

# BUILDING BETTER BANDS

## Missouri Bandmasters Association

### MBA Summer Convention SESSIONS



#### Assessment

- Tim Hendrix, Director of Bands Bentonville High School: "1% Better - Creating Small Habits for Big Results"

#### Literature Selection

- Dr. Emily Threinen, University of Minnesota Director of Bands: "We Are What We Play: Developing a Programming Philosophy"
- Alfred Watkins: Retired Director of Bands Lassiter High School: "Programming Music of Under Represented"

#### Music Education Practice

- Eric Jimenez, Conn Selmer Educational Representative: "From Getting Kicked Out of a Band Hall to Running One: How to Keep Kids Like Me in the Profession"
- Alfred Watkins: "Non-Negotiables in the Band Rehearsal"
- Dr. Steve Maxwell, Tuba Professor at Kansas State University: "Changing the Back Row Mindset: How to get our low brass players to be leaders of the band"
- Chris Miertschin, Director of Bands at Bethel College: "Doubling as a Brass Player - How to Juggle Brass like a Woodwind Player"
- Dr. Emily Threinen, University of Minnesota Director of Bands: "V. I. P. Values, Integrity, and Passion"

#### Instrument Specific Clinics

- Chris Miertschin, Director of Bands at Bethel College: "Mello-What? The Band Director's Survival Guide for Marching Horns"
- Dr. Susan Maxwell, Bassoon Professor at Kansas State University: "Bassoon 101" AND "Making the Switch to Tuba and Bassoon"
- Clarence Smith, MOAJE President: "Drumset 101"

#### IMPORTANT DATES

##### April SOON

Convention Pre-Registration opens and Vice President Elections open.

##### April 15

Young Band Director Grants Due

##### April 25-27

MSHSAA State Solo and Ensemble Festival

##### June 16-19, 2024

MBA Summer Convention

#### A LOOK INTO HISTORY

##### MBA PODIUM MASTERS: STEVE LITWILLER

LISTEN TO THE INTERVIEW WITH HISTORIAN ANN GOODWIN-CLARK

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## Summer Convention Information

The summer convention will be held at the Margaritaville Resort in Osage Beach. Start your Professional Development Requests NOW! Daily Breakfast, two dinners, convention finale brunch, and evening receptions are included.

### PRE-REGISTRATION (April 1-June 1, 2024)

- Active \$100
- Retired \$60
- First Year \$50
- Collegiate \$25
- Guest Room Rate \$149
- Exhibitor/Sustaining Member \$150

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There is still time for you to be a sponsor for the 2024 55th Annual Summer Convention. Sign up [HERE](#).

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## MBA Summer Convention SESSIONS continued

### Recruitment and Retention

- Eric Jimenez, Conn Selmer Educational Representative: How to Recruit, Retain, & Motivate Your Title I Students"

### Reading Sessions (bring your horn)

- Dr. David Wacyk, University of Missouri St. Louis: New Concert Band Music Reading Session
- Joseph Earp, Flex Band Composer: "No Gimmicks, Just Music: A Band Director's Guide to Making Music with Limited Instrumentation" (FLEX BAND READING SESSION: Bring a **secondary** instrument)



Are you in your first through third year? Click [HERE](#) to apply for the Young Band Director Grant.

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