

# BUILDING BETTER BANDS

## Missouri Bandmasters Association



### IMPORTANT DATES

November 4-26, 2024

State Audition window open

December 7, 2024

State Band Auditions

December 17, 2024

All-State Paperwork Due

January 14, 2025

All-State Payment Due

January 29-31, 2025

Missouri All-State Band

June 15-18, 2025

MBA Summer Convention

### District and State Auditions: Do Something Hard

It is marching band season. Football games, cool mornings, hot afternoons, marching band competitions, scheduling conflicts, and so much more. But, this is also the time our students should be steadily working on their district band audition music.

I believe we should encourage our best players to audition and become part of a great band. I also believe we should encourage our average players to work on the music, do something hard, and possibly audition. They may just make it! They may just realize how much they can improve by practicing! They may encourage other people to join them next year. When all of this happens your band will improve.

I start with the mass band by saying, "if you interested in audition for district band, please see me or complete the form." Once that is done I start talking to the students that have the potential to make the band, or just to improve as a musician through the preparation and audition process.

Students that are not in private lessons sign up for lessons with me after school at least every other week. They quickly learn the following practice methods: start slow, use a metronome, work major and minor scales, etc.

Students that choose to do something hard AND follow through will not regret it, and you may just get a stronger musician in your band. This is how you Build Better Bands!

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## MBA 2024 Convention Sponsors: Meyer Music

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## Thank You For Your Service

The MBA Executive Board would like to thank Co-Historians, Cindy Price-Svehla, and Ann Goodwin-Clark for their service to MBA. Cindy has served as Historian since 2011. Ann later joined her as a co-chair. Through their work they have created the Hall of Fame Roll Call slide show, Hall of Fame picture book for the inductee, collected programs from the past all-state bands and past conventions, and started the interview process for the MBA Podium Masters, which is an interview of the MBA Hall of Fame Members.

At our September Meeting, Allyson Byrd-Tipton was appointed as MBA Historian. Allyson is a band director for the Springfield Public School System and is the daughter of MBA Hall of Fame Member, the late Herman Byrd. She has been around the organization for her entire life and is excited to continue the work that has been done.

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