

Living the Dream

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I must admit, during these last few challenging months and year I often ask how folks are doing and truly hope their journey through all this can be as positive as possible. Many times, I get the response “LIVING THE DREAM!” Of course, living the dream is an idiom that is sometimes used sarcastically, to mean that one is not actually living ideally. In our world of instrumental music education, living the dream should mean that **someone is living their best life**; that they are achieving the goals they want to achieve; that they have all the material comforts and/or professional relationships that they want to have with their students, parents, administration, and community. As we all return to our campuses in 2021, I hope you are LIVING THE DREAM in the best of ways:

- Living the Dream teaching your beginners the first sounds on their instruments in person
- Living the Dream as freshmen and many sophomores march on the field for the first time
- Living the Dream after the crescendo you’ve been working on leads to a perfectly in-tune chord

- Living the Dream when a hard-working student earns a chair in an All-Region Band
- Living the Dream when the parent conference goes well
- Living the Dream as you stand with your seniors one last time before they walk the stage at graduation
- Living the Dream where music is in your life every day
- Living the Dream MAKING MUSIC AGAIN! **LIVE YOUR DREAM!**

For the last two unprecedented years TBA has had tremendous leadership with Phillip and Amy Clements serving as role models for our board—leading the way through an incredible virtual convention and our strong and proud return for an in-person convention this summer. Congratulations on TBA #73 & #74! Thank you for your service and leading by example. Mike and Priscilla Brashear provide our organization a beacon of light that has guided us through the challenges our return took and continue to lead the way for a bright and exciting future. Behind the scenes a TBA staff led by Robin M. Williams works year-round to bring you an educational and business

experience to make your job and educa-

tional mission an easy one. I also must mention a wonderful TBA Board of Directors that dedicated themselves to a record number of meetings to help TBA stay strong and vibrant, providing the BEST of professional development and family events for the band directors of Texas. I am also honored to welcome Jennifer Dillard as the newest member to the TBA Board of Directors. I look forward to Jennifer’s and her husband Jerriald’s journey serving TBA.

TBA #75 is headed our way! I hope you are ready to celebrate seventy-five years of instrumental music education and YOU... US... TEXAS BAND DIRECTORS. Join us in beautiful San Antonio July 21-23, 2022. Make TBA a tradition and family event. Together we will celebrate with our traditional live world-class concerts, professional development covering instrumental music education grades 6-12, a guest composer, featured clinicians, student leadership, booster leadership, and much more. I am so honored to serve as the TBA President and my wife Jackie, son Nathan (Texas Tech Goin’ Band member) can’t wait to see you return. Look for communication from us and please let us and/or your TBA Region Representative know if you have any suggestions on clinics, clinicians, or performances you would like to see.

Artist Pablo Picasso said, “The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.”

Let’s make some music!

