

# TBA News

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Now is the time for you to finalize plans to attend the TBA Convention/Clinic July 23-26.

***Pre-register before July 1 and take advantage of the lower fees.***

After July 1, register on-site at the convention. ***Reserve your hotel room before the June 24 online housing deadline.*** Because TBA, TCDA, and TODA are meeting at the same time, I would recommend reserving your hotel as soon as possible.

I would like to thank TBA President Bruce Beach, the Board of Directors, and office staff Robin Tovar and Justin Young for their diligent work in preparing this year's outstanding convention. Upon reviewing the schedule printed in this magazine, you will see this is one year you cannot afford to miss! With convention dates falling early, you will be able to attend and still have plenty of time to return home for your summer band program.

## **Schedule**

You can review the Convention Schedule of Events on pages 16-27 of this magazine. Visit [texasbandmasters.org](http://texasbandmasters.org) and view the online schedule which includes clinic descriptions and bios of the clinicians. There are clinics designed for every level from beginning band through college band and even a clinic for community bands. With so many great choices, you will want to plan your schedule carefully. Note that

there are some clinics repeated on Sunday morning to give you more options.

## **Concerts**

We are proud to feature Boston Brass Thursday evening and the U.S. Air Force Band of the West on Friday evening. I know their performances will be very inspiring and entertaining.

This year we are very pleased to focus on Community Bands at the convention. There are five outstanding community bands that will perform. In addition to the concerts, Frank Ticheli will present a clinic with the Woodlands Concert Band as his demonstration group following the band's concert on Saturday.

## **Fast Forward**

While TBA has always welcomed college students to our convention, this year we begin a special series of clinics called FAST FORWARD. These clinics are designed for undergraduate college music majors and will cover topics from student teaching to resume writing and job interviews. You will see these clinics listed as FF (Fast Forward) in the convention schedule. In addition to the four special clinics, college student attendees are encouraged to attend concerts and any other clinics as well. If you know a college student, please encourage them to attend the TBA Convention/Clinic this summer. They can pre-register online or at the convention (\$25).

## **Mariachi Educators**

For the first time, TBA is pleased to host the Association of Texas Mariachi Educators at our annual convention. Their business meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. on Friday. The association will offer mariachi judges training 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. You will also want to attend the UIL State Mariachi Festival Pilot Information session with Dr. Bradley Kent at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.

## **Exhibitors**

With almost 650 booths in our Exhibit Hall, we have the largest summer music show in the country! The revenue from booth sales, advertising and TBA sponsorships contribute about half of the TBA annual operating budget income. Please express your gratitude to our business partners and exhibitors by spending time with them in the Exhibit Hall this summer. Keeping good traffic in the Hall is essential for continuing TBA's success with exhibitors. Without their continued support, we would not be able to present the convention at the level we now enjoy.

Get some rest! Enjoy your time with family and friends. I look forward to seeing you at the TBA Convention/Clinic in San Antonio July 23-26. Have a great summer!