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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE !**

**ISSMA OPEN CLASS SEMI-STATE MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL**

Eighty (80) high school marching bands have been selected to participate at the ISSMA Open Class Semi-State Marching Band Festival, sponsored by Music Travel Consultants, to be held on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at one of four Semi-State sites. Each band is entered in one of following categories: Open A, Open B, Open C, and Open D according to school size. Twenty bands from each of the following four enrollment categories will perform at one of these Semi-State sites: Ben Davis High School (Open A), Pike High School (Open B), Decatur Central High School (Open C), and Franklin Community High School (Open D). These bands qualified for Semi-State status by being one of the top-scoring bands in their enrollment category at their Open Class Regional site on October 13<sup>th</sup>. The Open Class Semi-State Festival, administered by the Indiana State School Music Association, Inc. (ISSMA), will determine the ten (10) bands that will represent each class at the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Indiana State Marching Band Finals to be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018, at Lucas Oil Stadium.

The schedules for each of these sites are available on our website at  
[www.issma.net](http://www.issma.net)

Please check this website for updated information throughout the marching season.  
Feel free to contact our office for any further information or clarification.

Admission for the Semi-State event is \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and preschoolers.

(Press Release for State Marching Band Finals will be forthcoming.)

The Indiana State School Music Association, Inc. (ISSMA) values media coverage of the activities and successes of participating organizations at all ISSMA events. ISSMA also values and respects the need to maintain a secure and safe environment for participants, and strives to cooperate and comply with the policies of schools and programs that participate in ISSMA events.

To enter this Semi-State event, Media representatives are required to present their own press identification for admittance. Media representatives are expected to respect the boundaries and limitations set forth by the Association.

Photographers and videographers should seek out the music teacher or the music teacher's designee to have individuals from a school identified. This is to protect the privacy of students whose parents have opted not to have their children portrayed in the media for privacy or safety reasons. Students will be instructed not to identify other students when requested by the media, because students will not know the names of those who have requested no media coverage.

Photography or videography at any ISSMA, Inc. event may be used solely for local media. Any sales or distribution of photos or videos from an ISSMA, Inc. event that are sold and/or distributed in a means other than from the ISSMA, Inc. official vendors is strictly prohibited.