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LOCAL STUDENT TO REPRESENT IOWA IN MUSIC FOR ALL'S 2012 HONOR BAND OF AMERICA

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – David Frey, a junior at Cedar Rapids Jefferson High School, will join other outstanding musicians from across the nation March 15-17 as part of Music for All's 2012 Honor Band of America. Frey was selected from hundreds of applicants from across the country for membership in this prestigious honors ensemble. David is the son of Michael and Jeannette Frey. His band directors are Thad Driskell, Andy Houk, and Doreen Anderson.

The Honor Band of America will perform in concert, Saturday, March 17, at 8 p.m. at Clowes Memorial Hall, located on the campus of Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Honor Band of America is a national ensemble that will be conducted in 2012 by Col. Lowell Graham, Chairman of the Music Department and Director of Orchestra Activities at the University of Texas at El Paso. The students will first come together, from 23 states representing 59 high schools, the Wednesday before the concert.

David Frey is an oboist, a member of the Jefferson High School Wind Symphony and Drum Major of the Jefferson *Band of Blue* Marching Band. Frey was a member of the 2009 All-State Band and 2011 All-State Orchestra. He has also been a member of the University of Iowa, Iowa State University, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Coe College, and Northeast Iowa Bandmasters Association Honor Bands. David is a private student of Dr. Andrew Parker, Assistant Professor of Oboe at the University of Iowa.

The Honor Band of America is part of the Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha, March 15-17 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 2012 Honor Band 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 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 session and social events. In addition to the Honor Band of America, the Festival includes two other honor ensembles, the Jazz Band of America and the Honor Orchestra of America.

For ticket information, contact Music for All at 800-848-BAND (2263) or visit www.musicforall.org.

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. A 501(c)3 not-for-profit educational organization, MFA uses its national profile programming to recognize, model, showcase and provide individual, teacher and organizational examples of music performance excellence and achievement. MFA’s programs include 20 annual events, including the Bands of America Grand National Championships and Regional Championships for marching band both held in Lucas Oil Stadium; the Music for All Summer Symposium camp for students and teachers at Ball State University in Muncie; and the Music for All National Festival for concert bands, orchestras and percussion ensembles. Music for All's programmatic model is designed to mirror and supplement the classroom and performance model adopted in most American scholastic settings.

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