

TBA News

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Greetings from the TBA office! Best wishes to everyone for an exciting finish to your school year. In all the “busyness” of contests, trips, end of year programs, recruiting and other activities, make time to ENJOY the fruits of your labor. Relish in the progress your students have made this year. Enjoy the music making that comes at the end of the year because of the investment of time and hard work from your students and all their teachers. Reflect on the positive impact you have had on some individual’s life. And yes, pat yourself on your back for a job well done.



*This year TBA is celebrating
70 years of service
to Texas band directors.*

New at the convention... We are adjusting the TBA convention schedule slightly to reflect recent trends in clinic attendance. Since fewer attendees were staying for the Sunday morning clinics, we will now end our convention with the BBQ Saturday evening. In order to keep the number of clinics presented the same; we will begin clinics at 9:30 a.m. Thursday morning. The TMEA Honor Band Sessions and the OPS Outstanding Performance Series will begin at 8:30 a.m. Thursday. Because of the earlier start time Thursday morning, you may wish to consider arriving for the convention Wednesday evening. This would allow you to take advantage of all the clinics offered on Thursday.

The other meetings which were on Sunday the last few years have also been moved earlier in the new schedule. The TMAA Marching Band Judging Workshop will be Thursday from 1:30-3:30 p.m. and the Concert Band Judging Workshop will be Thursday from 4-6 p.m. The TMEA/UIIL Music Advisory Committee Meeting will be on Wednesday beginning at 7 p.m.

I am pleased to announce that Larry Livingston will be our Featured Clinician this year and will be presenting sessions on Thursday. You will certainly be inspired and motivated by spending time with him. Brian Balmages is our Featured Composer this year. You will be able to hear Brian’s music being performed by bands featured at TBA this summer and can attend two clinics which Brian will present.

We are very excited to have the following outstanding groups perform this summer:

- U.S. Coast Guard Band
- U.S. Air Force Band of the West
- U.S. Air Force Dimensions in Blue Jazz Ensemble with Wayne Bergeron, trumpet soloist and Joe Eckert, saxophone soloist
- Konko Gakuen Junior and Senior High School Wind Orchestra from Japan
- Plano Community Band
- Cadets Drum Corps



See the last two pages of this *Bandmasters Review* for our exciting line-up of clinics. There is something for everyone—from marching band, high school and middle school concert band, beginning band, jazz, mariachi, technology—YOU simply cannot afford to miss this summer’s outstanding lineup of clinicians. Come prepared to learn and to be inspired!

Our TBA Academy for beginning and young teachers, as well as those new to Texas, will be on Thursday July 20. The registration fee even includes lunch!! See page 23. Pre-register online www.texasbandmasters.org.

The TBA High School Student Day and Booster Training will be on Friday, July 21. Frank Troyka heads a team of outstanding presenters for the Student Day and David Vandewalker will be leading the training session for Boosters. See page 24. You might consider bringing your students to the TBA Student Day and have them attend the Fran Kick session prior to the DCI Championship in the Alamodome on Saturday afternoon.

Don’t forget that TBA is a family affair! See pages 24-25 for our family activities and social events. What a great opportunity for everyone to enjoy one last mini vacation before summer band begins!

Register now and take advantage of the lower pre-registration fee. I also encourage you to book your housing now as the TBA housing will sell out early!

Good luck with your end of the year! See you in July!