2027 Music For All National Concert Festival

March 31 - April 4, 2027

After a national selection process, the **Vines High School Wind Symphony** has been invited to perform at the **2027 Music For All National Concert Festival**. We are so proud to accept this invitation. We are the first JV High School to be invited to this festival, and we are so honored to represent our community on the national stage.

Members of the premiere ensemble will travel to Indianapolis from March 31st to April 4th this spring. We are all part of the team, and each person plays an integral part in the success of the whole group. In addition to performing at the Schrott Center for the Arts, students will receive world-class instruction from **Dr. Tonya Mitchell-Spradlin, Director of Wind Band Studies at The Pennsylvania State University** this fall and winter as we prepare for this performance. Students will also receive a clinic experience from a composer of one of the pieces on our concert program. During the trip, students will have workshops and masterclasses, along with opportunities to meet and socialize with students from all over the nation. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our students.

The total cost per student to transport, house, and feed each student is **$2398**. This amount (detailed in the following pamphlet) covers all transportation (Airfare, Bus, Train), meals, hotel (4 nights), and sightseeing costs during the trip. While this is a heavy cost, we are committed to fundraising efforts to offset the cost to our families. Since this trip is an invited honor, we will have limited availability to offer financial assistance to families in need.

On the following pages, you will find the basic information for this event, the rules and regulations for student conduct, and a trip contract. Please read this information carefully to understand what is expected of each student. If you have any questions, please email Mr. Cao at Jonathan.Cao@pisd.edu.

Attached:

- Itinerary & Information
- Permission Form (to return)
- Guidelines for District Extracurricular Activities (to return)
- Release of Liability for Chaperone Participation (interested chaperones only)

The Basics

Dates: March 31st-April 4, 2027 (four nights in Indianapolis)

Travel: DART Silver Line to DFW International Airport, American Airlines flight to Indianapolis, Motorcoach ground transportation in Indianapolis.

Chaperones: Mr. Cao, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Altstatt (HMS), Mrs. Buniva (WMS), Mr. Cavazos (WMS), Mr. Clegg (HMS), Ms. Kwong (Assistant Principal), and any parent chaperones.

This trip has been approved by PISD school officials.

Wednesday, March 31, 2027	
4:00 AM CST	Student Drop-Off @ DART Silver Line CityLine station
4:25 AM CST	Depart CityLine to DFW Airport
5:15 AM CST	Arrive at DFW Airport Terminal B
6:30 AM CST	Board AA1506 to Indianapolis Airport
10:26 AM EST	Arrive in Indianapolis
Noon	Lunch
Afternoon	Hotel Check-In (Marriott Place, Downtown Indianapolis)
Evening	Dinner
Thursday, April 1, 2027	
Morning	Breakfast at hotel
Noon	Lunch
1:00 PM	Festival Opening Session
Afternoon	Festival Performances
6:00 PM	Student Workshops
Friday, April 2, 2027	
6:30 AM	Breakfast at hotel
9:15 AM	**Vines High School** Performance, *livestreamed for those who cannot attend*
Afternoon	Student Workshops
8:00 PM	Student Social @ Indianapolis Zoo
Saturday, April 3, 2027	
8:00 AM	Breakfast at hotel
9:00 AM	Student Workshops
5:00 PM	Gala Banquet
8:00 PM	Honor Band of America Concert
Sunday, April 4, 2027	
1:38 PM EST	Board AA500 to DFW Airport
3:44 PM CST	Arrive in DFW
4:00 PM CST	Student pick-up at DFW Baggage Claim

Food: Breakfast, lunch, and dinner is included while we travel (13 total meals). Snacks during free time or sightseeing will be at the cost of the students.

Clothing: Students should wear **business casual attire** for all Festival workshops, **concert black** for our performance, and Vines Band gear while we sightsee. A detailed packing list will be provided closer to the trip.

Please sign the attached contract and permission forms, and return to the directors on or before **Friday, September 25, 2026. Deposits must be made online at https://bit.ly/27vinesbandindy** via WeTravel.

Trip Payment Schedule

- September 30, 2026: $420
- October 30, 2026: $420
- November 30, 2026: $420
- January 30, 2027: $420
- February, 28, 2027: Remaining Balance* (minus fundraising offset)

****Fundraising is optional but encouraged to offset trip costs.***

Payments are non-refundable. The activities and transportation on the itinerary are reserved after the deposits are made and payment is expected in full prior to the trip.

Eligibility: Students must be academically eligible at the 3rd Nine Weeks in accordance with UIL-TEA Policy. Ineligible students will not be allowed to go on the trip and payments will not be reimbursed.

Chaperones: Parents wishing to serve as chaperones may sign up for the Waiting List for Adult Double or Single Packages. Chaperones will be selected on September 25th by lottery with priority to experienced volunteers and approval by Vines HS Administration and Band Staff.

Friends & Family: Friends and family wishing to travel alongside Vines Band but not serve as Chaperones will have an opportunity at a later date to select from various a la carte packages in January.

Code of Conduct: All district rules and policies will be in effect during the entire trip. Violators of any of the school rules and policies will receive school disciplinary action including being immediately sent home at the parents' expense. Student safety and security of the entire group is the responsibility of our entire group. Please help us reinforce this with your child. Any school disciplinary action prior to departure will activate probationary status. Students assigned ISS, OSS, or DAEP consequences will be immediately removed from the trip. Refunds will not be issued.

Thank you for your support of Vines High School Band. The students and directors appreciate the important role parents play in the success of our program.

Sincerely,

Vines Band Cluster Staff

Music for All

MUSIC FOR ALL 2027 NATIONAL FESTIVAL

APRIL 1-3, 2027 | *Indianapolis, Indiana*

CONCERT BANDS
ORCHESTRA CHAMBER
PERCUSSION JAZZ

PRESENTED BY YAMAHA | Sweetwater

Music for All's mission is to create, provide and expand positively life-changing experiences through music.

Our vision is to be a catalyst to ensure that every child across America has access and opportunity to participate in active music-making in his or her scholastic environment.

2027 MUSIC FOR ALL NATIONAL FESTIVAL

Over 2500+ Students

64 Ensembles

16 States Represented

2 Honor Ensembles

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

- National Recognition
- Educational Growth
- Evaluated by nationally-recognized clinicians
- Performance Excellence
- Leadership Development
- Community Building
- Lifetime Memories

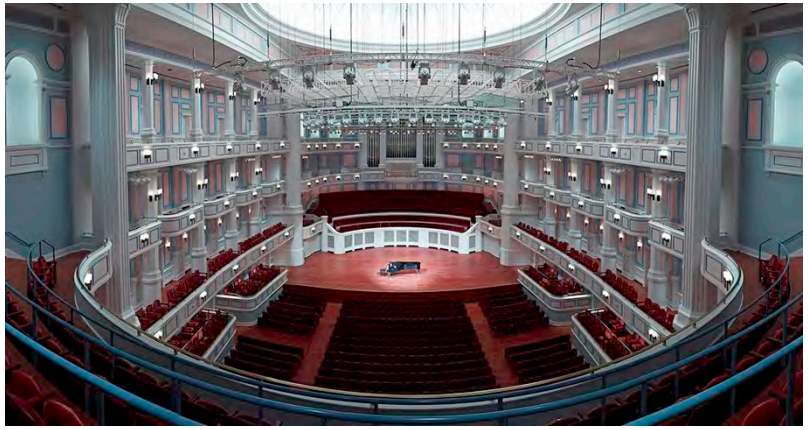
HONOR ENSEMBLES

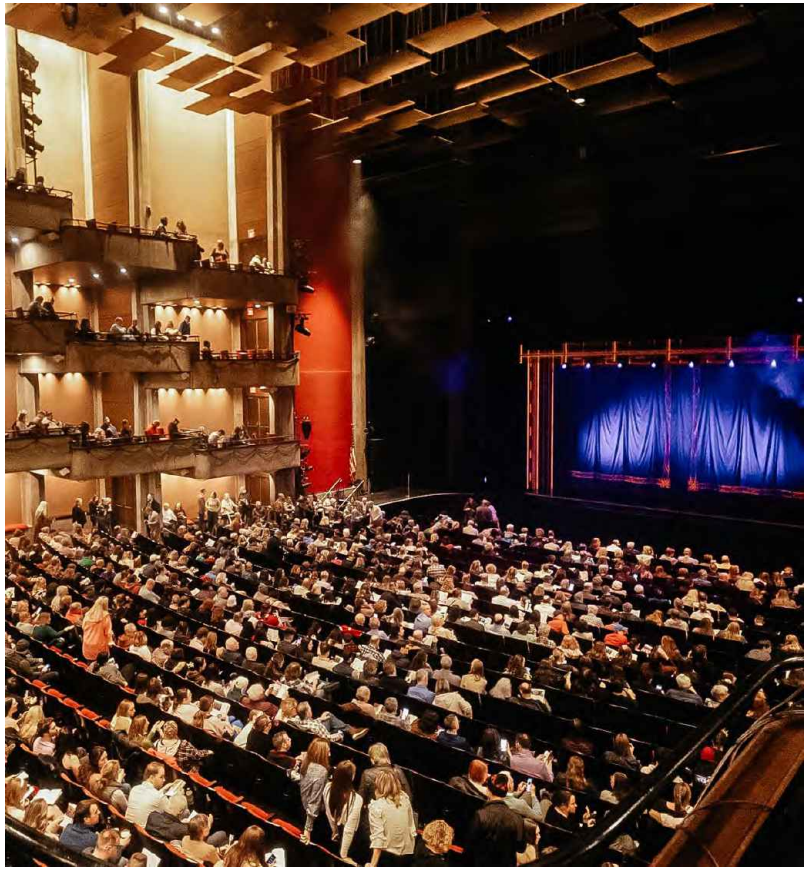
Shelly Berg
Grammy-nominated arranger, orchestrator, and producer

2027 Jazz Band of America Director

Jerry Junkin
Director of Bands & University Distinguished Teaching Professor, University of Texas at Austin

2027 Honor Band of America Conductor





PERFORMANCE VENUES

FESTIVAL HOTELS

COMMEMORATIVES

- Official Festival Program Book
- Professional recording of your performance
- Personalized certificate
- Music for All patch
- Group photo of performance
- Plaque to display at your school

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES

Packages	A-la-carte
Housing	Hotel Only Reservations*
All Meals	Gala Banquet Tickets**
All Performances	Honor Ensemble Concerts
Commemorative Program Book	Commemorative Program Book
Access to workshops and all programing	

*Offered at discounted group rate
**Seated with affiliated group

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Thursday

8am-8pm – Ensemble Rehearsals
1pm – Festival Opening Session
5pm-8pm – Festival Performances
6pm – Student Workshops
8pm – Director Social

Friday

8am-4pm – Ensemble Rehearsals
8am-5pm – Festival Performances
9am & 6pm – Student Workshops
8pm – Student Social, Indianapolis Zoo
8pm – Director Social

Saturday

8am-12pm – Festival Performances
9am – Student Workshops
1pm – Honor Percussion Concert
5pm – Gala Banquet
8pm – Honor Band of America and Jazz Band of America Concerts

FESTIVAL ATTIRE

During festival activities, students should dress in **business casual or conference-style attire**.

Appropriate attire: Collared shirts, blouses, sweaters, polos, or similar professional tops, slacks, khakis, dress pants, skirts, or comparable attire, comfortable walking shoes (please avoid athletic shoes)
Not permitted: Jeans/denim, shorts, hoodies or sweatshirts, athletic wear, including jerseys and workout clothing, or clothing with inappropriate graphics, language, or messaging

Student Social at the Indianapolis Zoo: This relaxed event includes outdoor activities.
Appropriate attire: School-appropriate casual clothing, Comfortable walking shoes.

Gala Banquet: Students are encouraged to dress in **semi-formal or formal attire** for this special evening of celebration and photos. Examples include dress shirts and slacks, suits or sport coats, dresses, jumpsuits, pantsuits, skirts, and dress shoes.

Performance Attire: Performance attire is determined by each ensemble and may include: concert black, formal concert attire, coordinated performance uniforms.
Please follow your director's guidance regarding performance dress requirements.

Congratulations to your students and school community on your selection to the Music for All National Festival!

MUSIC FOR ALL PROGRAMS

- Music for All National Festival
- Honor Band and Jazz Band of America
- Affiliate Regional Music Festivals
- Music for All Summer Camp
- Bands of America Championships
- Student and Educator Leadership
- Advocacy in Action

Music for All

THANK YOU!

See you in Indianapolis!

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EXHIBIT A
(English version)

PLANO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

PERMISSION FOR STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN SCHOOL-SPONSORED TRIPS

Name of event: _____

Date(s) of event—Departure: _____ Return: _____

Destination:_____

I desire that my son/daughter be allowed to travel to and from the event listed above and to participate in this event.

Printed name of parent or guardian: _____

Signature of parent or legal guardian: _____

Date: _____

Printed name of student: _____

Signature of student: _____
(if 18 or more years of age)

Date: _____

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Note: Student medical/emergency information card must be on file in the school office.

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Plano Independent School District
Guidelines for District Extracurricular Activities

Students involved in extracurricular activities are held to a higher standard of conduct than the general student body. Plano ISD views participation in extracurricular activities as a privilege not a right. Any student who violates the Student Code of Conduct shall be subject to extracurricular discipline and/or regular school district disciplinary action. This includes any misconduct, regardless of time or location, that would reflect negatively upon representing Plano ISD in an extracurricular activity. Students clearly involved in major disciplinary infractions (including, but not limited to, drugs, alcohol and violent behavior) will be placed on probation, removed temporarily or removed permanently from extracurricular activities. Seasons of extracurricular activities may vary and could extend into the next school year. Discipline action may affect tryout eligibility for the next season.

Disciplinary measures taken by the sponsor/principal may be in one or more of three forms, defined as (1) special assignments, (2) probation or (3) dismissal.

Special assignments may consist of extra duties and may be assigned for minor disciplinary infractions.

Probation and/or dismissal from extracurricular activities will be for infractions involving alcohol, vaping, smoking, drugs, use of abusive or offensive language, violence and other serious offenses as defined by the Plano ISD Student Code of Conduct, or when the sponsor/principal believes the integrity and credibility of the organization has been jeopardized by the student's action. Probation may also be assigned when the student fails to comply with rules and regulations of the extracurricular activity. (Probation is defined as: A trial period in which a student is permitted to redeem bad conduct.)

The student may be dismissed from the extracurricular activity upon any major infraction, or during a probationary period. Prior to being dismissed from extracurricular activities, the student and parents will be notified of the reasons for the action. The student or his/her parents will be afforded the opportunity of a hearing with the sponsor and campus administrator. The appeals process will be outlined at that time. A request for an appeal must be made in writing within five (5) school days at each level of the appeals process. In the event of dismissal, the student will not be eligible for any individual, group or team activities or recognitions that occur after the date of dismissal.

----------Separate and return the signed section to the sponsor----------

Extracurricular Activity Conduct Statement

I understand and consent to the responsibilities outlined in the District's Student Code of Conduct and the guidelines above. I also understand and agree that my child shall be held accountable for the behavior and consequences outlined in the Student Code of Conduct at school and at school-sponsored or school-related activities. Students involved in extracurricular activity are held to a higher standard of conduct. Plano ISD views participation in extracurricular activities as a privilege not a right. I understand that any student who violates the Student Code of Conduct shall be subject to disciplinary action. This includes any misconduct, regardless of time or location, that would reflect negatively upon representing Plano ISD in an extracurricular activity.

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Student Name (please print) ***Student Signature***

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Parent Name (please print) ***Parent Signature***

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Date

(Revised 4-20-2020)

EXHIBIT H
(English version)

PLANO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR CHAPERONE PARTICIPATION
IN SCHOOL-SPONSORED TRIPS

Name of activity:_____

Grade level/group attending: _____

Date(s) of activities—Departure: _____Return: _____

Destination:_____City: _____

TRAVEL RELEASE

I desire that I be allowed to participate in the activities as a chaperone and travel with the group to and from the activities listed above.

I fully understand that transportation to and from the events attended by the group listed could create risk to my health or safety. I, the undersigned, assume full and complete responsibility for any injury or accident that may occur to me while traveling to or from the activities in transportation provided or not provided by the District. In consideration of Plano Independent School District allowing me to participate in the activities of the above-referenced group and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is acknowledged, **I release and waive all claims that I may have against the District, its Board of Trustees, employees, agents, and representatives resulting, in whole or part, from my travel to and from, and attendance at and/or participation in, the events attended by the group listed above, whether traveling in transportation provided or not provided by the District, including, but not limited to, claims of negligence, whether sole, joint, contributory, or otherwise, against the District or claims against the District permitted under the Texas Tort Claims Liability Act.** The release and waiver will be binding on my heirs, legatees, administrators, and assigns.

Printed name of chaperone:_____

Signature of chaperone: _____ Date: _____

Sponsor/Coach signature:_____

Date approved: _____