedo, Director of Bands (retired) of the Grand National Champion Carmel High School in Indiana, leading a dream team staff of music educators. David Starnes, program coordinator, Director of Athletic Bands at Western Carolina University, is the Program Coordinator. The BOA Honor Band marched in the 2005, 2009, 2013, and 2017 Rose Parade. In 2009, they were part of the Rose Parade’s President’s Award-winning entry. The 2021 BOA Honor Band aims to make history by including members representing each of the 50 United States of America.

Music for All’s mission is to create, provide, and expand positively life-changing experiences through music for all. The splendor and excitement of the Rose Parade is an experience of a lifetime for student performers. The national BOA Honor Band gives students from every high school band program in the country the opportunity to audition for a performance spot in this unforgettable event.

“I spent the week of a lifetime with 299 amazing people from all over the country. I honestly wished the week could have never ended, because I made so many new friends who I didn’t want to say goodbye to.”

– Ethan Thompson, Tuba; Georgia

50 states, 300 members, one band... an unforgettable experience

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from around the world and some of the most spectacular floats imaginable! This is a favorite for millions who set time aside every year to view this internationally televised event.

Disneyland: Discover Walt Disney’s original theme park... “Where the Magic Began!” Millions of people from every corner of the world have discovered the magic of Disneyland Park, the Happiest Place On Earth! There are more than 60 attractions and adventures in eight themed lands – many you won’t find anywhere else. Disneyland® is the original kingdom of magic and fantasy.

California Adventure: California is a place where fun and adventure are a way of life, and the same is true of Disney’s new California Adventure(SM) theme park. From the moment you enter, you’ll be immersed in one exciting experience after another as you discover the splendor of the land, the cultural richness of the people, and the free-spirited nature of the California lifestyle.

Highlights

Bandfest Performance: The band’s debut performance will be at the Pasadena City College Stadium as specially-invited bands from around the nation perform for boosters and fans in this thrilling field show exhibition sponsored by the Rose Parade Music Committee.

Float Viewing: Here’s a chance to see the floats up close and get a better idea of the type of detail and workmanship that makes them so spectacular.

Disneyland Parade: The Bands of America Honor Band will spend a magical evening marching through the streets of Disneyland. It's unforgettable!

Griffith Observatory: Southern California’s gateway to the cosmos! Griffith Observatory is a Los Angeles landmark and worldwide tourist destination for over a million visitors a year. It's filled with opportunities to observe, learn, and be inspired. Look through a telescope, check out the exhibit halls and the Samuel Oschin Planetarium, or enjoy spectacular views of Los Angeles and the Hollywood Sign. Find something to eat or drink at the cafe or buy a fun memento at the gift shop.

Huntington Beach & Pier: Known as Surf City USA, Huntington Beach first hit the map in 1914 when Hawaiian surfer George Freeth demonstrated surfing at the new concrete pier. Home to countless surf legends and miles of pristine beaches, Huntington Beach draws over 11 million visitors each year. Measuring 1,850 feet in length, the iconic Huntington Beach Pier is one of the longest piers on the West Coast. A leisurely stroll offers stunning panoramic views of Catalina Island, Newport Beach, Long Beach, San Pedro; and, of course, photo ops.

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Member Package

Benefits & Cost: The Honor Band member package for participation is $2,379 per student member and includes:

- Membership in the Bands of America Honor Band and opportunity to perform in America’s New Year Celebration®.
- Seven nights first class hotel accommodations (quad occupancy is standard, student triple and double room packages available at an additional cost), Sunday December 27-Saturday, January 2.
- Ground transportation to and from all rehearsals, functions, and Tournament events.
- Meals and social events from dinner, December 27 through breakfast January 2.
- Two-Day Disneyland and California Adventure park hopper pass with Performing Arts OnStage Performance.
- New Year's Day Awards Dinner and Dance.

- Exclusive BOA Honor Band in the 2021 Rose Parade® member pin and patch.
- Official Honor Band Group Photo at the Rose Bowl.
- Use of the Official Honor Band uniform designed by Michael Cesario, Uniform by FJM, Inc. (option to purchase jacket as a keepsake at an additional cost).
- Instruction from director Richard Saucedo and a world-class staff.
- Leadership development session.
- Experience coordinated by Music for All's Official Student Travel Partner, Music Travel Consultants.

The $2,379 package cost does not include airfare. Travel to Los Angeles is the responsibility of the band member. Members will be met at the airport by an Honor Band staff member and transferred to the hotel. Music for All is working to secure discount airfare through a travel partner, which will be provided to members upon acceptance.

Time Commitment: Members are required to arrive in Los Angeles no later than 1 p.m. Sunday, December 27, 2020. Events and activities begin at 3 p.m. Sunday, December 27 and continue through 10 p.m., Saturday, January 2, 2021. Sunday, January 3 is a return home, travel day.

Additional Rehearsal Commitments: Percussion members will be required to participate in two days of rehearsal in Indianapolis, November 13-15, 2020. Members arrive in Indianapolis on Friday, November 13 for a 7 p.m. start time and rehearse Saturday and Sunday in Indianapolis, during the Bands of America Grand National Championships. The weekend itinerary will include complimentary tickets to Saturday evening's Grand National Finals. Departure will be after 2 p.m. on Sunday. Transportation costs to this additional rehearsal are the responsibility of the band member. Hotel accommodations and meals will be available at the expense of the band member, if desired.

Additional Information

Family and Friends: Parents and families can share in this unforgettable experience. The Rose Parade is the all-American family event! Family and friends packages are priced from $1,449 to $2,759 (from a five-day Quad to seven-day Single; note that Single option is not available for students) and include hotel, select meals and Rose Parade tickets, five-seven night stay (Quad thru Single Occupancy). Family and friends package enrollment will be available February 14, 2020 and sent to families of the selected band members. Please note that accommodations will be at a different hotel than the student members and chaperones and will not include meals with the band members.

Fundraising Expertise: Music for All exists to create, provide, and expand positively life-changing experiences through music for all. We will provide each student and family with a fundraising toolkit that will include fun ways to help the student meet their goal of participating in the Bands of America Honor Band at the 2021 Rose Parade®. Don’t let cost stand in the way of auditioning for a positively life-changing experience! Your resources together with fundraising efforts can make it happen.

Music for All's Tournament of Roses Fundraising Toolkit will include a variety of ideas to help you with the fundraising process as well as sample fundraising letters, a press release, a fact sheet about the Honor Band and Tournament of Roses, and much more.

Rooming Information: All student Honor Band members will be accommodated in quad rooms, four students, two double beds, unless an upgrade is requested at an additional charge. Upgrades to triple or double rooms are permitted. Single rooms will not be permitted. Roommate assignments will be made by Music for All after the final selection of Honor Band members.

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Supervision, Code of Conduct, Chaperone Opportunity: Music for All will provide instructional staff and other supervisory staff to ensure the safety and well-being of students during the event. In addition to Music for All's professional teaching staff, Music for All will select chaperones to accompany the Honor Band to rehearsals, functions and “free time” excursions, and to conduct nightly room checks. Music for All will also provide medical professionals to travel with the group and stay with the members at the hotel.

All Honor Band members and parents will be required to abide by Music for All's Code of Conduct while on the trip. Chaperone applications will be sent to families of selected members by February 14, 2020.
Application Details

How to Apply: All applications and audition recordings will be online via Acceptd, the world’s largest arts network (getacceptd.com). To apply, complete the online application form and upload your audition recording according to the requirements on the website.

Visit www.musicforall.org/rose to see audition requirements and get to the online application. You can also download a PDF of audition requirements and package cost and inclusions to view offline. Notification of acceptance will be sent February 1, 2020. Cost of application is $45.

Instrumentation: Music for All is accepting applications for the Bands of America Honor Band on the following instruments:

- Piccolo
- Flute
- Clarinet and Bass Clarinet
- Alto, Tenor and Baritone Saxophone
- Trumpet
- Mellophone
- Baritone
- Trombone/Bass Trombone
- Tuba
- Percussion: Snare, Tenors, Bass, Cymbals
- Auxiliary: Flag, Dancer
- Vocal Quartet

Drum Majors for the band will be selected from among selected instrumental and auxiliary band members. Drum Major audition information will be available to selected band members. Students are required to audition and be selected as an instrumentalist or auxiliary member in order to be eligible to audition as drum major. Students are expected to participate as an instrumentalist or auxiliary member should they not be selected as a drum major.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants must have graduation years of 2020 or later. (Class of 2020 seniors are eligible.)

NOTE: The parade route is 5.5 miles long. Applicants should be of health and stamina to be able to complete the route with ease.

Member Cost
Total Member Package Cost: $2,379. Cost based on Quad occupancy. Upgrades to triple or double rooms are permitted. No single rooms will be permitted.

Payment Due Dates
$250 deposit to secure your spot before February 14, 2020.
$365.80 due by March 5, 2020.
$365.80 due by May 1, 2020.
$365.80 due by October 2, 2020.
$300 due by November 6, 2020.
All payments are non-refundable.

About the Pasadena Tournament of Roses®
Every New Year’s Day since 1890, the world has come to Pasadena, California, USA. Nearly a million come in person for the tradition and pageantry, and for fun! Hundreds of millions more watch the worldwide broadcasts on TV in more than 200 international territories.

In addition to the parade, the Tournament of Roses experience will include a performance at Bandfest, which features the prize-winning bands of the 2021 Rose Parade®.

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