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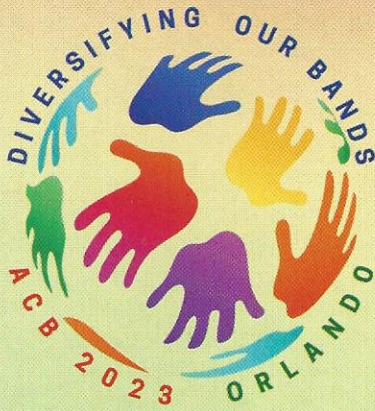
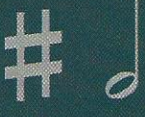
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# 2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION



## ACB 2023 National Convention “Diversify Our Bands”

Wyndham Orlando Resort - Orlando, Florida  
May 17-21, 2023

### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

*All events at the Wyndham Orlando Resort unless otherwise noted*

#### Tuesday, May 16

6:00 p.m. – Board Dinner

#### Wednesday, May 17

Breakfast provided as part of Kaleidoscope package\*\*

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Registration Open

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Meeting

10:00-3:00 p.m. – Excursion to Bok Tower Gardens\*

Lunch on your own

Dinner on your own

7:00-7:45 p.m. – Concert (Bonita Springs Concert Band)

*Gary Smith*

8:00-8:45 p.m. – Concert (Community Band of Brevard)

*Robin Kessler*

Post Concert Reception

#### Thursday, May 18

Breakfast provided as part of Kaleidoscope package\*\*

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Registration Open

8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. – Convention Band Rehearsal #1

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Lunch on your own

12:00-12:45 p.m. – International Panel (*Cathy Likhuta,*

*John Phillips, Artie Clifton*)

1:00-1:45 p.m. – Panel Discussion: Person of Color

Conductor/Composer Discussion

(*Wesley Broadnax*)

2:00-2:45 p.m. – Panel Discussion: It’s not always about Youth

(*Blake Velde & Kaitlin Bove*)

3:00-9:00 p.m. – Vendor/Exhibit Room Open

3:00-4:00 p.m. – New Music Reading Session

4:00-6:00 p.m. – Dinner on your own

6:00-6:45 p.m. – Concert (Broward Symphonic Band) *Neil Jenkins*

7:00-7:45 p.m. – Concert (Central Florida Sounds of Freedom)

*Chris Green*

8:00-8:45 p.m. – Concert (City of Fairfax Band) *Robert Pauliot*

Post Concert Reception

*\*Advance registration required*

*\*\* If you are staying at the convention hotel as part of the Kaleidoscope Adventures Package, breakfast is included the morning after your stay.*

#### Friday, May 19

Breakfast provided as part of Kaleidoscope package\*\*

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Registration Open

8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. – Convention Band Rehearsal #2

11:30-1:00 p.m. – Lunch with Composer in Residence

(*Cathy Likhuta*)\*

1:00-1:45 p.m. – Panel Discussion: Person of Color

Women Conductor/Composer Discussion

(*Staci Hatmaker, Staci Rosbury, Kaitlin Bove*)

2:00-3:00 p.m. – Giovanni Santos – Conductors Workshop

(Masterclass sessions – see signup information)

3:00-9:00 p.m. – Vendor/Exhibit Room Open

3:00-4:00 p.m. – New Music Reading Session

4:00-7:00 p.m. – Dinner on your own

7:00-7:45 p.m. – Concert (South Florida Pride Wind Ensemble)

*Daniel Bassett*

8:00-8:45 p.m. – Concert (First Coast Wind Symphony) *Artie Clifton*

Post Concert Reception

#### Saturday, May 20

Breakfast provided as part of Kaleidoscope package\*\*

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Registration Open

8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. – Convention Band Rehearsal #3

11:00-12 p.m. – Lunch on your own

12:00-9:00 p.m. – Vendor/Exhibit Room Open

12:00-12:30 p.m. – Panel Discussion: Promoting Diversity through

Programming Part 1 (*Pride Bands Alliance Artistic Directors*

*Chris Green, Dan Bassett, David Triplett-Rosa*)

12:30-1:00 p.m. – Panel Discussion: Promoting Diversity through

Programming Part 2 (*Margaret Underwood,*

*Kaitlin Bove, Wesley Broadnax*)

1:00-1:45 p.m. – Concert (Tampa Bay Pride Band)

*David Triplett-Rosa*

2:00-2:45 p.m. – Concert (Melbourne Municipal Band) *Staci Rosbury*

4:30-6:30 – ACB Banquet\*

7:30-8:00 p.m. – Concert (Massed Pride Band)

8:15-9:30 p.m. – Concert (ACB2023 Convention Band)

*Kaitlin Bove, Wesley Broadnax, John Phillips*

Post Concert Reception

#### Sunday, May 21

10:00-3:00 p.m. – Excursion: Wild Florida & Airboat Tour\*



# 2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION

## “Diversify Our Bands”

### Orlando, Florida



On behalf of the Central Florida Sounds of Freedom Band and Color Guard (CFSOF), I am honored and excited to invite you to Orlando, Florida for the 2023 ACB National Convention! Known as the City Beautiful, Orlando is so much more than the wonderful and exciting theme parks that draw thousands of visitors to our area each year. Orlando is a robust community rich in diverse cultures and performing arts organizations. Community bands are a big part of the Orlando performing arts community and to have ACB here in 2023 is an absolute honor!

CFSOF was founded in 2011 as a community band and color guard consisting of members of the LGBTQ+ community and its allies. Our mission is to promote LGBTQ+ awareness, acceptance and equality in a positive way through quality entertainment and fellowship. Our diverse membership unites with common goals: to serve and educate through the performing arts. Since its inception in 2011, CFSOF has grown into a robust community performing arts organization. We perform multiple concerts annually and march in several parades and pride events all over the Central Florida area. We truly believe in creating a band community that is accessible, inviting and safe for everyone to come together to create art through music and color guard performance.

CFSOF is honored and humbled to be the host band for this special event. I encourage you all to come and enjoy Orlando as we make music together and learn about ways to “Diversify Our Bands” through engaging workshops and connecting with members from all over the country through food, fun, fellowship and most importantly — MUSIC! Our goal is to make your Orlando visit truly pleasurable and memorable. The City Beautiful and new friends await you! See you in May 2023!

In Pride and Unity,  
Jamie Gunning  
President, Central Florida Sounds of Freedom



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Band & Color Guard



**HOST BAND**  
**Central Florida**  
**Sounds of Freedom**  
**Band**

Orlando, Florida  
Thursday, May 18  
7:00 p.m.



# 2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION

## "Diversify Our Bands" 2023 Performing Bands

### **Bonita Springs Concert Band**

Bonita Springs, Florida

*Wednesday, May 17*

*7:00 p.m.*



### **Community Band of Brevard**

Palm Bay, Florida

*Wednesday, May 17*

*8:00 p.m.*

### **Broward Symphonic Band**

Davie, Florida

*Thursday, May 18*

*6:00 p.m.*



### **City of Fairfax Band**

Fairfax, Virginia

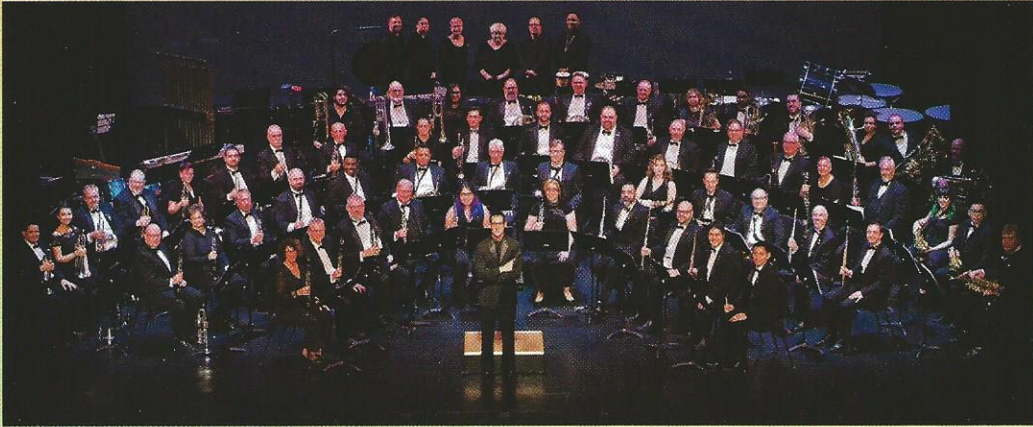
*Thursday, May 18*

*8:00 p.m.*



# 2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION

## “Diversify Our Bands” 2023 Performing Bands



### **South Florida Pride Wind Ensemble**

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

*Friday, May 19  
7:00 p.m.*

### **First Coast Wind Symphony**

Jacksonville, Florida

*Friday, May 19  
8:00 p.m.*



### **Tampa Bay Pride Band**

Tampa, Florida

*Saturday, May 19  
1:00 p.m.*

### **Melbourne Municipal Band**

Melbourne, Florida

*Saturday, May 19  
2:00 p.m.*





# 2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION

## “Diversify Our Bands” Massed Pride Band

Saturday, May 19 – 7:30 p.m.

Visiting bands for ACB conferences are selected by a blind audition process. Each band submits recordings of recent concerts and are evaluated by a team of directors and ACB representatives. The top selected bands are then offered an invitation to perform at the conference. With Orlando’s theme being ‘Diversify Our Bands’, two of the selected bands along with the host band, Central Florida Sounds of Freedom had something in common. All three bands are members of the Pride Bands Alliance ([www.pridebands.org](http://www.pridebands.org)) formerly known as the Lesbian and Gay Band Association. Pride Bands Alliance holds their own conferences once a year, and are hosted by member bands, much like ACB. These three Florida Bands (CFEOF, Tampa Pride Band and South Florida Pride Wind Ensemble) decided to join together to perform three works from LGBTQ+ identifying composers. They have also invited members of any Pride Bands Alliance band who will be attending the ACB conference to join them in this performance. This ‘Massed Pride Band’ performance will be the opening act for the Convention Band on Saturday night, May 20th.

The Massed Pride Band will perform three very important works: “One Life Beautiful” by Julie Giroux, and two pieces commissioned

by Pride Bands Alliance members to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, Omar Thomas’ “A Mother of A Revolution!,” and Randall Standridge’s “Stonewall: 1969.”



“One Life Beautiful” by Julie Giroux  
Commissioned by Ray and Molly Cramer, husband Phillip Reu and children; brother Jeremy, his wife Michelle and children. Dedicated to Heather Cramer Reu for her ‘one life beautiful’ that brought so much love and joy to our lives.

“A Mother of A Revolution!” by Omar Thomas  
This piece was commissioned by the Desert Winds Freedom Band, under the direction of Dean McDowell, to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall uprising.

“Stonewall: 1969” by Randall Standridge  
Commissioned by the Central Florida Sounds of Freedom, Tampa Bay Pride Band and South Florida Pride Wind Ensemble to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall uprising.



## Panel Discussions and More!

ACB Convention Band rehearsals with the three Guest Conductors will take place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings. In the afternoons, there will be panel discussions with these conductors as well as other notable composers and conductors in attendance. These will be moderated panel discussions with Q&A. This will be a great opportunity to learn!

Conductor masterclasses will be available from Composer-In Residence, Giovanni Santos. Dr. Santos has proudly implemented a yearly wind band conducting workshop at La Sierra University where he serves as Director of Wind and Percussion Studies. This workshop will take place on Friday afternoon. Convention registrants may sign-up to participate in the workshop. The nine masterclass slots will be available on first-come-first-served basis.

There will be two Music Reading Sessions. This will be an opportunity to hear music from new composers and diverse composers. The Music Reading Sessions will include music from grade 1-5 to give a variety of new music from living and a diverse sampling of composers. Volunteers from

the ACB Convention Band will be used as the reading band for these sessions. Convention attendees may sign-up to participate in the reading band on one or both days.

Register online to secure your slot in these special activities! Once you have registered for the convention, you will receive a Welcome Email with further information on the Music Reading Sessions. The email will also have signup information for the nine conductor masterclass spots.



Extend your stay to enjoy Central Florida! **Bok Tower Gardens** is truly a place of historic beauty and serenity and a tour is planned for **Wednesday** from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. And don't miss the **Wild Florida & Airboat Tour** planned for **Sunday** from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Once you are registered for the convention, you will be on the email list to receive information about these tours and more excursions as details are added.

**Register now at [www.acb2023.com](http://www.acb2023.com)** to take advantage of all the activities being offered!