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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE!

The 52nd ISSMA Marching Band season steps off on October 4th. This year's events will feature 173 Indiana High School Marching Bands participating in the Festival, Scholastic, or Open Class. The Festival Class is a non-competitive classification which places a greater emphasis on the musical aspects of the performance. The Scholastic Class was created in 2013 and takes into consideration band size as well as school enrollment. The Open Class is for those bands desiring to perform at the State Finals held at Lucas Oil Stadium by qualification through a Regional and Semi-state event. Scholastic Class and Open Class Bands receive an educational assessment in the performance and effectiveness of the music and visual aspects of their performance. All bands, regardless of classification, receive a Gold, Silver, Bronze, or Participation rating based upon their level of achievement.

Festival class events will be held at Southport High School and Crown Point High School on Saturday, Oct. 4th. The Scholastic Class Prelims followed by the Open Class Invitational will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11th at Homestead H.S./Ft. Wayne, Plymouth H.S., Whiteland Community H.S., and the Jerry Brewer Stadium/Jasper. Open Class Regionals will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18th at Carroll H.S./Ft. Wayne, Lafayette Jefferson H.S., Center Grove H.S./Greenwood, and Evansville Central H.S.

The top 16 Scholastic Class Bands from each class at the Scholastic Prelims will perform at the Scholastic Finals on Saturday, Oct. 25th at Franklin Central H.S./Indianapolis. The top 10 Open Class bands in each class at each Regional site will participate in the Open Class Semi-state to be held on Saturday, Nov. 1st at Franklin Community H.S. (Open D), Decatur Central H.S./Indianapolis (Open C), Pike H.S./Indianapolis (Open B), and Ben Davis H.S./Indianapolis (Open A). Admission at each event is \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for students and preschoolers.

The State Marching Band Finals will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8th at Lucas Oil Stadium, where the four State Champion bands will be crowned. Admission for the State Finals is \$25.00 for adults and \$20.00 for students and preschoolers.

ISSMA is excited to welcome Paige's Music as the presenting sponsor of the 2025 ISSMA State Marching Band Finals. ISSMA is also proud to welcome Band Shoppe and Music Travel Consultants as supporting sponsors and the American Dairy Association Indiana and Prairie Farms Dairy as sponsors of a \$1,000 "Winners Drink Milk" scholarship to be awarded to a student from each of the four State Champion Bands.

Composite schedules for each Festival, Scholastic Prelims, Open Invitational and Open Regional site are now available on our website at: www.issma.net

Please check this website for updated schedules and results throughout the marching season.