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**FOUR STATES BANDMASTERS CONVENTION & CLINIC**  
**TO BE HELD AT TISD**

***Texarkana, TX*** – TISD will host the Four States Bandmasters Convention & Clinic on Thursday, January 12 thru Saturday, January 14. An expected 280 students and 100 directors representing 50 schools from the four states area will be in attendance. Additionally, representatives from over 40 vendors will be featured in the exhibit area. The event will culminate in a concert series to be held in the John Thomas Theatre of the Sullivan Performing Arts Center, 3941 Summerhill Road.

The Four States Bandmasters Convention & Clinic brings together the musical abilities of area students who have been nominated to the Four States Honor Band by area band directors. During the course of the convention, students audition for one of three bands: jazz, concert and symphonic. Following their concert assignment, students rehearse on a daily basis and present a series of concerts to the community which will be held on Saturday, January 14 at 2:00 p.m. at the Sullivan Performing Arts Center & John Thomas Theatre. Admission is FREE and the public is invited to attend.

Band conductors for the concert series are chosen by the Four States Bandmasters. This year's conductors will be: Bobby Francis, Director of Bands for Texas Christian University (Four States Symphonic Band); Heather Mensch, Jazz Band Director for Tyler Junior College (Four States Jazz Band); and Thomas Mensch, Band Director at Tyler Junior College (Four States Concert Band).

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Schedule of events are as follows:

**Thursday, January 12:**

- 1:00 p.m. Registration Desk Opens (Sullivan Performing Arts Center)  
2:00 p.m. Exhibitor Set-Up (Sullivan Performing Arts Center)  
2:00 p.m. All Honor Band Participant Meeting (Texas High Band Hall)  
2:15 – 5:00 p.m. Auditions  
**6:00 p.m. Concert by Four States Bandmasters Association  
Texas Honor Band - Queen City High School  
Chris Brannan, Conductor  
(John Thomas Theatre)  
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6:30 p.m. Results of Auditions posted (Sullivan Performing Arts Center)  
6:30 – 10:00 p.m. Exhibits Open  
7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Rehearsals/Exhibits Open  
Jazz Band (Texas High School Band Hall)  
Concert Band (Texas High School Band Hall)  
Symphonic Band (Sullivan Performing Arts Center)

**Friday, January 13:**

- 8:30 a.m. Registration (Sullivan Performing Arts Center)  
8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Rehearsals (Texas Middle & Texas High School Band Halls,  
Sullivan Performing Arts Center)  
8:30 – Noon Exhibit Opens (Sullivan Performing Arts Center)  
9:30 – 10:45 a.m. Clinic – “Breathing Gym”  
Speaker: Jesse Leyva (Henderson State University)  
1:30 – 5:00 p.m. Rehearsals/Exhibit Opens  
2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Clinic – “What We Do”  
Speaker: Randy Jones (North Lamar High School)  
**7:00 p.m. Concert by Four States Bandmasters Association  
Arkansas Honor Band – Univ. of Arkansas – Monticello Jazz Band  
Gary Meggs, Conductor  
(John Thomas Theatre)  
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**Saturday, January 14:**

- 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Rehearsals (Texas Middle & Texas High School Band Halls,  
Sullivan Performing Arts Center)  
**2:00 p.m. Concert Series (John Thomas Theatre)  
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**PHOTO, FILM AND STORY OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING  
EVENT. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT TINA VEAL-GOOCH, DIRECTOR  
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