

**49<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
ARKANSAS BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION  
JULY 26 – 29, 2023**



**LITTLE ROCK ROBINSON CONVENTION CENTER AND DOUBLETREE HOTEL**

**DIRECTORS' SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday, July 26**

8:00 am	<b>ABA Golf Tournament</b>	Greens at North Hills	Rico Belotti, presiding
9:30 am	<b>ABA Board Meeting</b>	DT Riverside West	Ralph Brody, presiding
11:00 am-5:00 pm	<b>Registration</b>	DT Palisades	Hope Bruner and Carl McCraney, presiding
1:00-3:55 pm	<b>"Strategies for 'Sound' Beginning Pedagogy"</b>	R Level 3 Lobby	Brian Pearson, presiding
1:00-1:55 pm	<b>Flute</b>	<i>Dr. Phoebe Robertson – ATU</i>	
2:00-2:55 pm	<b>Oboe</b>	<i>Gabby Chandler – FS Northside</i>	
3:00-3:55 pm	<b>Euphonium/Tuba</b>	<i>John Prater – Cabot Public Schools</i>	
1:00-1:55 pm	<b>"Financial and Retirement Planning"</b>	R Performance Hall	Jeff Kee, presiding
	<i>Blake Howard – Insurance Advantage &amp; LMA Financial Services</i>		
	Sponsored by Insurance Advantage & LMA Financial Services		
2:00-2:55 pm	<b>"Navigating Set I Senior Jazz "</b>	R Performance Hall	Peggy Jeffries, presiding
	<i>Trent Warner (Jonesboro) and Kaleb Knight (Vilonia)</i>		
	Sponsored by Arkansas Jazz Educators		
3:00-3:55 pm	<b>"Navigating Set I Senior Jazz Drum Set"</b>	R Performance Hall	Jeff Marlow, presiding
	<i>Trent Warner (Jonesboro) and Ben White (Jonesboro)</i>		
	Sponsored by Arkansas Jazz Educators		
4:00-4:55 pm	<b>"Rehearsal Strategies"</b>	R Performance Hall	Jan Cunningham, presiding
	<i>Daniel Hodge – Siloam Springs</i>		
4:00-4:55 pm	<b>"Scale Mastery"</b>	R Level 3 Lobby	Ralph Brody, presiding
	<i>Kevin Hume – Bentonville</i>		
5:00-6:15 pm	<b>ASBOA Nominating Committee New Director Soirée</b>	DT Riverside East DT Edgehill	Omar Taweel, Presiding Dewayne Dove, presiding
	<b>ABA/ASBOA Clinic for Directors New to Teaching, New to Our State, and College Music Majors</b>		
	<b>"Habits of a Significant Music Educator"</b>		
	<i>Dr. Richard Crain – The Woodlands</i>		
	Sponsored by Raku Reynolds		
6:15-6:55 pm	<b>ASBOA Executive Advisory Committee Meeting</b>	DT Riverside East	Grant Brinkle/Omar Taweel, presiding
6:00-7:00 pm	<b>106<sup>th</sup> Army Band Set-up</b>	R Performance Hall	Aaron Durham, presiding
7:00-8:00 pm	<b>J. Raymond Brandon Kick-Off Concert:</b>	R Performance Hall	Ralph Brody, presiding
	<b>Performance by the 106<sup>th</sup> Army Band</b>		
	<b>CW2 William (Stony) Evans, Commander</b>		
8:30-9:30 pm	<b>ASBOA Executive Board Meeting</b>	DT Riverside East	Keith Matthews, presiding
10:00 pm	<b>ABA Board Meeting</b>	DT Riverside West	Ralph Brody, presiding

**Thursday, July 27**

8:00 am-12:00 pm	<b>Registration</b>	DT Palisades	Hope Bruner and Carl McCraney, presiding
8:00-11:25 am	<b>Hearing Screenings</b>	DT Edgehill	
	<i>Dr. Lindsay White – Au.D., CC-A, ASU</i>		
8:00-8:45 am	<b>Arkansas Instrumental Rehearsals</b>		
	<b>Arkansas Flutes</b>	R Level 3 Lobby	Jacob Lehman - Van Buren, presiding
	<b>Arkansas Clarinets</b>	R Piazza	Dr. Kelly Johnson - UCA, presiding
	<b>Arkansas Saxophones</b>	R Hamilton	Dr. Brent Bristow - ASU Beebe, presiding
	<b>Arkansas Trumpets</b>	R Davis	Josh Jackson - Maumelle, presiding
	<b>Arkansas Horns</b>	R Performance Hall	April Reynolds Bentonville, presiding
	<b>Arkansas Trombones</b>	R Performers Lounge	Dr. Bruce Faske - ASU, presiding
	<b>Arkansas Tubas/Euphoniums</b>	DT Edgehill	Dr. Ed Owen - ASU, presiding
8:50-9:00 am	<b>Prelude to Keynote Address – Arkansas Horns</b>	R Performance Hall	April Reynolds - Bentonville, presiding
9:00-9:25 am	<b>Keynote Address</b>	R Performance Hall	Ralph Brody, presiding
	<i>Steven Davis, UMKC</i>		
9:30 am-12:30 pm	<b>Exhibits Open</b>	DT Ballroom	Prissy Buchanan, presiding

9:30-10:25 am	<b>Reading Band – New Music</b>	R Performance Hall	Aaron Durham, presiding
	<i>Jeff Girard, Midwest Sheet Music</i> Phi Beta Mu Reading Band Sponsored by Midwest Sheet Music		
10:30-11:25 am	<b>“Conducting is Teaching I”</b>	R Performance Hall	Ralph Brody, presiding
	<i>Steven Davis, UMKC</i> Sponsored by AR Omicron Chapter of Phi Beta Mu		
11:30 am	<b>ASBOA Region Meetings</b>		Region Chairs, presiding
	I – R Level 3 Lobby      IV – R Performers Lounge      VII – DT Riverside East II – R Davis                  V – R Hamilton                  VIII – R Performance Hall III – R Piazza                VI – R Chorus 1                IX – R Barry Travis		
1:00-4:00 pm	<b>Registration</b>	DT Palisades	Hope Bruner and Carl McCraney, presiding
1:00-4:30 pm	<b>Hearing Screenings</b>	DT Edgehill	
	<i>Dr. Lindsay White – Au.D., CC-A, ASU</i>		
1:00-1:55 pm	<b>“Conducting is Teaching II”</b>	R Performance Hall	Ralph Brody, presiding
	<i>Steven Davis, UMKC</i> Sponsored by AR Omicron Chapter of Phi Beta Mu		
1:30-4:30 pm	<b>Exhibits Open</b>	DT Ballroom	Prissy Buchanan, presiding
2:00-2:10 pm	<b>‘Kick-Off’ for Exhibits</b>	DT Ballroom	Prissy Buchanan, presiding
	<b>Music by Arkansas Trumpets</b>		
2:00-3:30 pm	<b>EXHIBITS GRAND OPENING</b>	DT Ballroom	Prissy Buchanan, presiding
	<i>Dedicated Exhibit Time – Door Prizes</i>		

*PLEASE take advantage of this special block of time to show appreciation to the sponsors of this convention by visiting their booths. Some of the **BIGGEST** and **BEST DOOR PRIZES** are to be given during this time. Remember to bring your door prize ticket to deposit in the drawing box!*

**PLEASE SUPPORT ALL OF OUR EXHIBITORS!**

3:00-3:30 pm	<b>AWBDA Meeting</b>	R Hamilton/Porter	Michelle Smith, presiding
3:30-4:25 pm	<b>“Program Organization and Management”</b>	R Performance Hall	Janna Lane, presiding
	<i>Dr. Dan Belongia – ATU</i>		
3:30-4:25 pm	<b>“7 Habits of a Successful Band Director”</b>	R Hamilton/Porter	Cathy Williams, presiding
	<i>Nick Averwater – Amro</i> Sponsored by Amro Music Company		
4:45-6:45 pm	<b>ASBOA General Meeting</b>	R Performance Hall	Keith Matthews, presiding
4:45-5:30 pm	<b>AR CBDNA Meeting</b>	R Hamilton/Porter	Gretchen Renshaw-James, presiding
6:45-8:30 pm	<b>A Taste of Little Rock</b>		
8:30-9:30 pm	<b>ARJE Meeting</b>	DT Edgehill	Trent Warner, presiding
10:00 pm	<b>ABA Board Meeting</b>	DT Riverside West	Ralph Brody, presiding

**Friday, July 28**

7:00 am	<b>Phi Beta Mu Breakfast</b> (Ticket Required)	R Still Ballroom	Carl McCraney, presiding
8:15-9:10 am	<b>“The Art IN Sight-Reading”</b>	R Performance Hall	Ralph Brody, presiding
	<i>David and Judy Morrison</i> Sponsored by KJOS Music		
8:30-11:45 am	<b>Hearing Screenings</b>	DT Edgehill	
	<i>Dr. Lindsay White – Au.D., CC-A, ASU</i>		
8:30-10:00 am	<b>Registration</b>	DT Palisades	Hope Bruner and Carl McCraney, presiding
9:00-11:50 am	<b>Exhibits Open</b>	DT Ballroom	Prissy Buchanan, presiding
9:00-11:00 am	<b>Dedicated Exhibit Time</b>	DT Ballroom	Prissy Buchanan, presiding
10:00-10:10 am	<b>Music by Arkansas Trombones</b>	DT Ballroom	Dr. Bruce Faske - ASU, presiding
10:45-10:55 am	<b>Music by Arkansas Flutes</b>	DT Ballroom	Jacob Lehman - Van Buren, presiding
11:00-11:55 am	<b>“Score Study for the Busy Band Director”</b>	R Performance Hall	Jeff Kee, presiding
	<i>Dr. Michael Hancock – UCA</i>		
11:00-11:55 am	<b>“Stretching for Success”</b>	R Hamilton/Porter	Jon Shultz, presiding
	<i>Jill Belongia – JB Wellness</i>		
12:00 pm	<b>ABA Business Luncheon</b> (Ticket Required)	R Still Ballroom	Ralph Brody, presiding
12:55-1:25 pm	<b>Christian Instrumental Directors Association</b>	R Hamilton/Porter	Bruce and Joy Shaver, presiding
1:30-4:30 pm	<b>Hearing Screenings</b>	DT Edgehill	
	<i>Dr. Lindsay White – Au.D., CC-A, ASU</i>		

1:30-2:25 pm	<b>Chamber Music</b> <i>Dr. Phoebe Robertson – ATU</i>	R Performance Hall	Peggy Jeffries, presiding
1:30-2:25 pm	<b>Clinic: Navigating the College Application and Audition Process</b> <i>Dr. Tim Oliver, University of Mississippi (formerly Arkansas State University)</i>	R Hamilton/Porter	Ralph Brody, presiding
2:30-3:25 pm	<b>Band History Project: A Conversation with Julia Reynolds</b>	R Performance Hall	John Caldwell, presiding
2:30-3:25 pm	<b>Saxophone Pedagogy</b> <i>Dr. Nate Mensick – ATU</i>	R Hamilton/Porter	Jeff Marlow, presiding
3:30-4:25 pm	<b>“Recruiting and Retention”</b> <i>Erica Hann and Susan Ford – Cabot</i>	R Hamilton/Porter	Joe Trusty, presiding
3:30-4:25 pm	<b>“The Band Whisperer – 50 Years of Teaching Experience Condensed into One Hour?”</b> <i>David and Judy Morrison</i> Sponsored by KJOS Music	R Performance Hall	Ralph Brody, presiding
4:30-5:00 pm	<b>Arkansas Small Band Association</b>	R Hamilton/Porter	Trey Reely, presiding
4:45 pm	<b>All BDK’s (Band Directors’ Kids, 0-100+ Years) Picture</b>	DT Lobby	Emily Evans, presiding
5:15 pm	<b>Music by Arkansas Euphoniums/Tubas</b>	DT Lobby	Dr. Ed Owen – ASU, presiding
5:30 pm	<b>Music by Arkansas Saxophones</b>	DT Lobby	Dr. Brent Bristow - ASU Beebe, presiding
5:45 pm	<b>Music by Arkansas Clarinets</b>	R Still Ballroom	Dr. Kelly Johnson - UCA, presiding
6:00 pm	<b>ABA Banquet (Ticket Required)</b> <i>Seating begins at 5:40 pm</i>	R Still Ballroom	Ralph Brody, presiding
8:00 pm	<b>“Eldon Janzen Tribute Concert”</b> <b>Arkansas Symphony Winds and Percussion</b> <b>Steven Davis (UMKC), Conductor</b> <i>Sponsored by Bravis Marketing Agency, TMF, AR Phi Beta Mu, Eagle Fundraising, Fruhauf Uniforms, FS Southside Band Boosters, DSD</i>	R Performance Hall	Ralph Brody, presiding
10:00 pm	<b>ABA Bandmaster of the Year Reception</b> <i>Hosted by the City of Little Rock and the Arkansas Bandmaster of the Year Committee</i>	DT Palisades	BOY Committee, presiding

**Saturday, July 29**

8:30-9:25 am	<b>“How to Build and Maintain a Successful Percussion Program”</b> <i>JD Guzman – Spring, TX</i> Sponsored by Gabi Reynolds	DT Salon ABC	Joseph Gearhart, presiding
9:00 am-12:00 pm	<b>“School Bus Driver Workshop”</b> <i>Denise Twisdale – Arkansas Department of Education</i> Sponsored by the Arkansas Department of Education	DT Salon D	Brian Pearson, presiding
9:30-10:25 am	<b>“Instrument Repairs YOU Can Do”</b> <i>Hal Cooper, Jr., Cooper Music</i>	DT Salon ABC	Dewayne Dove, presiding
10:30-11:25 am	<b>“Recording Solutions for Your Band”</b> <i>TJ Perry – ATU</i>	DT Salon ABC	Ralph Brody, presiding
11:30 am	<b>ABA Board Wrap-up</b>	DT Riverside West	Aaron Durham, presiding



**Registration hours are from 11:00 am-5:00 pm Wednesday;  
8:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-4:00 pm Thursday;  
8:30-10:00 am Friday in the Convention Center Lobby;  
Thereafter in Riverside West**

**Meeting Room Key**

**R designates the Robinson Center**  
*(i.e. R Hamilton/Porter = Robinson Hamilton/Porter)*  
**All meal functions are in the Robinson Still Ballroom**

**DT designates the DoubleTree Hotel**  
*(i.e. DT Edgehill = DoubleTree Edgehill)*  
**Exhibits are in the DoubleTree Ballroom**