



**50TH ANNUAL
ARKANSAS BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION
JULY 31 – AUGUST 3, 2024**



FORT SMITH CONVENTION CENTER AND WYNDHAM HOTEL

DIRECTORS' SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 31

8:00 am	ABA Golf Tournament	Ben Geren	Rico Belotti, presiding
9:30 am	ABA Board Meeting	Judge Parker	Aaron Durham, presiding
11:00 am-5:00 pm	Registration	CC Lobby	Carl McCraney and John Prater, presiding
1:00-3:55 pm	"Strategies for 'Sound' Beginning Pedagogy"	CC A1-2	Brian Pearson, presiding
1:00-1:55 pm	Percussion	<i>Christopher Ha – Kimmons Middle School</i>	
2:00-2:55 pm	Trombone	<i>Dewayne Dove – ASBOA</i>	
3:00-3:55 pm	Saxophone	<i>Trent Warner – Jonesboro</i>	
Sponsored by the Arkansas Women Band Directors Association and Palen Music Company			
1:00-1:55 pm	"Financial and Retirement Planning"	CC A3	Cathy Williams, presiding
	<i>Mary Alice Hughes – Insurance Advantage & LMA Financial Services</i>		
Sponsored by Insurance Advantage & LMA Financial Services			
2:00-2:55 pm	"Navigating Set II Senior Jazz"	CC A3	Dr. Ricky Brooks, presiding
	<i>Trent Warner – Jonesboro and Kaleb Knight – Vilonia</i>		
Sponsored by Arkansas Jazz Educators			
3:00-3:55 pm	"Navigating Set II Senior Jazz Drum Set"	CC A3	Ralph Brody, presiding
	<i>Ben White – Jonesboro</i>		
Sponsored by Arkansas Jazz Educators			
4:00-4:55 pm	"Recruiting and Retention for the Middle School Band Program"	CC A3	Aaron Durham, presiding
	<i>Angela Clark – Darby Middle School</i>		
Sponsored by Greg Owens – Full Impact Fundraising			
4:00-4:55 pm	"1% Better – Creating Small Habits for Big Results"	CC A1-2	Hope Bruner, presiding
	<i>Tim Hendrix – Bentonville</i>		
Sponsored by Greg Owens – Full Impact Fundraising			
5:00-6:15 pm	New Director Soirée	Memphis/Tulsa	Dewayne Dove, presiding
	ABA/ASBOA Clinic for Directors New to Teaching, New to Our State, and College Music Majors		
	<i>Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser</i>		
	<i>Conn-Selmer</i>		
Sponsored by ASBOA and ABA Boards; ASBOA New Members Committee			
5:00-5:55 pm	Arkansas Jazz Educators Membership Meeting	CC A3	Trent Warner, presiding
6:15-6:55 pm	ASBOA Executive Advisory Committee Meeting	Wyndham Board Room	Grant Brinkle, presiding
6:00-7:00 pm	River Valley Community Band Set-up	CC A1-2	Hope Bruner, presiding
7:00-8:00 pm	J. Raymond Brandon Kick-Off Concert:	CC A1-2	Aaron Durham, presiding
	<i>Performance by the River Valley Community Band</i>		
	<i>Jeff Marlow, Conductor</i>		
8:30-9:30 pm	ASBOA Executive Board Meeting	CC A3	Scott Villines, presiding
10:00 pm	ABA Board Meeting	Judge Parker	Aaron Durham, presiding

Thursday, August 1

8:00 am-12:00 pm	Registration	CC Lobby	Carl McCraney and John Prater, presiding
8:00-8:45 am	Arkansas Instrumental Rehearsals		
	Arkansas Flutes	Little Rock	Jacob Lehman - Van Buren, presiding
	Arkansas Clarinets	CC A1-2	Dr. Kelly Johnson - UCA, presiding
	Arkansas Saxophones	Belle Starr	Dr. Brent Bristow - ASU-Beebe, presiding
	Arkansas Trumpets	Tulsa	Joshua Jackson - Maumelle, presiding
	Arkansas Horns	Hot Springs	April Reynolds - Bentonville, presiding
	Arkansas Trombones	Memphis	Dr. Alexandra Zacharella - UAFS, presiding
	Arkansas Tubas/Euphoniums	Dallas	Dr. Ryan Matejek - ATU, presiding
8:50-9:00 am	Prelude to Keynote Address – Arkansas Clarinets	CC A1-2	Dr. Kelly Johnson - UCA, presiding

9:00-9:25 am	Keynote Address	CC A1-2	Aaron Durham, presiding
	<i>Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser</i>		
	Sponsored by Conn-Selmer, Inc. Division of Education		
9:30 am-12:30 pm	Exhibits Open	CC Exhibit Hall C	Prissy Buchanan, presiding
9:30-10:25 am	Reading Band – New Music	CC A1-2	Hope Bruner, presiding
	<i>Charles Booker – Former US Army Bandmaster and former Associate Professor at U of A Fort Smith</i>		
	Phi Beta Mu Reading Band		
	Sponsored by Omicron Chapter of Phi Beta Mu and Midwest Sheet Music		
10:30-11:25 am	“Conducting Symposium Part I”	A1-2	Hal Cooper, Sr., presiding
	<i>Dr. Albert Nguyen – University of Memphis and Dr. Michael Hancock – University of Central Arkansas</i>		
	Sponsored by Ovation Fundraising Group and Jan and Tim Cunningham		
11:30 am	ASBOA Region Meetings		Region Chairs, presiding
	I – Memphis	IV – Hot Springs	VII – Belle Starr
	II – Dallas	V – Little Rock	VIII – CC A3
	III – Tulsa	VI – St. Louis	IX – CC A1-2
1:00-4:30 pm	Hearing Screenings	Mobile Auditory Unit	
	<i>Dr. Lori Boyd – Au.D., CC-A – Center for Hearing and Balance</i>		
1:00-4:00 pm	Registration	CC Lobby	Carl McCraney and John Prater, presiding
1:00-1:55 pm	“Conducting Symposium Part II”	CC A1-2	Joe Trusty, presiding
	<i>Dr. Albert Nguyen – University of Memphis and Dr. Michael Hancock – University of Central Arkansas</i>		
	Sponsored by Ovation Fundraising Group and Jan and Tim Cunningham		
1:00-1:55 pm	“Starting an Indoor Percussion Ensemble”	CC A3	Robert Hesse, presiding
	<i>Carlos Serna – Paragould, Sean Lane – Lake Hamilton, and Jay Chipman – Bryant</i>		
	Jim Milam – Shelter Insurance		
1:30-4:30 pm	Exhibits Open	CC Exhibit Hall C	Prissy Buchanan, presiding
2:00-2:10 pm	‘Kick-Off’ for Exhibits	CC Exhibit Hall C	April Reynolds - Bentonville, presiding
	Music by Arkansas Horns		
2:00-3:30 pm	EXHIBITS GRAND OPENING	CC Exhibit Hall C	Prissy Buchanan, presiding
	Dedicated Exhibit Time		
	<i>PLEASE take advantage of this special block of time to show appreciation to the sponsors of this convention by visiting their booths.</i>		
	<i>Some of the BIGGEST and BEST DOOR PRIZES are to be given during this time.</i>		
	<i>Remember to bring your door prize ticket to deposit in the drawing box!</i>		
	PLEASE SUPPORT ALL OF OUR EXHIBITORS!		
3:00-3:30 pm	AWBDA Meeting	CC A3	Michelle Smith, presiding
3:30-4:25 pm	“Clarinet Gymnastics – Interactive Clinic”	CC A1-2	Duane Walker, presiding
	<i>Dr. Ray Chapa</i>		
	Sponsored by Saied Music Company, D.S.D. Band Instrument Repair, Fort Smith Southside Band Parents		
3:30-4:25 pm	“A Program in Shambles...Now What! Rebuilding a Program from the Ground Up”	CC A3	Claude Smith, presiding
	<i>Doug and Tonya Blevins – Berryville</i>		
4:45-6:45 pm	ASBOA General Meeting	CC A1-2	Scott Villines, presiding
4:45-5:30 pm	Arkansas Chapter of CBDNA Meeting	Belle Starr	Gretchen Renshaw James, presiding
6:45-8:30 pm	A Taste of Fort Smith		
9:30 pm	ABA Bandmaster of the Year Committee Meeting	Wyndham Board Room	Grant Brinkle, presiding
10:00 pm	ABA Board Meeting	Judge Parker	Aaron Durham, presiding
Friday, August 2			
7:00 am	Phi Beta Mu Breakfast (Ticket Required)	Dallas/Little Rock	Carrie Teague, presiding
8:15-9:10 am	“Round Table Discussion – Wisdom from Master Teachers – Part I”	CC A1-2	Jan Cunningham, presiding
	<i>Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser – Conn-Selmer and Dr. Richard Crain – Spring, TX, Retired</i>		
	Sponsored by Conn-Selmer, Inc. and the Arkansas Musical Arts Association		
8:30-10:00 am	Registration	CC Lobby	Carl McCraney and John Prater, presiding
9:00-11:50 am	Exhibits Open	CC Exhibit Hall C	Prissy Buchanan, presiding
9:00-11:00 am	Dedicated Exhibit Time	CC Exhibit Hall C	Prissy Buchanan, presiding
9:00 am	All BDK’s (Band Directors’ Kids, 0-100+ Years) Picture	CC Rotunda	Emily Durham, presiding
10:00-10:10 am	Music by Arkansas Trumpets	CC Exhibit Hall C	Josh Jackson - Maumelle, presiding
10:45-10:55 am	Music by Arkansas Trombones	CC Exhibit Hall C	Dr. Alexander Zacharella - UAFS, presiding

11:00-11:50 am	“Tonguing Cheat Sheet: A Guide to Starting Successful Clarinetists and Fixing Individual Problems” <i>Dr. Kelly Johnson – University of Central Arkansas, Mary Lollis – Tulsa, OK</i>	CC A1-2	Jeff Kee, presiding
11:00-11:50 am	“Preparing Your Band for Concert Assessment” <i>Joe Trusty – Cabot, Retired</i>	CC A3	Jeff Marlow, presiding
12:00 pm	ABA Business Luncheon (Ticket Required)	Wyndham Ballroom	Aaron Durham, presiding
1:00 pm	Christian Instrumental Directors Association		Joy and Bruce Shaver, presiding
1:30-2:25 pm	“Round Table Discussion – Wisdom from Master Teachers – Part II” <i>Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser – Conn-Selmer and Dr. Richard Crain – Spring, TX, Retired</i> Sponsored by Conn-Selmer Inc. and the Omicron Chapter of Phi Beta Mu	CC A1-2	Dr. Ricky Brooks, presiding
2:30-3:25 pm	“Honoring the Past – A Conversation with Travis Beard” <i>John Caldwell – Arkansas Band Historian</i> Sponsored by Raku and Gabi	CC A1-2	Karen Dismuke, presiding
2:30-3:25 pm	“Color Guard for the Not So Color Guard Inclined” <i>Faith Serna – Highland and Gabby Chandler – FS Northside High School</i>	CC A3	Hope Bruner, presiding
3:30-4:25 pm	“Preparing Your Band for the Sight-Reading Room” <i>Nikki Cook – Conway High School</i> Sponsored by Sponsored by the Omicron Chapter of Phi Beta Mu	CC A1-2	Janna Lane, presiding
3:30-4:25 pm	“From the Middle School Band Room to Carnegie Hall, to the White House – Inspiring Musicians to Reach New Heights” <i>SSG Michael Burner – The United States Army Band “Pershing’s Own”</i>	CC A3	Doug Blevins, presiding
4:30-5:00 pm	Arkansas Small Band Association	CC A3	Trey Reely, presiding
5:15 pm	Music by Arkansas Flutes	Wyndham Lobby	Jacob Lehman - Van Buren, presiding
5:30 pm	Music by Arkansas Euphs/Tubas	Wyndham Lobby	Dr. Ryan Matejek - ATU, presiding
5:45 pm	Music by Arkansas Saxophones	Wyndham Ballroom	Dr. Brent Bristow - ASU-Beebe, presiding
6:00 pm	ABA Banquet (Ticket Required) <i>Seating begins at 5:40 pm</i>	Wyndham Ballroom	Aaron Durham, presiding
8:00 pm	“Eldon Janzen Tribute Concert”	ArcBest Performing Arts Center	Aaron Durham, presiding
<i>The Lone Star Wind Orchestra</i> <i>Eugene Migliaro Corporon, Conductor</i> Sponsored by George McGill, Fort Smith Mayor; Dr. Bill Keating, Fort Smith Eye Clinic; The Durham Family, In Memory of Nelda Durham; Lavon Morton and Brenda Yelvington; Dr. Benny Gooden; First National Bank, Fort Smith, Russellville Band Parents; First Baptist Church Fort Smith			
10:00 pm	ABA Bandmaster of the Year Reception <i>Hosted by the City of Fort Smith, Mayor George McGill and the Arkansas Bandmaster of the Year Committee</i>	CC Rotunda	Gordon Manley, presiding

Saturday, August 3

9:00 am-12:00 pm	“School Bus Driver Workshop” <i>Trisha Labit – Arkansas Department of Education</i> Sponsored by the Arkansas Department of Education	Memphis/Tulsa	Greg Bruner, presiding
9:30-10:25 am	“Emergency Instrument Repairs for the Busy Band Director” <i>Hal Cooper, Jr. – Cooper Music</i>	Dallas/Little Rock	Valerie Laney, presiding
10:30-11:25 am	“In Tune and In Tone: A Fundamental Approach to Developing Your Brass Section Sound” <i>Dr. Justin Cook – University of Central Arkansas</i>	Dallas/Little Rock	Carl McCraney, presiding
11:30 am	ABA Board Wrap-up	Judge Parker	Hope Bruner, 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 Judge Parker**