

## TBA Mission Statement

The purpose of the Texas Bandmasters Association, Inc. is to:

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.

# Greetings on Behalf of the TBA Board of Directors!

## Chico Portillo, 2017-18 TBA President

It's hard to believe that another school year has come and gone. I hope that yours was successful and that now you have time to relax a bit.

Over the last 70 years, your TBA Board of Directors has put together conventions to address the changing needs of band directors. We strive to stay current by bringing you the best clinics, meetings, and concerts possible. The annual convention also provides quality time for fellowship and family. Texas band directors truly understand that the TBA convention is a vital part of preparing ourselves professionally and socially to be ready for our students when school begins. Being with other directors validates our commitment to music education. Engagement and attendance at the convention fuels our love for everything that is band. Interaction with other teachers helps to perpetuate the value of our profession.

We must take care of and have a quest to better ourselves in order to reach the level of teaching we want to achieve. We must invest in ourselves because we are worth it and because our students deserve it. In doing so, we invest in our future while valuing our historical past.

Please read the TBA Mission Statement to the left. With that in mind, here are some of the highlights of this year's convention:

- Richard and Cheryl Floyd, Featured Clinicians
- Frank Ticheli, Featured Composer
- Bandmaster of the Year, Kenny Capshaw
- "The President's Own" U.S. Marine Band
- U.S. Air Force Bands of the West
- Austin Symphonic Band
- Sugarland Winds

- Heart of Texas Reading Band
- Rio Grande Valley Jazz Orchestra
- The Moanin' Frogs Saxophone Ensemble
- Edcouch Elsa High School Mariachi Juvenil Azteca
- Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser
- Eddie Green
- Dr. Gary Garner
- Dr. Bradley Genevro
- Willie Owens
- Fran Kick
- **A Middle School Track of Clinics presented by** Asa Burk, Alicia DeSoto, Cheryl Floyd, Corey Graves, Alyssa Grey, James Hairston, Robert Herrings, Kathy Johnson, Chris Merideth, Jennifer Rogers, and many more
- **A High School Track of Clinics presented by** Jim Cude, Carol Brittin Chambers, Shane Goforth, Garth Gunderson, Gary Markum, Gabe Musella, Ronnie Rios, Jordan Stern, TAME, the staff at Cedar Park High School and C.T. Johnson High School, and more
- **New this year: 5-Part Clinic Series:** The Complete Marching Season presented by Jeremy Spicer, Bob Chresti, Robert Selaiden and Mike Howard

In addition to these fantastic presenters and concerts, we will once again provide the highly successful TBA Student Day, the TBA Academy for New Band, Choir, and Orchestra Directors, and a Band Booster training day.

We look forward to seeing you in San Antonio July 26-28!

