

TBA News

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“If you build it, they will come”. We are all familiar with this quote made famous in the great baseball movie *Field of Dreams* starring Kevin Costner. Well, TBA has built it, and we are ready for YOU to come to another exciting Convention/Clinic in San Antonio July 25-28!

Brian Merrill, TBA President, the Board of Directors, and the TBA office staff have been working diligently on your behalf. This one is not to be missed! Whether this is your first time to attend, or your 63rd TBA convention there will be something new and inspirational for you. A preview of the convention is offered in this *Bandmasters Review* and our web site www.texasbandmasters.org offers the most current information. Pre-registration is open through July 9—take advantage of the reduced pre-registration rate for Active Members, Retired Members, and Spouses. Follow us on Facebook and spread the excitement!

- **Over 50 TBA clinics**

Clinics are led by a Who’s Who in the band world covering topics relevant to Beginner Band, Middle School and High School Concert Band, and Marching Band. Also included are clinics designed for first-year teachers and college students. There is something for everyone interested in becoming a better band director.

- **Tom Bennett is TBA’s Featured Clinician.**

Learn how to develop your band’s ensemble skills from young bands to the most advanced. Mr. Bennett will be assisted by the NEISD Reagan and Johnson High School Bands.

- **Frank Ticheli is TBA’s Featured Composer.**

Ticheli will be conducting his music and presenting the clinic “It Just Isn’t Art if it Ain’t Got That Heart.”

- **Concerts and Performances include TBA’s Featured Bands, Boston Brass, Phantom Regiment, and the Texas Clarinet Consort.**

- **Bring the Whole Family**

TBA offers the Spouse Luncheon and Style Show and Spouse Seminars. Childcare and the Game Room are provided to TBA members free of charge. Families are welcome at the TBA Barbeque with special activities planned for children. **NEW THIS YEAR:** For those wanting to turn their San Antonio visit into a family vacation, take advantage of discounted tickets to Sea World and Fiesta Texas made available to TBA members. Information will be printed on the receipt emailed to you after pre-registration is complete.



- **TBA Student Day**

Student Day on Monday, July 26 includes leadership training with Frank Troyka, TMEA All-State Music Clinics for each instrument, Boston Brass Clinic/Concert, Lone Star Wind Symphony Concert with guest conductor Frank Ticheli, and time to explore the TBA Exhibit Hall. Bring your group for only \$10 per student!

- **TBA Band Booster Day**

Booster Day on Monday, July 26 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. offers training for your boosters. Did you ever wish that your band parents were better organized and really knew how to effectively support YOU and their kids? Bring your boosters to TBA Band Booster Day presented by nationally recognized music educator David Vandewalker. Cost is \$75 per booster club—no limit on number of attendees! In addition to training sessions, your boosters will tour the TBA Exhibit Hall.

Make plans now to attend the TBA Convention/Clinic. Attending is the perfect way to refocus your thoughts on teaching after a relaxing summer and prepare for a productive new school year. See you in San Antonio!