Music for All Brings America’s Outstanding Student Musicians to Indianapolis March 12-14

North local Student to Represent North Carolina In Music for All’s 2015 Honor Orchestra of America

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Philip Norris, a junior at Wake Forest High School, will join other outstanding musicians from across the nation as part of Music for All’s 2015 Honor Orchestra of America. Norris was selected from numerous applicants from across the nation for membership in this prestigious honor ensemble. Norris, the son of Lisa Burn and David Norris, is a member of the Wake Forest Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Joel Tucker.

Philip Norris plays French horn and was selected by audition to rehearse and perform in concert as part of the Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha, March 11-14 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Honor Orchestra of America students will first come together, from 22 states representing 51 high schools, Wednesday, March 11 and will perform in concert Friday and Saturday nights, March 13-14, at 7:00 p.m., at Hilbert Circle Theatre in Indianapolis, Indiana. The orchestra is performing shared concerts with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

Philip Norris, French Horn, has placed in the North Carolina Central District Band, 2013, 2014, 2015; The North Carolina Honor Band, 2013, 2014; selected for the 2014 NAfME All National Band. Philip is also a member The Triangle Youth Philharmonic (principal horn) and Philharmonic Honors Woodwind Quintet, 2012-present. In addition to horn, Norris is an accomplished jazz bassist and has placed in the North Carolina All Region and All State Jazz Band 2013, 2014, 2015. In 2013, Philip was selected as the bassist for the NAfME All National Jazz Ensemble and first alternate for the Bands of America Honor Jazz Ensemble, 2015.

Franz Anton Krager, Professor of Conducting and Director of Orchestras at the University of Houston, Moores School of Music, will conduct the 2015 Honor Orchestra of America. Krager will be joined by the Honor Orchestra of America Musical Director, Larry J. Livingston, Chair of the Conducting Department, Thornton School of Music at the University of Southern California and Assistant Conductor, Sey Ahn.
The 2015 Honor Orchestra of America will perform Alexander Grigori Arutiunian’s *Concerto for Trumpet and Orchestra in A-flat major*, featuring Michael Martin, trumpet with the Boston Symphony Orchestra; and Ottorino Respighi’s, *Feste romane (Roman festivals)*.

Tickets are available through the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. This is a unique experience – the opportunity for a national honor orchestra of high school students to share the stage with a world-class professional orchestra.

The Honor Orchestra of America is part of the Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha, March 11-14, in Indianapolis. Band members are selected by recorded audition, evaluated by leading music educators. “To be selected for membership in this elite national ensemble is a great achievement and honor,” says Eric Martin, Music for All President and CEO. “The 2015 Honor Orchestra of America members are ambassadors of America’s music programs, as well as their states, schools and communities.”

The Music for All National Festival includes the National Concert Band Festival, the Sandy Feldstein National Percussion Festival, the Chamber Music National Festival, the Orchestra America National Festival and the Middle School National Music Festival, all taking place simultaneously in major venues throughout Indianapolis. In addition to the many performance and audience opportunities, students at the Music for All National Festival participate in Master Classes taught by some of the leading music instructors in the country, as well as a motivational sessions and social events. In addition to the Jazz Band of America, the Festival includes two other honor ensembles, the Honor Band of America and the Honor Orchestra of America. In its 24th year, 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.

A full schedule of Festival ensemble concerts, times and locations is available at www.musicforall.org/festival, or for more information call 800-848-BAND (2263).

**About Music for All**
Celebrating it’s 40th Anniversary in 2015, Music for All (MFA) is one of the nation’s largest and most influential organizations in support of active music making. Since 1975, MFA, through its Bands of America and Orchestra America programs, has been a destination and set the standard for scholastic music ensemble performance and music education advocacy. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational organization, MFA’s mission is to create, provide and expand positively life-changing experiences through music for all. MFA’s 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. MFA’s programs include 20+ annual events, including the Bands of America Grand National Championships and Regional Championships for marching bands, the Music for All Summer Symposium camp for students and teachers, and the Music for All National Festival.

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