



The Third Annual ASBDA Young Directors Symposium
Presented by the Mississippi Chapter of the American School Band Directors Association

Thursday, December 7, 2017
8:00 – 12:00

Natchez Convention Center New Orleans Room

8:00 "You've passed out the music, now what?"

Concert Band Rehearsal Strategies: This clinic will show an efficient approach to score study and rehearsal preparation. By addressing specific ensemble concepts, directors will be able to teach and rehearse new pieces of music in a logical format. They will know where to focus their attention during rehearsal and plan for most rhythmic and technical pitfalls.



Jim Peacock
Middle School Band Coordinator
Germantown Middle School
Member, ASBDA

9:00 "Off Podium Issues: Opinions, advice and miscellaneous things your college professors likely didn't cover."

This clinic will cover an array of non-musical activities in which we engage in our job as musicians. An underlying and unifying theme of this presentation is that our personal and professional success is dependent on our professionalism, consistency and integrity in all of our relationships. Points of discussion will include ethical behavior, collegiality, appropriate communication, organization, time management, program design, professional development, and work/personal life balance. The clinician will also argue the value of developing a personal philosophy or creed.



Dr. Clifton D. Taylor
Associate Director of Bands
Mississippi State University

10:00 **"The Definitive Approach to Successful Ensemble Sight Reading"**

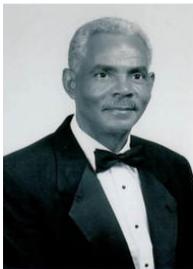
The clinician will share proven methods that can transform the most timid students into confident and fearless musicians in the sight reading room. A brief overview of the MHSAA Sight Reading Rules (and their flaws) will be given, as well as a look at the UIL guidelines and how most directors prepare for the sight reading evaluation incorrectly. A few toes might get stepped on, but anyone ready to take an honest look at their teaching methods can leave this clinic changed.



John C. Taylor
Director of Bands
Pascagoula High School
Mississippi ASBDA State Chair

11:00 **"A Conversation With Badrae Hannah and Floyd Stevens"** **Sponsored by Phi Beta Mu**

Moderated by Dr. Craig Aarhus, this clinic is designed to introduce the younger band directors in Mississippi to two legendary figures in the Mississippi band world. It will be informal in nature, allowing the panel to share some of their experiences with the next generation of teachers in our state.



Badrae Hannah's career spanned thirty-five years in Mississippi, primarily on the Gulf Coast. His bands received numerous superior ratings at marching and concert evaluations throughout the Southeast and performed for two US Presidents. He was the first African American initiated into the Delta Chapter of Phi Beta Mu and served as its president in 1989. He also served as president of the Mississippi Bandmasters Association. He maintains an active schedule as a clinician and adjudicator in the Southeast.



Floyd Stevens spent his teaching career in North Mississippi, serving for 39 years in the Tupelo Public Schools, where his bands received numerous awards and honors for their outstanding performances throughout the country. In 1997, the ASBDA presented the Tupelo Band with their "Award of Excellence," recognizing their consistently high standards of excellence at all levels over an extended period of time. In 2004, he was instrumental in initiating the first State Marching Band Championship in Mississippi. He continues to serve the music education profession as a clinician and adjudicator.



Dr. Craig Aarhus
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