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ARKANSAS BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION

Dear Colleagues,

The end of the school year is upon us! We know you are all busy with Spring concerts, graduations, and planning next year's marching show. In the midst of all the work you're doing, we hope you are making plans to attend this year's Arkansas Bandmasters Association Convention at the DoubleTree Hotel and adjacent Robinson Center in Little Rock, July 26-29!

We are excited to have some of the greatest music educators in the country as a part of our convention this year. Renowned conductor and clinician **Steven Davis** from UMKC will deliver our keynote address and, along with the 106th Army Band, will be leading two conducting symposiums. Joining us from Mount Pleasant, IL, retired directors, and KJOS authors, **David and Judy Morrison** will present clinics from their new sight-reading method for band "The Art IN Sight-reading."

In addition to these wonderful clinicians, we will also have clinics provided by some of the leading music educators in The Natural State!

Score Study, by **Dr. Michael Hancock**, Director of Bands, UCA; Program Organization and Management, by **Dr. Daniel Belongia**, Director of Bands, ATU;

Navigating the College Application and Audition Process, by **Dr. Tim Oliver**, former Director of Bands, Arkansas State and current Ole Miss Director of Bands;

Navigating the Set I Senior High All-Region/All-State Jazz Material, presented by Trent Warner and Kaleb Knight;

Navigating the Set I Senior High All-Region/All-State Drum Set Etudes and Beat Patterns, presented by Trent Warner and Ben White;

Beginning Flute (**Stephanie Richardson**), Beginning Oboe (**Gabby Chandler**), Beginning Euphonium and Tuba (**John Prater**), Hearing Screenings (**Lindsay White**), Retirement and Financial Planning, (**Blake Howard**), Reading Band (**Jeff Girard**), 7 Habits of a Successful Band Director (**Nick Awerwater**), Stretching for Success, (**Jill Belongia**), Chamber Music, (**Dr. Phoebe Robertson**), Saxophone Pedagogy, (**Dr. Nate Mensick**), Bus Driver Workshop for ABA Attendees, Instrument Repairs YOU Can Do, (**Hal Cooper, Jr.**), Recording Solutions for Your Band, (**TJ Perry**), Rehearsal Strategies, (**Daniel Hodge**), Scale Mastery, (**Kevin Hume**), Recruiting and Retention (**Erica Hann and Susan Ford**).....And **MUCH** more!

We are also excited to have two fantastic Arkansas ensembles selected to perform for this year's convention! The **106th Army Band** will provide music for the **J. Raymond Brandon Kick-Off Concert** and will also be the clinic band for **Steven Davis' conducting symposium**. The **Winds and Percussion of the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra** under the direction of **Steven Davis** will provide the music for the **Eldon Janzen Tribute Concert** on Friday night.

ABA 2023 will be a great time of music, learning, and fellowship! We look forward to seeing YOU in Little Rock July 26-29.

See you soon!

Ralph Brody, Jr.
2023 President
Arkansas Bandmasters Association