

Convention News

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Greetings from Texas Bandmasters Association! This magazine will give you a preview of the many exciting clinics, concerts, and activities we have planned for the TBA Convention July 20-22.

We are excited that Larry Livingston will be our Featured Clinician. He will be speaking at our opening session and presenting an outstanding clinic assisted by the Spring Alumni Band as a demonstration group. See page 26 for more information. Our Featured Composer is Julie Giroux. In addition to her inspiring clinic, you will be able to enjoy her music being presented at concerts.

An outstanding lineup of concerts will include the U. S. Navy Band, Air Force Band of the West, the Spring Alumni Band, and Kasetsart Winds from Bangkok, Thailand.

More than 125 outstanding clinicians are busy preparing presentations for you. TBA will offer over sixty-five relevant clinics and you will be able to earn CPE credit for sessions attended. A preview of our lineup can be seen on pages 23-25.

TBA Welcome BBQ will be on Wednesday, July 19 from 6-9pm. In addition to great food, you will enjoy free boat rides and entertainment. Your kids will also enjoy face painting and balloons. The annual Washer Chunkin' will be on Wednesday at La Villita Plaza Nacional. What a wonderful way to kick off our convention and reconnect with friends! Information about the Thursday TBA Fun Run, Sturchio Golf Tournament, and Tennis is on our website.

TBA Academy, Thursday, July 20 is for directors beginning their careers in August 2023. Attendees receive CPE credit plus their first year TBA Active Membership and convention entrance for FREE. The fee is \$125 for full day instruction

(includes lunch). As you hire new directors for your program, please ensure that they take advantage of this opportunity.

TBA Student Day and Booster Training is on Friday, July 21. Directors who have registered for TBA 2023 can register their students and boosters online. NEW THIS YEAR - student day pre-registration includes lunch for the students! More information is available on our website.

DCI Southwestern Championship will be in the Alamodome Saturday, July 22 at the conclusion of the TBA Convention. DCI is offering discounted tickets to TBA attendees. Use the special code available on your TBA registration email receipt as you purchase your DCI tickets online.

The TBA Award Winners are announced on pages 28 and 29. We are pleased to honor all these outstanding educators at our convention this summer. Congratulations to all!

TBA REGISTRATION is all online at www.texasbandmasters.org Reserve your hotel room soon as our TBA discounted block of rooms is quickly selling out! Details on page 22.

I encourage you to reserve July 20-22 to attend your annual TBA Convention. I realize everyone will be excited to get back to marching band rehearsals with students. However, your performance achievement in October will not suffer by giving up these three days to attend TBA and the DCI Championship. You will become a better teacher and your students will be the beneficiary of your time spent at the TBA Convention. Have a great finish to your semester. See you in July!



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