

BUILDING BETTER BANDS

Missouri Bandmasters Association



MBA Summer Convention: Check and Connect

We are planning for the 55th annual MBA Summer Convention. There are a lot of sessions, mini-sessions, as well as social events to help band directors in Missouri connect with other directors around the state.

Many districts have remaining Professional Development Funds left at this time. Start filling out your PD forms now! All costs associated with the MBA Summer Convention are listed on page 2 of the newsletter.

You are going to learn about assessment in the band class, recruitment and retention, new band literature, how to use flex band charts, and that is just the beginning!

Here are just a few of our presenters for the convention

- Dr. Emily Threinen- 2025 All-State Band Conductor from the University of Minnesota.
- Dr. Alfred Watkins- retired director from Lassiter High School in Marietta Georgia.
- Eric Jimenez- education consultant from Conn-Selmer.
- Steve Maxwell- Tuba Professor at Kansas State University.

Reading Sessions

- New music reading session with Dr. David Wacyzk from UMSL. Bring your instrument.
- Flex band reading session with Joseph Earp. Bring a SECONDARY INSTRUMENT

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

IMPORTANT DATES

April 1

Convention Pre-Registration opens

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: JIM OLIVER

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Sponsor Feature: Demoulin, MU Bands, and SEMO Bands

Our summer convention would not be possible without the support of our sponsors. Last year we had three general sponsors, Demoulin Uniforms, The University of Missouri Bands, and SEMO Bands.

Demoulin is the oldest and largest uniform manufacturer. The Demoulin Brothers started the uniform company in 1892.

The University of Missouri Bands and SEMO Bands have been longtime supporters of the Missouri Bandmasters Summer Convention as well as great support for bands across the state. The directors from both universities spend a lot of time working with students and directors across the state.

Thank you Demoulin, MU Bands and SEMO Bands for being consistent sponsors of the Missouri Bandmasters Association Summer Convention

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)

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

Solos and Ensemble Season Is Here

by Brad Hudson MBA President

Festival time is here and a lot of our students are working on solos and ensembles for the MSHSAA District and State Festival. Below are some ways we can help our students be prepared.

- Make them play for you, even if they do not think they are ready.
- Help schedule to play with their accompanist
- METRONOME!!! (even if they think it messes them up)
- Have the ensembles play from the score.
- Record the student and listen WITH them.

Solos and ensemble are excellent for students to push themselves out of their comfort zone and grow as musicians.

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