

## TENTATIVE ABA DIRECTORS' SCHEDULE (Updated 06-12-26)

*All BDK's (Band Directors' Kids, 0-100+ Years Old) Picture – Friday 9:15*



### WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

7:20 am Return of the Golf Tournament!!! – Ben Geren  
 9:30 am ABA Board Meeting  
 11:00 am-5:00 pm Registration  
 1:00-3:55 pm Strategies for 'Sound' Beginning Pedagogy  
   1:00-1:55 pm Beginning Flute – Susan Ford – Cabot  
   2:00-2:55 pm Beginning Oboe – Gabrielle Mitchell – Fort Smith  
   3:00-3:55 pm Beginning Euphonium/Tuba – Cody Ford – ASMSA  
   1:00-1:55 pm Building a Jazz Program from Scratch – Kaleb Knight – Vilonia  
   2:00-2:55 pm Get the Most out of your Rhythm Section – Interactive Clinic  
   3:00-3:55 pm ...But Does it Swing? Demystifying Nuance – Tylar Bullion – UCA  
   4:00-4:55 pm You Got the Gig – Now What – Jason Smith – SAU  
   5:00-6:15 pm New Director Soiree – Brian Balmages & Dewayne Dove – ASBOA  
     A Conversation with Brian Balmages Developing and Sustaining a Career  
 5:00-6:15 pm ARJE Meeting – Kaleb Knight – Vilonia  
 5:30-7:00 pm Arkansas Highlands Brass Band Set-up/Warm-up – John Prater  
 6:15-6:55 pm ASBOA Executive Advisory Meeting – Matt Teague  
 7:00-8:00 pm J. Raymond Brandon Kick-off Concert  
     Arkansas Highlands Brass Band  
 8:30-9:30 pm ASBOA Executive Board Meeting – Erica Hann  
 10:00 pm ABA Board Meeting – Carl McCraney

### THURSDAY, JULY 23

8:00 am-12:00 pm Registration  
 8:50-9:00 am Music by Arkansas Tubas/Euphoniums – Dr. Ryan Matejek – Van Buren  
 9:00-9:25 am Keynote Address – Brian Balmages – Alfred/MakeMusic  
 9:30 am-12:30 pm Exhibits Open – Prissy Buchanan  
 9:30-10:25 am Reading Band: New Music – Brian Balmages – Alfred/MakeMusic  
     PBM Reading Band  
 10:30-11:25 am If You PLAY Something, SAY Something!  
     Brian Balmages – Alfred/MakeMusic  
 11:30 am ASBOA Region Meetings  
 1:00-4:00 pm Registration  
 1:00-1:55 pm Conducting Symposium I – Dr. Caroline Hand – University of Oklahoma  
 1:00-1:55 pm Foundations: “Hiding the Vegetables in Awesomesauce”  
     Brian Balmages – Alfred/MakeMusic  
 1:30-4:30 pm Exhibits Open – Prissy Buchanan  
 2:00-3:30 pm EXHIBITS GRAND OPENING – Dedicated Exhibit Time  
 2:00-2:10 pm Kick-Off for Exhibits  
     Arkansas Saxophones – Dr. Nathan Mensink – ATU  
 3:00-3:30 pm AWBDA Meeting  
 3:30-4:25 pm Conducting Symposium II – Dr. Caroline Hand – University of Oklahoma  
 3:30-4:25 pm Maestro Vanilla Ice: “Stop, Collaborate, and Listen”  
     Dr. Daniel A. Belongia – ATU  
 4:45-6:45 pm ASBOA General Meeting – Erica Hann  
 4:45-5:30 pm Arkansas Chapter of CBDNA

6:45-8:30 pm A Taste of Fort Smith  
 10:00 pm ABA Board Meeting

### FRIDAY, JULY 24

7:00 am Phi Beta Mu Breakfast (Ticket Required) – Carrie Teague  
 8:15-9:10 am Beat the Heat: Marching Band Safety Essentials – Amanda Trickey  
 8:30-10:00 am Registration  
 9:15 am All BDK's (Band Directors' Kids, 0-100+ Years Old) Picture – Dr. Teresa McCraney  
 9:00-11:50 am Exhibits Open – Dedicated Exhibit Time (9:00-11:00 am)  
 10:00-10:10 am Music by the Arkansas Clarinets – Dr. Kelly Johnson – UCA  
 10:45-10:55 am Music by the Arkansas Horns – Amanda Lucy – Batesville  
 11:00-11:55 am Priorities for Developing a Good Band Sound – David Rollins – Arkadelphia  
 11:00-11:55 am Beyond the Elementary Music Program – Stephanie Williams – Benton  
 12:00 pm ABA Business Luncheon (Ticket Required)  
 1:00 pm Christian Instrumental Directors Association – Bruce & Joy Shaver – Flippin  
 1:30-2:25 pm A Conversation with Doreen Ketchens  
     American Clarinetist  
 2:30-3:25 pm Marching Band Sounds that Translate to Concert Band – Jon Shultz – Lake Hamilton  
 2:30-3:25 pm The Soundtrack of Gen Alpha: Gaming, Film Scoring, and Creative Coding  
     Stephanie Williams – Benton  
 3:30-4:25 pm The Best Presence Ever: These are a Few of my Favorite Things  
     (How to prepare for a great performance.) – Greg Bruner – Highland  
 3:30-4:25 pm No Budget? No Problem: How to build a strong program with limited resources  
     Monty Hill - HSU  
 4:30-5:00 pm Arkansas Small Band Association – Trey Reely  
 5:15 pm Music by the Arkansas Trumpets – Josh Jackson – Maumelle  
 5:30 pm Music by the Arkansas Trombones – Dr. Austin Motley – OBU  
 5:45 pm Music by the Arkansas Flutes – Dr. Stephanie Hoeckley – ASU  
 6:00 pm ABA Banquet (Ticket Required) – Seating begins at 5:40 pm  
 8:00 pm Eldon Janzen Tribute Concert  
     Metropolitan Winds – Frank Felice, conductor  
 10:00 pm ABA Bandmaster of the Year Reception

### SATURDAY, JULY 25

9:00 am-Noon School Bus Driver Workshop – Trisha Labit – ADE  
 9:30-10:25 am Digital Audio Mixing Tips for Band – Neal Moss – Lakeside  
 10:30-11:25 am Cost Effective Color Guard – Sara Field – Lake Hamilton  
 11:30 am ABA Board Wrap Up – John Prater