

The American Bandmasters Association

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Fort Worth

Texas Christian University

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“WHERE THE WEST BEGINS”

Cowboys and Culture

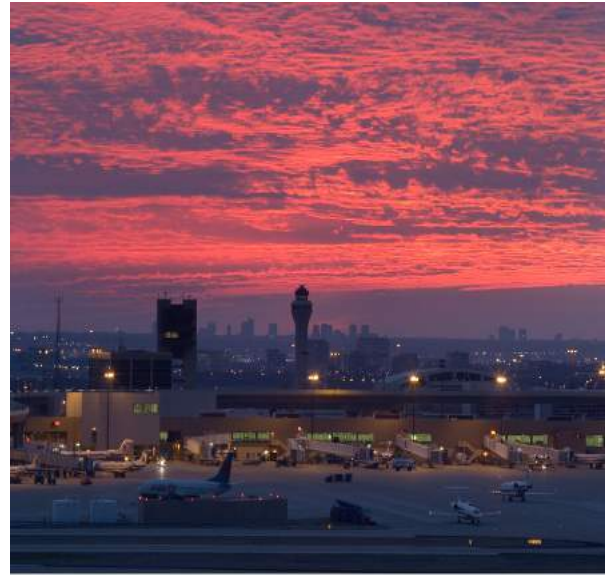


FORT WORTH

Come see for yourself why Fort Worth is known as the city "Where the West begins." The City of "COWBOYS AND CULTURE" is the 17th-largest city in the United States and part of the No. 1 tourist destination in Texas, welcoming 6.5 million visitors annually. Over the last 150 years, what started as an Army outpost has blossomed into a sophisticated, cultural city that celebrates its authentic Western heritage while embracing the 21st century. Considered "the museum capital of the Southwest," you can explore a variety of museums that are world-famous for their architecture and the quality of their collections. The Fort Worth Cultural District, home to six museums in a relaxing, park-like setting is a great place to start your tour. Fort Worth is also home to museums devoted to Western heritage the city's colorful past. No visit to Texas is complete without a stop at the legendary Stockyards National Historic District. Unique attractions such as the Fort Worth Herd twice-daily cattle drive thrill visitors year-round. Top country music performers play the stage at Billy Bob's Texas, the world's largest honky-tonk, and live rodeo takes place every weekend at Cowtown Coliseum. Shopping for handcrafted cowboy boots, hats, clothing and souvenirs is abundant in the Stockyards.

TRANSPORTATION AND AIRPORT

Fort Worth is conveniently located 17.5 miles from DFW International Airport. With 1,850 flights daily, DFW Airport serves as a gateway for visitors from around the world, making Fort Worth an easily accessible international and domestic leisure destination. Transportation from DFW Airport to Fort Worth options include car rental from all major rental agencies, Supershuttle (<http://www.supershuttle.com>) - approx.. \$17.00 each way, Taxi – approx. \$50.00 each way. Depending on your arrival time and traffic the travel time to Fort Worth is usually around 30 minutes.



HOTEL

The Worthington Renaissance Fort Worth Hotel

Experience the most distinctive of Fort Worth hotels, The Worthington Renaissance Fort Worth Hotel. Christened "The Star of Texas", the Worthington is Fort Worth's original AAA Four-Diamond luxury hotel. Located in the heart of Downtown in historic Sundance Square, our hotel in Fort Worth, TX is just minutes from the Fort Worth Stockyards, the Museum District, Cowboys Stadium, Texas Motor Speedway, DFW Airport, Amon Carter Museum and Texas Christian University (TCU). Each of our 504 luxurious guestrooms reflect Western elegance, exceptional comfort and modern convenience, with high-speed Internet access, Marriott Plug-In technology and space to work and relax comfortably. Enjoy fine dining at Vidalias, take a dip in our indoor pool and stay in shape at our state-of-the-art fitness center. Indulge in our Terrace or Balcony Suites and Club Level for the ultimate Fort Worth luxury hotel experience. Discover a new standard for luxury hotels in Fort Worth, TX at the magnificent Worthington Renaissance.



CONVENTION PERFORMANCES

Ed Landreth Auditorium
And Fort Worth's Premiere Concert Venue – BASS HALL

ABA Convention performances will be held in the Ed Landreth Auditorium on the campus of Texas Christian University. Just a short ride from the hotel, the auditorium has a seating capacity of 1200. With ornate stone carvings and rose marble panels, Ed Landreth Hall is built in the neo-Georgian style. The 79,300 square-foot facility contains classroom, practice and rehearsal areas. The 1,200-seat auditorium, the original home of the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, is a venue for student, faculty and guest performances. E.A. Landreth, a Fort Worth oilman, served as TCU Trustee from 1940 to 1960. The auditorium has recently been remodeled and serves as the primary performance venue for all major TCU performing ensembles as well as hosting special concerts and event such as the Van Cliburn Amateur Competition and guest performances of the Fort Worth Symphony. Bass Hall is Fort Worth beautiful performance hall – Dallas Winds will perform there on Thursday night.

CONVENTION PERFORMING ENSEMBLES



**Welcome Reception
and Dinner**

**TCU Amon Carter
Stadium
"Champions Club"**

Plan to arrive on Wednesday to join us for a complimentary dinner sponsored by Texas Christian University and Directors Showcase International. Transportation will be provided to the TCU Campus. After dinner a stroll across campus or 3 minute bus ride to Ed Landreth Hall for tonight's concerts. There will be a cash bar and entertainment by:

Boston Brass!



**Sam Houston State
University**
Dr. Matthew McInturf, Conductor

Texas Christian University
Boston Brass, Guest Artists
Bobby R. Francis, Conductor

Hebron High School
Andy Sealy, Conductor

Baylor University
Dr. Eric Wilson, Conductor

Dallas Winds
Jerry R. Junkin, Conductor



EXCURSIONS AND EVENTS

Thursday, March 8, 2018

JAZZ WINE TRAINS

JAZZ WINE TRAIN, WINE TASTING AND SHOPPING Grapevine, Texas

- Take Charter coaches to Grapevine
- Lunch and shopping on your own along Historic Main Street – 80 locally owned shops, restaurants, boutiques, a glass blowing demonstration, wine tasting rooms, jewelry stores and fine art galleries.
- Optional 2-vinyard wine tasting tour or just do your own tasting along Main Street!
- Jazz and Wine Train -1 hour chartered train ride on REAL **VINTAGE TRAIN** back to Fort Worth with



Friday, March 9, 2018 **ABA GOLF TOURNAMENT**

World Class Golf – Texas Style



The Texas Star Golf Course and Conference Centre is conveniently located in Euless, Texas. It is a vibrant part of the Euless community. Our citizens come for a casual lunch among friends and celebrate special events. Our pride shows as we welcome visitors from around the world who are curious about this distinctive course and facility that has won so many National honors. Texas Star is well-known for world class golf that is secluded in the midst of the bustling Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. This challenging course has been highly ranked by *Golf Digest*, *Golfweek*, the *Dallas Morning News* and *T&L Golf*. This serene public golf course has a private feel with 275 acres of plush fairways, magnificent views, stacked rock ponds, waterfalls and natural woodlands. Please visit Texas Star for a truly unique golf experience, Texas style!

Fort Worth Stockyards



Once home to cowboys, cattlemen and outlaws, today the Stockyards National Historic District is one of the most popular attractions in Texas. Day and night, visitors come to the Stockyards to get a taste of the true American West. Begin your journey on Exchange Avenue, where the weathered brick streets are lined with historic buildings, restaurants, shops, saloons and other attractions.

- Traditional Tex-Mex Lunch at Joe T. Garcias (Included)
- See The Fort Worth Herd, YES, a live cattle drive through the Stockyards!
- Visit Billy Bob's Texas, the world's largest honky-tonk
- Step into the past at the Stockyards Museum and Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame
- Shop for authentic boots, hats and apparel at the Stockyards Station, M.L. Leddy's, Maverick Fine Western Wear and Fincher's, White Front Western Wear and more
- Check out the Cowtown Cattlepen Maze, the Stockyards petting zoo or take a ride on the Grapevine Heritage Railroad

Saturday, March 10, 2018

Museum District

- Enjoy lunch on your own at one of these world-class museums
 - Explore:

Amon Carter Museum of American Art
Kimbell Art Museum
Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth
National Cowgirl Museum
Fort Worth Museum of Science and History
Sid Richardson Museum

<http://www.cartermuseum.org>
<https://www.kimbellart.org>
<http://www.themodern.org>
<http://www.cowgirl.net>
<http://www.fwmuseum.org>
<http://www.sidrichardsonmuseum.org>

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ANY TIME IN FORT WORTH

Free Time In Downtown Fort Worth For Individual Excursion To:

• **Sundance Square** - Spanning 35 blocks in Downtown Fort Worth, Sundance Square is filled with dozens of options for shopping, dining, and entertainment. The 42 buildings in Sundance Square – both modern and historic – total more than three million square feet of retail and office space. Red-brick streets, charming courtyards, lush landscaping, and an expansive plaza add to the authenticity and excitement. Without a doubt, Sundance Square is a place where the past and future intersect.



• **Bass Hall** – Amazingly beautiful performance center for Fort Worth Symphony and hundreds of other national performance groups. Possible open rehearsal with Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra.



• **Fort Worth Water Gardens** - This park was designed by Phillip Johnson from New York. It was constructed by Thos. S. Byrne General Contractors in Fort Worth. The water park is an oasis in the concrete jungle of the center of town. The park features three pools of water: the aerating pool, the quiet pool, and the active pool with water tumbling down a series of terraces down to a small pit. Recently, the gardens have been modified to allow direct access from the Convention Center expansion. This includes a new north entrance to the park and restoration of the multiple sprays in the aerating pool. Portions of the movie *Logan's Run* were filmed at the active pool. The park has recently undergone extensive renovation and it reopened in the Spring of 2007.



Gala Banquet

The Saturday Gala will be held in the Worthington Renaissance Hotel beautiful Grand Ballroom.

Many more places to visit and things to see within a short taxi ride: Botanic Gardens, Fort Worth Zoo, Log Cabin Village. And further away Texas Motor Speedway and the The Bureau of Engraving and Printing's Western Currency facility – Only one of 2 in the nation

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Fort Worth - Texas Christian University

Gary Smith, President (Bev)
Bobby and Teresa Francis, Host
Brian Youngblood, Host
Matthew Garrett, Host
Debbie Alenius, Administrative Associate
Ray and Nancy Lichtenwalter, Planning Committee
Ray and Michaelleen Tolar, Planning Committee

