

# TBA News

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The 2017 TBA Annual Convention/Clinic was a huge success and I want to thank YOU for attending! I hope that you left San Antonio revived, inspired, and ready with new information to start another school year. While our annual convention is the primary way that TBA fulfills our mission statement, we offer several other resources for band directors during the school year. The **Bandmasters Review**, our quarterly publication, is mailed to all Active and Retired Members and Business Members, and features several articles that provide a wealth of information on band pedagogy and motivation. TBA hosts several **Professional Development Outreach** clinics throughout the state during the year. See the back cover of this magazine for upcoming events and check our website for additional updates. At these sessions, presenters give in-depth information and attendees earn several hours of CPE credit. Another resource that TBA offers all directors is access to **archives of Bandmasters Review articles and convention handouts** on our website. You are able to download, read, and print any of that material. Go to [www.texasbandmasters.org](http://www.texasbandmasters.org) and look under the Resources Tab at the top of the home page. New for this school year, TBA will be emailing our members **video clips** that will offer more instructional tips from leading educators. I encourage you to take advantage of all resources that TBA provides as you strive to become a better band director.

One of the highlights of the 2017 Convention/Clinic was the premiere of “Devil’s Perspective”—the winning submission to our student melody competition. **We are pleased to announce that we will again offer a TBA/KHS America Academic Student Melody Competition in 2018.** Please announce this to your budding composers and theory students. Look for more information in our December *Bandmasters Review*.

While Texas high school bands were starting school and preparing for their first football games, Mother Nature

decided to interrupt the normal activities. **Hurricane Harvey** unleashed its force upon the Texas coast and over 40% of the state’s population was affected. We were all amazed at the efforts of neighbors

helping neighbors, and we observed the very best in human nature in the face of an overwhelming challenge. The fine arts community also quickly became engaged. I attended a meeting in Tomball hosted by J.D. Janda, Tomball ISD Fine Arts Director, and Monte Mast, Klein ISD Fine Arts Director, to brainstorm ideas for assisting those affected by Hurricane Harvey. Representatives from TMEA, ATSSB, TCDA, TODA, other Houston area arts groups, and several companies met with Fine Arts Directors from the area. After much discussion, it was decided that TMEA would develop a website where those affected by

Harvey could post their needs and those willing to help could see the needs.

TBA is happy to partner with TMEA to encourage our members to reach out to those affected by the devastation of Hurricane Harvey. Some band programs have already “adopted” others and offered assistance. This would be a great way to connect your program, students, and boosters with a band program needing assistance. By going to <https://help.goarts.org>, you will be able to find a program in need and work with that director. See page 8 for details.

The TBA Board of Directors is already busy planning for our 2018 Convention/Clinic. We want your suggestions for clinic topics and clinicians. Go to our homepage and look for **2018 Clinic Proposals**. Click on the top link if you are a music educator wishing to propose a clinic. Business Members use the lower link.

Have a great fall semester as you make a difference in a positive way for each one of your students!!



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**Professional Development Outreach Program**  
**Video Clips on Instructional Tips**  
**Convention Handouts and Bandmasters Review articles on TBA website**