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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

The Indiana State School Music Association's thirty-fifth Annual State Concert Finals for high school concert bands, orchestras, and choirs, will be held this Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. This prestigious event is sponsored by Music Travel Consultants with supporting sponsorship by Paige's Music and Sam Ash Music Corporation. Concert organizations qualified for State Finals by receiving the highest scores at one of five Qualification events held this past weekend. From the 165 high school music ensembles, only the top scoring 16 bands, 16 mixed choirs, 8 treble/men's choirs, and 8 orchestras were accepted for this year's 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 9:35 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 the Pike Performing Arts Center beginning at 2:30 P.M. and concluding at 7:40 P.M. Award ceremonies for each category will be held following each Saturday segment -- Bands in the Lawrence Central Auditorium at 7:40 P.M. -- Orchestras in Pike High School Main Gym at 1:45 P.M. -- Mixed Choirs in Pike Performing Arts Center at 7:45 P.M.

The State Champion Band, Orchestra, Treble/Men's Choir and Mixed Choir, will each be awarded a \$1,000 "Winners Drink Milk" scholarship for one of its students, courtesy of American Dairy Association Indiana and Prairie Farms Dairy.

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

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](http://www.issma.net). News media personnel with "official" media credentials will be admitted with no charge. Please show credentials at the door.

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