

The Showman

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE SOUND OF WEST TEXAS MARCHING BAND

This will be a great year for the Buffalo Marching Band. We will be Bach to marching very soon! After looking at the schedule, you'll notice that our time as a marching band is very limited. That makes our early band more important than ever. Here's a Liszt of information about this year:

1. **Band Card Information!** Please complete this today. Use this link:
<https://forms.gle/Lyp9cO1HzMKvUTaa6>
2. **Band App.** If you have not already, sign up for the Band App. All correspondence will be found here. <https://band.us/n/afar7389Laz5W>
3. **Required!** A message from Captain Obvious: Early Band is a blast! But, also essential and required. It's the only way to guarantee your spot in the show. We'll likely have a show on the field (maybe both) before school even starts. Be there.
4. The details of the summer band schedule will be on the band app, plan on this:
M 8/15, AM: Freshman on the field, all others instrument and uniform checkout.
ALL-: Afternoon: Sectionals. Evening: on the field
T 8/16 S 8/20, AM: Field, Afternoon: Sectionals, Evening: Field

I'm so excited to have another amazingly talented group of incoming students joining the Buffalo Band this fall, and it's going to be a killer band. We need to hear from everyone so that we can start planning our shows. Please take note of the Early Band Schedule and the schedule of marching performances.

If you know of any student that will be attending WTAMU in the fall and might be interested in joining the band, we would appreciate their name, address, and phone number. Please forward this information to me by email at bbrooks@wtamu.edu or call me at (806) 651-2862.

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR BAND INFORMATION CARD VIA THE LINK ABOVE IMMEDIATELY. It is vital for housing in the dorms and for our preparation for the fall season. Don't be put Orff by having to complete an online form. Enjoy the rest of the summer...

Stay Classy!

Question: What do you get when you drop a piano down a mineshaft?

Answer: A flat Minor



FROM THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Dear Buffalo Band!!

Welcome to a new and exciting marching season! I am Guglielmo Manfredi and I am the assistant director of the Sound of West Texas. Dr Brooks has crafted an incredible show for us and you all know if Dr.Brooks is involved it will be absolutely sensational!!!! I would encourage all of you to audition and be involved in as many performance groups as your schedule allows such as the Symphonic Band, the Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Band etc... make the most of this year.
I wish you the very best and look forward to seeing all of you in a few weeks.

Go Buffs

If you still need to register for band!

MUEN*1026*01 (136581) MARCHING BAND - Music Majors Required Course

MUEN*1026*02 (138004) MARCHING BAND - Non-Majors and Elective

MUEN*3026*01 (136601) MARCHING BAND - Upper-level Music Majors

LEADERSHIP

Head Drum Major	Guard Assistant Captains	Assistant Marching Techs
Meghan Brooks	Abigail Hite	Alex Lam
Assistant Drum Majors	Emma Casey	Amaya Rangel
Aaron Erickson	Lead Marching Techs	Bailee Rettig
Erin Hinds	Gage Winkle	Brogan Lichte
Tobin Brooks	Max Gray	Chema Garcia
Woodwind Sergeant	Mason Lafferty	Cyrus Jackson
Alejandra Mulgado	Rachel Stansell	Daniel Gonzales
Brass Sergeant	Graduate Assistants	Joey Henriquez
Chris Perez	Gerardo Lara	Katherine Clark
Guard Captain	Patrick Lucas	Keegan Otoole
Ashli Sauer	Braden Lefevre	Nalyn Chanthakhoume
	Caleb Martin	Shawn Frausto
		Spencer Owens

Q: Why did Leonard Bernstein's use so many tritones in West Side Story.

A: Because he was a tension seeker.

Parents' Day

Our annual Band Parents' Day will be held on Saturday, September 17. It will be held in Legacy Hall in the JBK. Seating starts at 11a, lunch is served at noon. Prices for the lunch are undetermined at this time and will be announced as soon as we know. You can also get discounted football tickets for the game against Kingsville, and additional band t-shirts for the family at this event.

MESSAGE FROM THE DRUM MAJOR

Hey, Band!

SUMMER BAND IS BACK! I am so very excited to be working with you all again this year. My name is Meghan Brooks, and I will be your head drum major! This is my fourth year in the band, second year as a drum major at WT, and first as head. I am a senior Music Education and Music Composition major and I play bassoon and I dabble in horn. I am from Canyon and graduated in 2019. This summer has gone by so fast, as I have been working with my lesson kids, different schools' drum majors, band camp, watching DCI, and planning my wedding which is in December! I love this band and this school so much and I can't wait to get started!

For all of the new incoming members, I would like to extend my warmest welcome to all of you! Coming into a new group can seem very intimidating, but here at WT are the kindest people I have ever met. We are one big family and cannot wait to meet our new members! Music major or not, it does not matter! We hope you will enjoy your time as a Sound of West Texas member and as a Buffalo.



I would like to personally say that if anyone has any questions about ANYTHING, please don't hesitate to reach out- to me or anyone in the band! I am more than happy to help out in any way I can, or at least point you in the right direction.

-Meghan

I'd tell you a Tchaikovsky joke but it's rather Pathétique.

This is the stuff you really want to know: Dorms, Moving In, Meals and More.

Moving in a dorm? This is the info for which you've been searching. You can Handel it.

Students who arrive early for band will not be expected to help with the Move-in Herd on August 18th. You will not be charged an early arrival fee. Do complete your form from housing. It defaults to sign up for Move-in Herd. You need to complete the Move-in Herd portion, but won't be required to actually help.

I can't Handel all this wordplay. It's Haydn in every second sentence!

The band covers meals starting with Monday lunch. Freshmen, transfers, and returning students start with dinner on Monday. Your meal cards will kick in on Thursday the 18th at 11am. The cafeteria will not serve breakfast on the weekend before classes start, so grab a box of nutritious Pop Tarts for the weekend.

All of our meetings are held in Mary Moody Northen Hall, in room 1010. You'll see it abbreviated in a variety of ways: N, MM, MMNH, Northen, Mary Moody...it all refers to the same place. N 1010 is the rehearsal room for Band and Orchestra, and it's on the west side of the building (for the directionally challenged like me, that's the side that faces Taco Villa). Northen can be confusing to get around in for first-timers. The building is rectangular, the center is triangular, and the hall that connects the building to the addition is impossible to see until you're right on top of it. If you've been to Band Camp, you'll find it. If you're new to the campus, program Ensemble Secretary Tracy's number in your cell phone and she'll guide you to it from wherever you end up on campus (806-651-2854).

We will play and march from day one. Be prepared for any weather!

There is a \$55 band fee. It gets you your band t-shirt, a water jug, a baseball cap and an account with Ultimate Drill Book (our app for learning drill), and free admission to the bands' annual Halloween and Christmas parties. You get more than your \$50 worth.

ENSEMBLE SECRETARY NOTE

Greetings, Band Types!

My name is Tracy See, and I'm the Ensemble Secretary for Bands, Orchestra and Choirs. My duty, in addition to the business functions of the major ensembles, is to be your flight attendant for this leg of your journey. It's my job to help serve you through this flight, manage if there's trouble, and point you to the exits at the end. My office is in the west wing of Mary Moody Northen Hall, room 1011. If there is anything you need or any question that you have, please come and see me. If I don't know the answer, I'll direct you to the person who does.

I'm a Michigan native, a 2019 non-traditional graduate of WT, and a crazy cat lady (In all fairness, I was crazy before the cats). I'm also the "safety Czar" for the West Wing of Northen Hall, so if you see me in a lime-green vest and a hard hat, know that it isn't a personal fashion choice (although I do have socks that match...); it's university-mandated for an emergency situation. If I'm wearing that particular outfit, laugh later (trust me, it will be justified), but listen closely to what I'm telling you in that moment.

Welcome (back) to the best place for Music in Texas. I'm looking forward to seeing you soon!



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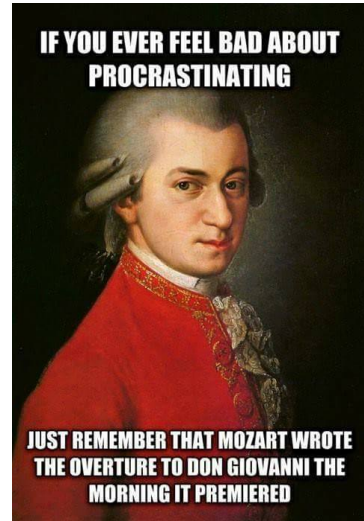


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WTAMU Auditions for 2022-2023

ORCHESTRA AUDITIONS

Participation in the WT Orchestra is by audition only. Dr Mark Bartley, Director of Orchestral Activities, hears auditions the first week of classes. You will be enrolled in the course if you have a successful audition. Dr. Bartley will have a sign-up sheet on his office door (N257) prior to the first class day.



<https://www.wtamu.edu/academics/college-fine-arts-humanities/school-music/resources/for-current-students/school-of-music-auditions-orchestra.html>

BRASS CHOIR AUDITIONS

will have the same audition material as the Orchestra auditions and will be held the first two days of classes. Sign up with Dr. Manfredi.

BAND AUDITIONS

The audition materials are now available at this link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1J6LWLts4S1SbivUcEaKyoFrv2hxzYNCN?usp=sharing>

Hello Band,

My name is Nadia Ortega, I am the current president of the Alpha Psi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi here at West Texas A&M! I am a senior Music Education Major with an emphasis in Trombone.

The brothers of Kappa Kappa Psi would like to welcome you to our band program and to West Texas A&M! We are very thrilled to see you all in the fall!

You might be wondering what Kappa Kappa Psi is, well we are an honorary band fraternity, and we do service in helping our band program and those around the

panhandle. We are also involved with Solo and Ensemble and the Grater Southwest Music Festival. If you are interested in serving the band program, we would love to have you join our Brotherhood!



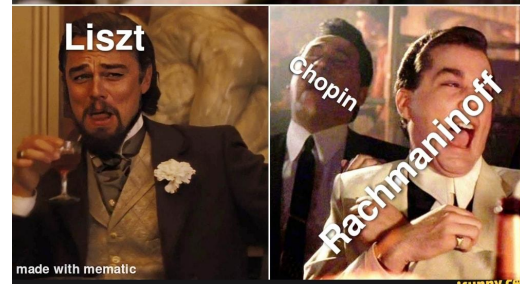
Lastly, we are all here to help you we have all been in your shoes and know how difficult it is to adjust to college and being away from home. We hope that The Sound of West Texas Marching band and WT will be your home away from home.

Sincerely,

Nadia Ortega

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Email: Nortega1@buffs.wtamu.edu



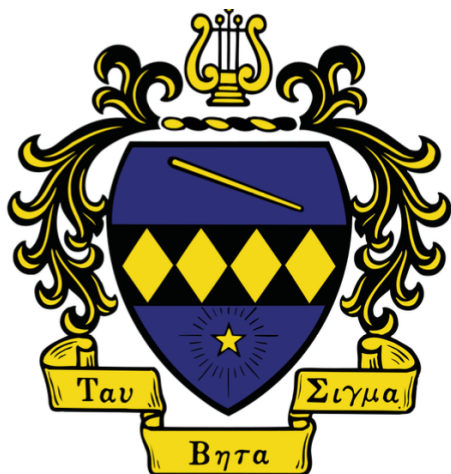
Hi Buff Band!

My name is Bailee Rettig and I am the President of Tau Beta Sigma for the 2022-2023 school year! I am a senior music education major and I play the horn. I am from Brenham, Texas which is a small town about 9 hours away, it is about halfway between Houston and Austin and is the home of Bluebell Ice Cream. I am very excited about this marching season and I cannot wait to see everyone, both new and returning!



As I mentioned earlier I am the President of Tau Beta Sigma and you are probably wondering what that is. Tau Beta Sigma, or TBS, is a co-ed national honorary band sorority that supports music in the music field. We help out the band in many ways, such as providing water at football games and rehearsals, fundraising for band scholarships, or helping set up and tear down for band. We are a lot like your high school band boosters. Other than providing service for the band we do a lot of local service as well. We have worked with Martha's Home and the Ronald McDonald Home. We also have done instrument petting zoos at daycares and elementary schools, and run band sectionals at middle schools. We thrive on service, and we enjoy serving together! As an organization we hope to cultivate leadership and give everyone the opportunity to learn and grow as a member of our chapter!

All the sisters of Tau Beta Sigma want to make your experience moving into college as easy as possible and make sure you feel welcomed! If you ever need someone to talk to, give you a ride, hang out, talk about homesickness with or help getting settled in, feel free to reach out to us! We are here to help you! With that being said, if anyone needs help moving into their dorms, we are more than happy to help with that! Feel free to call, text, or email me if you need help, have any questions about band or TBS, or just need someone to talk to! We are so excited to meet everyone and get to know all of you! See you in August!



Bailee Rettig 979-451-2266 bjrettig1@buffs.wtamu.edu

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF BANDS

I want to start by thanking all of you for helping with the WTAMU Band Camp this summer. You work on the Work Crew, as an RA, or as a Student Event worker is the backbone of the camp. Thank you for making this camp experience a wonderful one for all of those students that attended.

We are excited to have all of you on campus this fall. Dr. Brooks has a great marching season planned. We have a large and talented group of new students joining you this year—our marching band and concert bands should be fantastic. The Symphonic Band will be representing the state of Texas at the 2023 National CBDNA this spring in Athens, Georgia. CBDNA will have some of the best ensembles in the United States presenting concerts at the convention. We are very fortunate and honored to be included among those to perform. Below is a list of the performing ensembles:

- Ball State University Wind Ensemble, Tom Caneva Florida A&M Wind Symphony, Shelby Chipman
- Florida State University Wind Orchestra, Rick Clary
- University of Alabama Wind Ensemble, Ken Ozzello
- University of Georgia Hodgson Wind Ensemble, Cynthia Johnston Turner
- University of Maryland Wind Orchestra, Mike Votta
- University of Miami Frost Wind Ensemble, Rob Carnochan
- University of South Carolina Wind Ensemble, Cormac Cannon
- Vanderbilt University Wind Symphony, Tom Verrier
- West Texas A&M University Symphonic Band, Don Lefevre

The WTAMU Symphonic Band's CBDNA program will include two new works: BJ Brooks, Strange Loops and Michael Daugherty's three movement work, Lift Up Thine Ears. In addition, we will be performing John Mackey's, Sacred Spaces, and featuring our trombone professor, Dr. John Shanks on Anthony's Barfield's, Red Sky. This is my third time to have the opportunity to perform at a National CBDNA convention. I can promise that this will be a memorable experience for all of you that make it onto the stage in Athens, Georgia. Please make the most of your time to prepare for the audition. An experience like this one, is a once in a lifetime opportunity. The audition materials are now available at this link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1J6LWLts4S1SbivUcEaKyoFrv2hxzYNCN?usp=sharing>

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Go Buffs,
Don Lefevre

2022 Symphonic/Concert Band & Academic Calendar of Events - Fall Semester

Date	Time	Event
Monday, 8/22		WTAMU Fall Semester First Day of Classes
Monday, 8/22	4:00pm	Music Major Meeting in NRH
Monday, 9/5		Labor Day—No Classes
Sunday, 9/25	Midnight	Links to your YouTube Audition videos are due for band placement.
Monday, 10/3	11:00am	First rehearsal for the Symphonic/Concert/University Band
11/23-27		Thanksgiving Break— No classes
Wednesday, 11/30	6,8pm	Concert & Symphonic Band Concerts in NRH
Friday, 12/2	All Day	Dead Day
12/3-9		Final Exams

Welcome our Band - beginning with the classics. Our “Public Domain” students:

Flute:

Natalie Avilez

Kyndahl Britton

Nalyn Chanthakhoun

Amaris Contreras

Justice Dominguez

Isabel Hernandez

Erin Hinds

Alex Lam

Elena Moreno

Emma Morris

Alejandra Mulgado

Savannah Neis

Amaya Rangel

Sara Rogalski

Diego Romero

Abbie Wade

Prairie Wild

Oboe:

Tobin Brooks

Abigail Hite

Danny Maldonado

Jocelyn Morales

William Conway

Bassoon:

Meghan Brooks

Daniel Gonzales

Riley Lusk

Kegan Otoole

Clarinet:

McKenzie Bonner

Sydney Fishburn

Shawn Frausto

Joey Henriquez

Ethan Hughes

Skylar Jones

Jeran Nolen

Faith Powell

Kaitlyn Rubinski

Roberto Sanchez

Ashli Sauer

Dayton Scholz

Albert Spencer

Rachel Stansell

Zoe Stovall

Mason Vincent

Gage Winkle

Saxophone:

Marcus Antu
Aaron Erickson
Max Gray
Zach Limb
Dillon Martin
Coby Mount
Mackenzie Pritt
Noah Reneau
Zeke Roberts
Carter Rybarski
Maddlyn Worley

Trumpet:

Christopher Barber
Malik Boyd
Jordan Bunn
Caleb Hesse
Adam Johnson
Mason Lafferty
Connor McClenny
Nassir Reyes
Ian Whitehurst
Brayden York

Tuba:

Spring Garcia
Lucas Martinez
Camron McGuire
Jayce Nixon
Chris Perez
Alex Rivera
Ty Solomon

Trombone:

Caleb Aguilar-Skeen
Damonusess Brooks
Brayden Hebbel
Chris Hillyer
Cyrus Jackson
Alec Jung
Chris Larney
Dominic Mendoza
Nadia Ortega
Spencer Owens
Justin Slaughter
Charles Ware
Victoria Wilkinson
Abraham Wood

Horn:

Brenna Barrow
Karen Flores
Jenna Galinas
Norrin Hodgson
Ermishia Jones
Jorge Lopez
Carlie Marcotte
Olivia Muir
Gaby Padilla
Bailee Rettig
Liliana Rivera
Luke Rodriguez
Rene Rodriguez
Christopher Santiago

Euphonium:

Karina Guido
Christopher Herrera
Thomas Lopez
Aaron Lowry
Anthony Novogradac
Noah Portillo
James Selman
Marisol Vasquez

Percussion:

Cooper Delgado
Hien Doan
Piper Fowler
Colton Gallandat
Chema Garcia
Steven Hilton
Haley Hunter
Brogan Lichte
Noah Lopez
Caleb Martin
Madison Monroe
Juan Montoya
Buenrostro
Tristan Mouw
Charlie Neal
Angel Olivas
Connor Pearson
Mason Rumsey

Our new classics, the “Still covered by copyright” students:

Flute:

Emily Haynes
Diana Larraga
Rosie Mendoza
Mikaela Ozuna
Zoe Roy
Lilia Traylor
Sydney Wade

Oboe:

Katie Carlson

Clarinet:

Fernando Anguiano
Daniel Bautista
Keely Burkhalter
Kayla Cabrera
Taylor Deal
Kyndle Folger
Elias Medina
Sofia Pedraza
Ryan Robinette
Madison Rodriguez
Mackenzie Stephenson
Isla Taber
Hailey Ysaguirre

Horn:

Seth Meason
Ashley Moore

Trombone:

Caleb Coale
Gavin Poole

Saxophone:

Kathryn Aschoff
Rodney Bryant
Caydee Burden
Abby Coon
Daphne Favela
Emanuel Garcia
Orlando Moreno
Sierra Ochoa
Katie Schilling

Flag:

Maddy Allen
Reese Barnes
Zabrae Benavidez
Lucia Gandara
Xavier Guerra
JoLina Lopez
Jasmin Mckeel
Nevaeh Schneider
Crystal Segovia

Trumpet:

Diego Arias
Christian Bartlett
Joshua Clausen
Eric Ferguson
Hunter Lefevre
Jack Sprague
Nathan Thompson

Percussion:

Richard Davis
Aidan Caballero
Kassidy Galassini
Brandon Garcia
Payton Hayes
Colton Leadingham

Sydney Martinez
Mason McWest
Paden Mick
John O'Brien
Isaac Ring
Melinda Thomas

Tuba:

Timothy Contreraz
Mattie Ickles
Nicholas Sparks

Registered for class,
instrument unknown:

Barrett Bright
Jordan Bunn
Alexios Collins
Caedon Dietz
Guillermo Gallegos
Eric Gonzalez
Hannah Green
Christian Guerrero
Jacie Guerrero
Jacob Gutierrez
Gavyn Hohon
Jonathan Hall
Carson King
Timothy Korteland
Ashton Nunn
Christopher Lanham
Madison Merrill
Michelle Solorzana
David Villanueva

There's a humorous story
about Messiaen, but it's
the end, and I don't have
Time.