

# TBA 75th Anniversary – In the Books!

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The year-long process of planning this past convention and celebrating TBA's 75th Anniversary provided me the opportunity to reflect on our rich history and dream about what our future might hold. I encourage you to view both the 50th Anniversary book and our new 75th Anniversary digital book on the TBA website. *Contemplating TBA's history certainly affirms the saying "We stand on the shoulders of giants."* Looking back at the TBA Past Presidents, Past Bandmasters, Lifetime Members, and all the other TBA Award Winners you will find many of the icons who shaped and molded Texas band programs for the past 75 years. These men and women each contributed their special talents and vision which has helped TBA grow into the vibrant and valuable resource that band directors currently enjoy.

So, what is the "State of the TBA Union" currently? ***I am happy to report that TBA is stronger and more vibrant than ever and that we stay committed to our Mission Statement*** found on page 1 of this magazine. In terms of successes at this past convention:

- Over 2850 Active and Retired Directors and family members attended
- Academy for New Band Directors was extraordinarily successful - over 110 attended
- Attendee counts from clinics - over 18,500 hours of professional development
- In-person Student Day resumed - over 1000 students attended
- Booster Training resumed - over 325 band boosters attended
- 950 members of performing

ensembles and demo groups participated

- Exhibit hall grew with addition of sixty booths more than 2021
- TOTAL TBA attendance including exhibitors, performers, and members - over 6500!

***Simply stated, there is no other summer music convention in the country that is able to offer so much to so many!*** THANK YOU to all who attended and participated in TBA 75! The current State of TBA is extraordinarily strong indeed.

A sincere thanks from me is extended to so many who contributed to our success!

• TBA Board of Directors led by President Roland Sandoval; TBA Spouses Board led by Jackie Sandoval and TBA Spouse Liaison Priscilla Brashear

• Robin Williams - TBA Office & Exhibitor Manager; Chuck Kuentz - Clinician Coordinator; Charlie Munsell - Lila stage manager; Baylor Herrera - intern & registration; Richard Herrera - Academy; Frank Troyka - Student Day; David Vandewalker - Booster Training; Mary Byrd - program & art design; YBDT - registration; Claire Pittman - social media

• Clinicians who all offered much needed encouragement, excitement and practical knowledge to help directors prepare for the school year.

• All performing groups and conductors who offered great concerts providing attendees with musical inspiration while demonstrating the highest standard of musical excellence! Doreen Ketchens for her guest

appearance as clarinet

soloist. Julie Giroux and the multimedia performance of her "Symphony No. VI-The Big Blue Marble."

• Business members and exhibitors for being present at this year's convention, and all sponsors especially our Premier Sponsor Perform America/ Ultimate Drill Book, and our Patron Sponsors TMF Tours & Travel/Awards & Apparel and Conn Selmer Inc.

Now, what does TBA's future look like? We know that the demands on band directors are ever changing, and our board is committed to meeting your needs by providing resources to help you succeed! I am excited to begin my 15th year of service as TBA's Executive Director and look forward to working with our new board to shape our future. We welcome Amanda Drinkwater as our newest board member and know that her wisdom and expertise will serve TBA well.

As a TBA member, you have the opportunity to help us determine our future. We have begun plans for our 76th Annual Convention scheduled for July 20-22, 2023. Visit our website to submit your clinic suggestions and contact your TBA Region Representative or one of our board members to make suggestions. Take advantage of the resources that TBA provides by selecting the Resources/Publication Archives tab and search for Convention Handouts and BMR Articles dating back to 2002. Instructions for printing your CPE form are also on the website.

Have a great fall semester!