

Spotlight on Composers

William Owens, 2014 TBA Featured Composer

The Texas Bandmasters Association is extremely pleased to spotlight two bright and shining stars of the FJH Music Company. Award-winning composer Brian Balmages will offer a comprehensive clinic session showcasing several of his works while the music of

William Owens, the 2014 TBA Featured Composer, will be presented in concert. We warmly welcome the Mansfield (TX) Wind Symphony, which will serve as the performing and demonstrating ensemble for these sessions. Additionally, Owens will offer a clinic session Tips for the Sight-Reading Room from the Composers

Band Director at Towson University in Maryland. Mr. Balmages serves as the Director of Instrumental Publications with the FJH Music Company in Fort Lauderdale, Fl. He resides in Baltimore with his wife Lisa and their two sons.

A seasoned music educator with a career spanning three decades, **William Owens** is very active as a conductor and clinician throughout the United States and Canada. His compositions for young ensembles display a practical, erudite approach which has firmly established him as a leader in the field. With over 200 published works to his credit, William enjoys and maintains a busy commission schedule. Several of his works including *The Blue Orchid* and *Maesong* have been recorded and analyzed in educational text by the GIA series *Teaching Music through Performance in Band*. Owens serves as the Editorial Assistant for Instrumental Publications with the FJH Music Company (FL) and is the conductor/music director of the Mansfield Wind Symphony. He resides in Fort Worth with his wife and best friend, Georgia.

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The Music of William Owens, 2014 TBA Featured Composer, will be performed by the Mansfield Wind Symphony on Sunday, July 27 at 3:30 p.m.

The Music of Brian Balmages will be performed by the Mansfield Wind Symphony on Sunday, July 27 at 4:45 p.m.

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Mr. Balmages will present "No More Limitations! Composing and Choosing Band Music for All Levels" on Tuesday, July 29 5:15 p.m.

William Owens will present "Tips for the Sight-Reading Room from the Composer's Perspective" Monday, July 28 at 5:15 p.m.

Perspective, where thoughts and insights from an observational standpoint will be shared.

Brian Balmages is a widely acclaimed composer, conductor, producer and performer. His compositions are widely performed domestically and internationally. Brian enjoys engagements with numerous all-state and regional ensembles as well as university and professional groups. He has also served as an adjunct professor of instrumental conducting and Acting Symphonic