

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Texas Bandmasters Association, Inc. is to:

Continually assist its membership in achieving the highest standards of instrumental music education.



Promote the place and value of music education in our society and the important role instrumental music plays in our cultural, intellectual, and social lives.



Foster goodwill, fellowship and a collegial, fraternal spirit among its members.



Provide its membership with an annual Convention/Clinic which introduces new music, tried and proven teaching methods and materials as well as instruments and equipment.



Provide Educational Publications of instructional methods and materials for TBA members and aid them with their personal development and leadership.



Provide information for the university music student preparing to become a band director.

From the Board

Alfredo Vélez III, 2012-13 TBA President

Dear friends and colleagues,

Congratulations on the beginning of your new academic year. Whether this is your first year or one of many in a long career, it is always an exciting time. Anything you can imagine is possible for you and your students. It is much like the adage at the start of every baseball season: “Hope springs eternal.” Every plan you’ve made has a chance to succeed and every goal is feasibly attainable. More

importantly, the day-to-day music making process is the true reward. Engaging students in music education and appreciation with the end result being the art of music performance, should be the ultimate vision we have for our students and ourselves. I wish you all the best in creating this meaningful environment.

It is my pleasure on behalf of the Texas Bandmasters Association to congratulate our past presidents Tom and Shelley Harrington for a splendid convention this summer. Their ongoing commitment and passion for TBA was obvious in every aspect. “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band concert set the tone for the superb quality of our entire convention—from great concerts to valuable clinic presentations. A heartfelt thanks to all of our expert presenters and demonstration groups for their contribution to the educators in the state of Texas.



I would like to recognize Brian Merrill and Frank Troyka for their masterful leadership in presenting another impactful year of the TBA Academy and Student Day sessions. We appreciate the support of all our exhibitors for a vibrant exhibit floor. We could not provide the event we do without the loyalty and advocacy of all our business partners. We look forward to your continued patronage and partnership.

At the TBA Convention/Clinic we heard Dr. Tim Lautzenheizer mention that Texas bands and band directors are among the best in the world because of the “community” created by our willingness to share and grow professionally. This is certainly due in large part to the advocacy of our great state organizations—TMEA, UIL and TBA—and their remarkable leadership. I hope we can continue to come together and preserve the impact our associations currently have. The folks who have gone before us have created a culture for music education to thrive in our state and we owe them a great debt of gratitude. I hope that given the opportunity, you will also contribute to this great culture by actively participating at any level—either local or state. Adjudicating, presenting, serving an office, serving on committees or at the very least attending conventions are all ways to positively influence our profession. Membership is the first step,

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but taking a leadership role is the most bon-a-fide method of contributing to our musical culture. Take a chance and get involved. We all become the beneficiaries and our profession prospers.

Our sincerest gratitude for the expert execution of our convention must be extended to TBA Executive Director Mike Brashear and our wonderful TBA office staff including Exhibitor/Ad Manager Robin Tovar and Director of Web Development Justin Young. Thanks must also be extended to Chuck Kuentz for coming onboard with his contribution to the TBA office during the convention. TBA is fortunate to have Mike Brashear's tremendous experience and leadership at our helm. His insight and stewardship are crucial and are reflected in the tremendous fiscal health of TBA. The association is in good hands and privileged to have Mike, Robin, Justin and Chuck at the controls.

As happens every year we say a fond farewell to outgoing board members, our great friends and past presidents Don and Cloteal Haynes. The TBA board has enjoyed their fellowship and contributions to the directors of Texas. The TBA board will miss their warmth, congeniality and the elegance they brought to every thing they touched. Don Haynes always exhibited an evenness and thoughtful, gentle look to every decision that came before TBA. I'm sure these fine traits are what have led to his long and successful career at LBJ High School in Austin. His students and parents will continue to receive his love and passion for music education, the same passion he showed to TBA these past seven years. On behalf of the TBA board, good luck and all the best to Don and Cloteal.

With the exit of one board member comes the welcoming of a new colleague. We would like to welcome Chico Portillo as our new Sergeant-of-Arms

and his lovely bride Reagan and their children. Chico is well known and respected in our profession. He brings a broad perspective as a music administrator in Pflugerville ISD and many years experience as a successful band director.

We continue to encourage and solicit your input for future clinics at TBA through an online procedure on the TBA website or by contacting individual board members. Please let us know what topics and presenters you would like to hear. We also would like to invite you to attend the Professional Development Outreach Program sessions scheduled throughout our state this academic year. TBA is committed to providing professional outreach with the help of two very generous sponsors: D'Addario, makers of Pro-Mark/Evans/Rico products, and Texas Music Festivals. With their sponsorship, we are able to bring excellent presentations throughout the state at a low cost of \$10 to all TBA member and non-member attendees.

Please make plans to attend next year's TBA convention. We will be honored to have Eugene Miglario Corporon of the University of North Texas as the 2013 Featured Clinician and Steven Bryant as the 2013 Featured Composer. I urge you to familiarize yourself with Steven's music before our convention so that your experience next summer will be enhanced. TBA is also proud to announce a special concert from the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra Wind Symphony with conductor Nicholas Williams.

I would like to leave you with one final thought. Throughout our state, each of us is met with a unique set of challenges daily, but we can control what happens while we are on the podium and in front of our students. Good fortune to you on a successful year.