

TBA News

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Welcome to TBA 2021 - TOGETHER AGAIN! What a wild ride this past year has been. Thanks to all band directors for your service to our wonderful profession during the most challenging time of our lives! I hope you are having a great summer and are planning to join us at TBA Convention/Clinic to reconnect, recharge, and return... to a more normal 2021-2022 school year!

We have an exciting and eventful convention planned for you. Please read through all the information in this BMR and be prepared to get the most out of your 2021 TBA Convention experience.

WHAT'S NEW

- **Registration** is new and improved and now entirely paperless! All attendees must go online (www.texasbandmasters.org) and complete your registration application BEFORE COMING TO THE CONVENTION CENTER! Pay by credit card if possible! If you must pay by check, you still need to complete the online application process before you enter the convention center. See page 8 for more details.

- **Registration Area** at the Convention Center will open Wednesday, July 21 from 3-6:00 PM and during the convention.

- **WELCOME BACK PARTY BARBEQUE** on Wednesday 6-9:00 PM. Our traditional Saturday BBQ has moved to Wednesday to help us reconnect and kick off our convention. What a great way to catch up with friends that we have missed out on seeing during COVID! Rio Grande Valley Jazz Orchestra, Ronnie Rios-Director, will entertain and you can enjoy free River Boat Rides. To attend, everyone must wear their TBA Badge (including spouses and family members) and have a Welcome Back Party BBQ ticket. Each Active, Retired, Academy, and Spouse registration includes one ticket. You may purchase additional tickets at the registration area for \$15.

- **Opening Session.** Don't miss this! Meet the 2020 and 2021 TBA Award Winners,

be inspired by Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser and entertained by the Canadian Brass.

- **COVID Safety Protocols.** Your safety is a top priority. As the convention center and CDC protocols evolve during the summer, we will keep you informed via our website.

WHAT'S THE SAME

- **TBA's commitment** to providing the absolute best professional development clinics, concerts, and summer convention experience to meet the CURRENT needs of band directors!

- **TBA's traditions** of providing popular social events at the convention including our Welcome Back Party Barbeque on Wednesday and golf, tennis, and fun run events on Thursday! A special shout out to all our East Texas friends on their 30th Annual Washer Chunkin' to end the convention on Saturday!

- **Family Friendly.** Especially this year, with limited travel opportunities, what a great way to bring your entire crew to San Antonio! Attend the convention, eat on the Riverwalk, stay in a hotel, enjoy socializing with friends!

- **Honoring our Past and Future!** TBA recognizes individuals for their contributions to our great profession. TBA Award Winners will be presented during the opening session. Phi Beta Mu presents Hall of Fame Inductees and Young Bandmaster of the Year on Saturday. YBDT is active presenting clinics and helping at registration.

- **Business Luncheon.** Plan on attending the annual Active/Retired Member Business Luncheon on Saturday. This year is important as we will vote on amendments to our TBA Constitution. You will be inspired as you listen to 2020 Bandmaster of the Year Amanda Drinkwater and 2021 Bandmaster of the Year Keith Bearden.



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