



Invitation to Attend the ACB 2027 Convention

Professional development for music educators and conductors

Dear Music Educator,

I invite you to join educators, conductors, musicians, composers, and community band leaders from across the country at the ACB 2027 Convention, May 19–23, 2027, at the Denver Marriott West in Golden, Colorado. As an educator and conductor, I know the most valuable professional development gives us ideas we can use immediately while renewing the energy we bring to our students. This Convention is designed to do both.

The Convention includes 27 clinics and three roundtables with sessions covering rehearsal techniques, conducting, repertoire and programming, musician engagement, ensemble culture, commissioning, copyright, audience development, and organizational leadership. Professional-development documentation will be available for eligible sessions.

Educators will also have exceptional access to some of today's most respected leaders in the concert band world. Composers-in-Residence Frank Ticheli and Jerry Brubaker will each participate in dedicated Meet the Composers and autograph sessions. Dr. Deborah Confredo will deliver the keynote address, and Dr. Sarah McKoin will conduct the ACB 2027 Convention Band.

A special opportunity for conductors Four applicants will be selected to conduct in a special session with Frank Ticheli. Each selected conductor will conduct for three to five minutes and receive approximately 10 minutes of direct feedback. Applications are due December 1, 2026, and selected conductors must register for the Convention.

Throughout the Convention, you can experience new repertoire firsthand in two Reading Band Sessions, hear seven community bands perform, and connect with fellow educators and musicians during post-concert receptions Wednesday through Saturday nights. Excursions to Idaho Springs, Downtown Golden and the Coors Brewery, and Red Rocks offer time to recharge and enjoy Colorado with new and longtime colleagues.

Need approval to attend? Download the customizable administrator justification letter at acb2027.org to show how attending will benefit your students, ensemble, and school.

Registration is open, and the early-registration rate is \$200 through March 1, 2027. Convention Band seating fills quickly, so register early if you would like to perform. Complete program, application, and registration information is available at acb2027.org.

I hope you will join us in Colorado and return to your students with new music, practical ideas, meaningful connections, and renewed inspiration.

Together in Music,
Amy J. Erhard
ACB Convention Coordinator
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