

# Opportunities!

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By the time you are reading this, many of you have performed or are preparing to perform for UIL. What an opportunity to showcase the hard work and dedication of your students and celebrate their musical achievements. This is also the time of year when other band activities begin to fill up our schedules: Spring Concerts, Recruiting, Band Trips, Band Officer Auditions, Marching Band training camps, Graduation performances...just to name a few! Again, so many opportunities to celebrate and showcase your students and your program. I think April and May can be the busiest time of year for band directors as we finish one year while keeping an eye on next year.

Speaking of opportunities, what if I told you there was an event in Texas that would help recharge your batteries, provide inspirational motivation, give you “nuts and bolts” teaching tools while experiencing incredible live performances. And... you get to enjoy time with family, seeing friends and colleagues, checking out the latest in our Exhibit Hall, and enjoying the awesome San Antonio Riverwalk. *You guessed it!* **I am talking about our 76th Annual TBA Convention!**

On behalf of the TBA Board, I would like to invite you to attend TBA this summer. Our dates are July 20-22, 2023 with our Registration and Welcome BBQ happening on Wednesday July 19. We have over

60 clinics designed for Middle School, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Mariachi, and Marching Band. Larry Livingston, our Featured Clinician, will help kick off our 76th Convention on Thursday's Opening Session with a Special Performance by the Spring Alumni Band. Following the Opening Session, you will be part of the “parade” as we lead you to the Exhibit Hall as it opens, treating you with some special music!

Throughout our Convention, we have several incredible performing groups including the United States Navy Band from Washington, D.C., the Air Force Band of the West, the Spring Alumni Band, and the Kasetsart Winds from Thailand. Each of these ensembles will also perform music from our Featured Composer, Julie Giroux.

We are excited to once again host our “in person” Student Day on Friday July 21! This is another OPPORTUNITY for high school directors to take a break from Summer Band and bring your student leadership team to TBA with you! These students will experience a full day of activities, guest speakers, workshops, and live performances. Our Student Day Attendees will also have access to our Exhibit Hall... which they always look forward to! And remember...the DCI Southwest Regional lines up this year with TBA; so yet, another OPPORTUNITY for your Student Leaders!

Two other TBA traditions include our TBA Academy for New Directors and our Band Booster Training. Information on these two incredible offerings are available on the TBA website under the Convention Tab.



And as always, TBA would not be the same without our lineup of Spouses and Family activities that we have planned! You can make it a family road trip to San Antonio and enjoy some quality time together before things get busy with the start of school.

Thank you for your continued support of the Texas Bandmasters Association. I, along with the rest of the TBA Board, look forward to seeing you at the 76th Annual TBA Convention this July!