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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE !

The 37th Annual ISSMA State Finals for High School Marching Bands is scheduled for Saturday, October 31, 2009 in the Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis.

The top ten scoring bands in each of the four classes from the Semi-State will compete for ranking order 1 through 10 and the title of State Champion for their respective class in an event that is widely known as one of the very best State High School Marching Band contests in the country.

One hundred fifty (150) bands began performance on October 3 at seven district sites. One hundred twenty-two (122) of these bands continued to regional performance on October 17 at four sites. Eighty (80) bands, twenty (20) in each class (class determined by size of school) continued to Semi-State performance on October 24. Now the forty (40) bands, ten (10) in each class representing the best in the state will meet at the State Finals to decide the champions in each class.

Admission is \$20.00 for adults and \$18.00 for students and pre-school. The time schedule of participating bands is located on our web site www.issma.net.

The Indiana Dairy Farmers, the proud corporate sponsors of all ISSMA events, annually award a \$1,000 scholarship to a music student at each of the four state champion schools.

If you desire Media Credentials, please call the ISSMA Office *not later than Noon, Thursday, October 29*, for arrangements, and passes to be reserved in your name. Please bring some kind of journalist's I.D. or a letter from the editor. To pick up your credential packet, enter at the Northwest corner of the stadium (Missouri & South Streets) at the entrance labeled "Media Will-Call." ISSMA representatives will be there to give you your packet. The Media Pass will admit you to the stands and field level via the aisle between Section 143 & 144. Photographers are to remain behind the yellow dotted lines on the field. **Due to security restrictions, your bag may be searched upon entering the gate.**

Entry into the warm-up area is restricted. To be admitted to warm-up, reporters and photographers must carry a "Personnel Pass" provided by the school they are covering. If early approval was obtained/granted, the "Personnel Pass" for each band approved will be included with the general Field Level pass.

ISSMA's Media Policy is available for review at www.issma.net via the "Media" link.