



Chattanooga

ALL ABOARD!



Greetings and WELCOME TO CHATTANOOGA!

On behalf of the ALL ABOARD-CHATTANOOGA 2025 Planning Committee, David and Cheryl Gregory, Roy and June Holder and myself, along with ABA President Bobby Francis and Teresa, we welcome you to the “Scenic City”, Chattanooga, Tennessee for the 90th Annual convention of the American Bandmasters Association, February 26-March 2, 2025.

The convention hotel is the amazing Westin Hotel-Chattanooga right in the heart of downtown Chattanooga, within walking distance to wonderful restaurants and historical sites. If you are flying, the recently renovated and expanded Chattanooga Airport (CHA), offers daily non-stop flights to Atlanta, Dallas, Washington, DC, New York, Chicago, and Detroit, among others. Getting to Chattanooga has never been easier! The Westin is approximately 10 miles from the Chattanooga Airport with both taxi service and Uber and Lyft servicing the city. For those driving to Chattanooga, the hotel offers valet parking for guests (not included in room rate). Chattanooga offers an amazing restaurant/food scene with tons of incredible restaurants in the city. I hope you will have time to explore and visit some of the amazing dining experiences in town.

I'm excited to offer afternoon excursions to some of the top tourist attractions in town. Planned excursions include a visit to the Tennessee Aquarium, the famous Rock City and Incline Railway, breathtaking Ruby Falls, our beautiful Hunter Museum of Art and the Bessie Smith Cultural Center and a lunch cruise on the Southern Belle Riverboat on the scenic Tennessee River. For our golfing enthusiasts, there will be a golf outing to the Bear Trace-Harrison Bay Golf Club. I know you will fall in love with our beautiful city!

The convention will feature concerts by the Southwest Dekalb High School Wind Symphony from Decatur, Georgia; the Vanderbilt University Wind Symphony, Nashville, Tennessee; the Columbus State University Wind Ensemble, Columbus, Georgia; the Alabama Winds, Birmingham, Alabama and the United States Army Band “Pershing’s Own” from Washington, D.C.

To learn more about the convention and to make your reservations, please visit our 2025 convention website at www.alabamawinds.org/aba2025.

Bobby, Teresa and I are so excited to welcome you to Chattanooga for the 90th Convention of our American Bandmasters Association. We look forward to welcoming you in February!

All Aboard!

Randall Coleman, Host
ABA Chattanooga 2025