

TBA News

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I hope you have had your best start ever for a school year! By this time, the TBA Convention/Clinic is a distant memory and you are busy attending football games, pep rallies, booster meetings, back to school night, and fall concerts along with many hours of rehearsals with your students. Whether you teach high school marching band, middle school band, or beginner band, you are making a tremendous impact on each and every student. I hope in all the “busy-ness” of being a band director, you are able to take time to enjoy the music making with your students.

I am happy to report that the TBA Convention/Clinic was a huge success in every way. I offer a special thanks to each clinician, demonstration group, reading band, concert band, jazz band, and mariachi group who were featured at the convention. TBA attendees benefited from the hard work that went into the preparation for the clinics and concerts. This year, convention attendees spent more than 19,000 hours in clinics and concerts—and many more in the exhibit hall!

Even with the later TBA date and early start for some marching programs, our attendance matched previous years! Several directors started summer band and still made time to attend TBA to take advantage of the great concerts and to earn several hours of CPE Credit. One exciting aspect of this year was the partnership between TBA and YBDT-Young Band Directors of Texas. We look forward to furthering this relationship in years to come. Good luck to all the new teachers this year!

One characteristic of the TBA Convention that sets us apart is our emphasis on creating a “family atmosphere”. Congratulations to our Spouse Board for helping us meet this goal. The Spouse Luncheon, Painting Party and tours to The Pearl were a huge success this year. We continue to have many families attend our BBQ and enjoy the boat rides, balloon artists, and face painting as well as the entertainment. Consider bringing the entire family to TBA next summer!

I want to thank our business members and exhibitors whose

continued support of TBA allows us to present the largest summer band convention in the country. Our exhibit hall displays the very latest in products used in the band world. I offer special recognition to our Premier Sponsor Perform America/Ultimate Drill Book, and our Patron Sponsors TMF Tour & Travel and Conn-Selmer. All of our sponsors and exhibitors are listed on our website and I encourage you to remember these businesses as you make purchases for your band programs this year.

I hope you enjoy this *Bandmasters Review*—**this edition marks the 20th Anniversary for our publication!** Check the TBA website for archives of many years of BMR magazine articles and convention handouts. There is a wealth of information available for you to download and print. Have a great Fall Semester!