



MISSOURI BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION

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2026 MBA Summer Convention

2026 Summer Convention schedule is out
—and it's going to be a GREAT one!

Meals Included = Built-In Networking Time
This is one of my favorite parts of MBA!

Sunday – Dinner & Reception

Monday – Continental Breakfast &
Reception

Tuesday – Breakfast, Dinner & Reception

Wednesday – Brunch

Time to connect, catch up, & recharge

June 14-17 | Margaritaville
Resort

Register before June 1 for
best price (\$125)

Come learn, connect, and
recharge—we'd love to see
you there!

Evening Concerts + Receptions

Great music + great people =
some of the BEST moments of the
week!

- Sunday – Spirit of Independence
Community Band
- Monday – JAZZ Spoken Here
- Tuesday – Friends of Aaron
- Wednesday – The Ragamuffin Brass

REGISTRATION

LINK

Practical Sessions You'll Actually Use
Walk away with ideas you can implement
immediately:

Rehearsal strategies & classroom
culture

Student leadership & teamwork

Marching fitness & efficiency

Color guard & performance ideas

New music reading session (bring
your horn!)

Plus sessions with amazing clinicians like
Randall Standridge!



SET 3 MISSOURI ALL-STATE BAND AUDITION MUSIC

For more than 50 years, Missouri Band Directors have come together to audition the best musicians throughout the state, ultimately creating a phenomenal group of musicians who represent Missouri's finest high school musicians.

Through the help of the Pohlman family, honoring their husband and father Larry Pohlman, we have completed the work of Set 3 Audition music that is now completely accessible to all directors and students.

Our lead All-State judges, with the help of their team, have evaluated and restructured all of our audition music. I am so thankful to our lead judges and their team! Their hard work and commitment have made this possible! Thank you!! Once the music was determined, it was the incredible work of Brad Heckman and Joey Carter that brought our Set 3 to life! Countless hours of downloading, creating, adjusting, formatting, and editing were spent to make this project possible. MBA is incredibly grateful for the work you have done for our organization, and for building Better Bands in Missouri. Thank you!!

Set 3 is now live on our website: <https://missouribandmasters.org/mo-asb/>

Because this is such a huge venture, we know we will experience a few bumps along the way. Although we have reviewed and edited, there will be some errors. At this time, we won't repost any changed or edited versions of the music, until we have completed our Set 3 auditions at the All-State Band auditions on Saturday, December 5th.

One of our reasons for posting our music online is to allow accessibility to all students in the State, and because of that, we don't want to change the music prior to auditions. Our hope is all Directors and students are using the same music. I want to thank everyone for their trust in Missouri Bandmasters Association and in its Board of Directors. I believe in the work we are doing and I'm excited to see the future, as we strive to Build Better Bands!

Thank you—Julie Swope, President-Elect MBA

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First-Year Teacher Membership: FREE

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