

# Cancer Blows!

Jeff King, 2014-15 TBA Vice President

On October 23, 2012 I had the privilege of having Ryan Anthony (Dallas Symphony Orchestra Principal Trumpet) come out to Duncanville High School to present a master class for our trumpet students. Wow, what an experience for us all. This is when I got to know Ryan Anthony a little and discovered that we both had a connection and relationship with my former trumpet teacher, James Darling (Cleveland Symphony Orchestra).



Over the past couple of years, we have kept up through Facebook.

The following month, November 2012, Ryan Anthony had just completed a guest appearance with his old group the Canadian Brass and wasn't feeling well. Recent chronic aches sent the 43-year old to multiple doctors searching for the cause. Blood tests revealed abnormalities, but the doctors reassured him "It can't be cancer." Fortunately, one doctor decided to test "just in case". The day after the Canadian Brass concert, Ryan got a call that no one is prepared for. Ryan had been diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma, a terminal cancer of the bone marrow that most often appears in patients 70 years and older. Ryan immediately began intensive treatment including chemotherapy and a stem cell transplant in Dallas at Baylor Charles A. Sammons Cancer Center.

During his transplant, Ryan was overwhelmed with phone calls from trumpet players all over the world. Everyone asked what they could do to help. Ryan jokingly started saying, "We'll

play a concert when I am healthy again, and we'll call it *Cancer Blows*." As the weeks went by, the joke solidified into a real event with an impressive guest list. Soon Ryan realized the event could be used to raise awareness and money to further the

research that has helped give his family and others hope for the future.

Ryan returned back to work with the Dallas Symphony in fall of 2013. While currently in remission he continues active treatments every other week to battle this disease.

Just ten years ago, Multiple Myeloma was a death sentence with a life span of 3-5 years. While the cancer is still considered incurable and terminal, recent, rapid advances in research have greatly extended the life span of newly diagnosed patients and hope for a cure is a real possibility.

Cancer Blows™ is a once-in-a-lifetime musical event bringing together legendary trumpet players in a special concert on March 4, 2015. Trumpeters including Doc Severinsen, Arturo Sandoval, Lee Loughnane (from the band Chicago), former trumpet players from the Canadian Brass and more will join members of the

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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, Jeff King

Dallas Symphony Orchestra. The concert will be conducted by Jeff Tyzik and the UNT One O'Clock Lab Band in the Meyerson Symphony Center to honor Ryan Anthony while raising money for cancer research. Other artists currently scheduled to perform include Jens Lindemann, Ronald Romm, Joe Burgstaller, Allen Vizzutti, Vince DiMartino, Byron Stripling, Wycliffe Gordon, Chris Jaudes, Anthony DiLorenzo and Marvin Stamm.

In addition to the main event on March 4, "Meet the Principals" is scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2015, in the Dallas Arts District.

This day-long event will include principal trumpet players representing ten of the top symphony orchestras in a panel discussion at Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing Arts. The discussion will be followed by a concert and recording session at the Dallas City Performance Hall.

A partial list of artists currently scheduled to perform at "Meet the Principals" includes Phil Smith, Michael Sachs, Chris Martin, Dave Bilger, David Krauss, Manny Laureno, Matthew Ernst, Mark Hughes, Mike Walk and the members of the Dallas Symphony trumpet section.

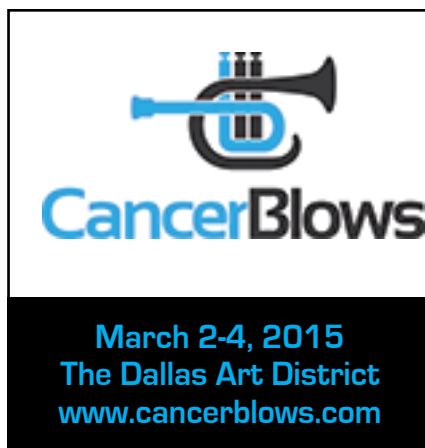
Also, on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, select artists will appear at Southern Methodist University's Meadows School of the Arts for Master Classes and Clinics for students and the public.

For tickets, please contact [www.TicketDFW.com](http://www.TicketDFW.com); 214-871-5000.

For additional information on Cancer Blows™ and all events, visit

[www.CancerBlows.com](http://www.CancerBlows.com), contact [info@CancerBlows.com](mailto:info@CancerBlows.com), or call 972-203-2393.

Donations made to: The Ryan Anthony Foundation. From there we will give 100% of the proceeds divided between Baylor Health Care System Foundation and Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation.



The TBA Convention/Clinic is held at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center on the banks of the Riverwalk in beautiful downtown San Antonio.

**Texas Bandmasters Association  
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**Registration opens online  
February 9, 2015**  
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