

TBA News

Michael Brashear, TBA Executive Director

Greetings from the Texas Bandmasters Association! I hope that you have enjoyed a very successful fall semester and were able to reach the goals you established for your band program. Good luck as you prepare for an exciting spring semester.

TBA is pleased to recognize the bands that advanced to the UIL State Marching Contest in Classes A, AA, and AAAA. (See pages 26-27.) What an incredible display of talent on those two days in the Alamodome! Congratulations to all the students, directors, parents, schools and communities represented. The quality of the bands and the standard of excellence seem to increase each year at the State Marching Contest. No wonder Texas bands are the envy of the nation!

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The TBA Board of Directors under the leadership of President Tom Harrington is already at work preparing for another great convention to be held July 20-23, 2012. Please note that next summer the TBA Convention/Clinic opens on Friday and closes at noon on Monday. This schedule should work well for everyone including those directors who are responsible for marching bands and wish to begin summer band immediately after the convention.

We are pleased to announce the following bands will

be featured at the convention:

- "The President's Own" United States Marine Band, Colonel Michael J. Colburn - Conductor
- The United States Air Force Band of the West, Captain Michael D. Hoerber - Commander/Conductor

- Heart of Texas Concert Band - Dr. Mark Rogers, Conductor
- The United States Army Medical Command Band - CW5 Douglas Paarmann, Commander
- Phi Beta Mu Directors' Band - Greg Countryman, Organizer

President Harrington will be finalizing clinic offerings in the near future. Please contact him or the TBA office if you would like to suggest a clinic topic or clinician. You may also suggest clinics by visiting our website and clicking on the appropriate link. We remain committed to presenting the very best clinics possible at our convention.

I also encourage you to attend the TBA Professional Development Clinics being offered during January and February. These clinics are open to all band directors and college students.

Your TBA office staff is ready to assist you in every way possible. Registration for our Business

Members will begin January 9.

Active and Retired Band Directors and spouses may register beginning February 1. Visit the TBA website www.texasbandmasters.org for more information.

Best wishes to all for a happy holiday season!



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