

# *A Spotlight On . . .* **Women Band Directors International**

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This year, TBA is proud to welcome Women Band Directors International to our TBA Convention/Clinic. WBDI will be holding their 2015 Summer Conference in conjunction with TBA. Women from across the nation will enjoy attending our convention as well as WBDI functions. Join with me in offering a big Texas TBA welcome to this outstanding organization!

WBDI is an organization in which every woman band director is represented at the international level regardless of the length of her experience or the level at which she works. It is the only international organization for women band directors, and is intended to serve as an association which supports, promotes, and mentors women in the band field.

The stated purpose of WBDI is:

- To foster a spirit of friendliness, fellowship, and cooperation among women band directors in the schools of America and abroad
- To provide a common meeting ground for an exchange of ideas, methods, and problems relevant to women band directors
- To provide encouragement for young women entering the instrumental music field
- To recognize and emphasize the basic and lasting values of a sound instrumental music program
- To develop comprehensive programs that will be of a musical and educational benefit to women band directors and their students
- To recognize and encourage the obligations of the school band to the school and the community in all phases of the instrumental program and the reciprocation of the school and community by supporting the band
- To work with administrators to provide the best music education possible and to provide for the equality of women in the profession
- To cooperate with existing organizations whose demonstrated purpose is to further improve the band as a worthwhile medium of musical expression.

**Be sure to attend the  
WBDI-sponsored clinic  
“Before You Go to  
Contest and Before You  
See the Judges...  
Who You Gonna Call?  
BAND DOCTORS!”  
Saturday, July 25 at 4 pm  
in Room: CC 004.  
Clinicians include  
Sheryl Bowhay,  
Paula Crider,  
Judith Grimes,  
Barbara Lambrecht**