

# Those Beautiful Amazing 76 Trombones!

Daniel Allen, Past President



What an incredible 76th TBA Convention!! With that in mind, let me begin this article by listing 76 memories from the Convention... Ok, on second thought, let me just mention a few highlights.

We began at the BBQ being entertained by the small ensembles from Kasetsart Winds, hearing an inspirational message from Larry Livingston at our Opening Session followed by a parade led by our 76 Trombones down to the Exhibit Hall. What a way to kick things off!

And what a superb lineup of clinics and concerts! The TBA Board of Directors worked hard to assemble a wide variety of clinics featuring the best and brightest in our Profession from around Texas and the World. We heard fabulous concerts from the Spring ISD Alumni Band, the U.S Air Force Band of the West, the Kasetsart Winds from Thailand, and the U.S Navy Band from Washington, D.C. All performing music from our Featured Composer, Julie Giroux.

It has truly been an honor for Ruth and me to have served you as President this past year. Our time on the TBA Board has been the pinnacle of our careers as Band Directors. But, as you know, the success of TBA and specifically the 76th Convention is due to an awesome TBA TEAM!

Ruth and I appreciate all the contributions from the TBA Board and the TBA Spouses Board throughout this past year. Your input, insight, and intuition provided the spark that lighted the way for an inspirational 76th TBA! What an honor to serve with you all!

The Texas Bandmasters Association is SO FORTUNATE to have a strong team of individuals working on behalf of the Band Directors of Texas. Thank you to Richard Herrera for his leadership in heading up the Academy for New Band Directors, Frank Troyka for his leadership in organizing our Student Day, and Dr. David Vandewalker for his work with our Strategic Booster Institute.

Our TBA Staff is ONE OF A KIND!! Thank you to Charlie Munsell, Chuck and Sue Kuentz, Baylor Herrera, and Claire Pittman. A Special Thank You goes to Robin Williams, TBA Office Administrator and Exhibitor Manager, for all her diligence, determination, and dedication in bringing a "First Class" experience to Exhibitors and Convention Attendees.

Finally, these two individuals work tirelessly in support of our TBA Boards and for all the Band Directors in Texas: Mike and Priscilla Brashear. Ruth and I would like to offer our sincerest

appreciation for their kindness, generosity, selflessness, and support over our time on the TBA Board, but especially this past year.

Finally, Ruth and I want to congratulate and thank Roland and Jackie Sandoval for their service on the TBA Board these past eight years. Their leadership was inspirational and what a terrific job in putting on such a wonderful and memorable 75th Convention!

Congratulations and Best Wishes to President George and Karen Little! They are already planning great things for TBA 77 in 2024!

In closing, Ruth and I want to wish you and your family the best as the school year begins and leave you with a little inspiration from Mr. Harold Hill from the Music Man:

"You pile up enough tomorrows, and you'll find you are left with nothing but a lot of empty yesterdays. I don't know about you, but I'd like to make today worth remembering."

**Have a great year and we look forward to seeing you at TBA in 2024!**



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