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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Indiana State School Music Association's twenty-sixth Annual State Concert Finals for high school concert bands, orchestras, and choirs will be held this Friday, May 7th and Saturday, May 8th, 2010. Concert organizations qualified for State Finals by receiving the highest scores at one of four Qualification events held this past weekend. Only the top scoring 16 bands, 16 mixed choirs, 8 treble/men's choirs, and 8 orchestras are accepted for State Finals.

The Treble/Men's choirs will perform at the Pike Performing Arts Center (Indianapolis) on Friday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. with the presentation of awards immediately following. The concert bands will perform on Saturday at the Lawrence Central High School Auditorium (Indianapolis) beginning at 8:45 A.M. until 7:15 P.M. The eight orchestras will perform on Saturday at the Pike Performing Arts Center (Indianapolis) beginning at 8:45 A.M. and concluding at 1:30 P.M. The mixed choirs will perform on Saturday at Pike High School Auditorium beginning at 2:00 P.M. and concluding at 7:00 P.M. Award ceremonies for each category will be held, with the students attending, following each Saturday segment -- Bands in Lawrence Central High School Auditorium at 7:40 P.M. -- Orchestras in Pike High School Main Gymnasium at 1:45 P.M. -- Mixed Choirs in Pike Performing Arts Center at 7:20 P.M.

The public is invited to attend. Admission is \$5.00.

Three nationally recognized adjudicators will adjudicate each organization.

The State Champion Band, Orchestra, Treble/Men's Choir and Mixed Choir, will each be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for one of its students, courtesy of the INDIANA DAIRY FARMERS, Corporate Sponsors of all ISSMA events.

Any further inquiries may be directed to ISSMA, Inc. Thank you for your interest and support. A copy of the time schedule and performing groups may be acquired via the ISSMA, Inc. website at www.issma.net . News media personnel will be admitted with no charge. Please show media credentials at the door.