

**SOUTHWEST
MUSIC**
SUMMER EXHIBITION

**THE PREMIER
DESTINATION**

2026
EXHIBITOR
PROSPECTUS

The Southwest Music Summer Exhibition (SWMSE) & Convention stands as the largest summer music education event of its kind in the United States.

Convention Dates:

July 16 - 18, 2026

Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center

900 E. Market, San Antonio, TX 78205



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About SWMSE:

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Who We Are:

- The **Texas Bandmasters Association, Inc. (TBA)** promotes the place and value of music education in our society, and the important role instrumental music plays in our cultural, intellectual, and social lives.
- The **Texas Choral Directors Association, Inc. (TCDA)** promotes the art and artistry of choral singing and supports the pursuit of excellence within the choral music profession.
- The **Texas Orchestra Directors Association, Inc. (TODA)** seeks to support, train and encourage the success of Texas orchestra directors and music teachers and to instill a love of music in every Texas school and community orchestra.

Our co-located Clinic/Conventions:

- Provide professional growth opportunities and CPE credit
- Encourage interaction among music education professionals
- Foster public support for music in schools
- Offer quality musical experiences for students
- Cultivate universal appreciation and lifetime involvement in music
- Develop and maintain productive working relationships with other professional organizations.

EXHIBIT SHOW DETAILS

EXHIBIT SHOW DATES & TIMES

CONVENTION DATES: **July 16-18, 2026**

Exhibit Hall Hours:

THURSDAY

July 16th, 2026

10am-5pm

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FRIDAY

July 17th, 2026

9am-5pm

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SATURDAY

July 18th, 2026

9am-12pm

Move-In & Set Up Times:

WEDNESDAY

July 15, 2026

12pm-6pm

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THURSDAY

July 16, 2026

7am-10am

Move-Out:

SATURDAY

July 18th, 2026

12pm-5pm



Exhibitor Registration/Booth Sales Opens: **February 23, 2026!**
Apply to Exhibit at www.swmusicshow.org

BOOTH OPTIONS AND PRICING

\$80

Required Exhibitor Business Membership

(All exhibiting companies must hold a current SWMSE Business Membership)

\$800

Standard Inline Booth (10 x 10)

\$900

Corner Booth (10 x 10)

To exhibit at the TBA, TCDA, TODA (SWMSE) Convention, your organization must hold a current business membership (\$80). Every booth includes complimentary services to support your presence at the SWMSE Convention: 8' back drape and 3' side drape, one undraped table with two chairs per 100 sq. ft., and a company ID sign (except islands). Exhibitors also receive three badges per 10'x10' booth, 24-hour perimeter security, and listing in our mobile app. Plus, you'll have access to the official show logo for approved promotional use.

IMPORTANT 2026 DATES & DEADLINES

FEB 23

Registration Opens:

- Exhibitor Business Member Registration
- Booth Sales
- Housing
- Product Showcase
(limited number available-typically sells out quickly)
- Convention Event Sponsorships

FEB 23

Maximum Priority Points Earned

MAR 22

Last Day to Earn Priority Points

APR 1

Deadline for Product Showcase Applications

MAY 1

All Balances Due/Cancellation Deadline

JUN 1

Deadline for TBA Convention Program & Application & Artwork

JUN 17

Decorating Company Discount Deadline

JUN 22

Deadline for Housing Reservations

JUL 8

Decorating Company Shipping Deadline



We have been an exhibitor for **over 30 years**. The relationships we have built at the show have been **incredible** and **long-lasting**. Our presence at the show is a must every year as we connect with our existing customers and establish new ones.

Sean Stout
Brandability

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING

Why You Can't Miss SWMSE 2026!

Engage directly with the heart of Texas music education and propel your business forward.

Here's what you stand to gain by exhibiting at the 2026 SWMSE Convention:

- **Connect Directly:** Achieve unparalleled face-to-face engagement with over 5,000 music educators, including exclusive exhibit hall times for all attendees.
- **Cultivate Your Future:** Gain early exposure to future educators, building relationships with the next generation of clients.
- **Expand Your Reach:** Grow your client base significantly within the largest summer music show in the U.S.
- **Boost Visibility:** Dramatically increase your brand recognition and establish a dominant presence in the market.
- **Drive Sales:** Capitalize on direct on-site sales opportunities and introduce your newest products and services to a receptive audience.
- **Network Strategically:** Forge invaluable connections during prime networking opportunities with key decision-makers.
- **Amplify Your Brand:** Secure prominent company recognition on convention apps and benefit from website links across the TBA, TCDA, and TODA platforms.
- **Unlock Targeted Connections:** Access active membership contact information across all three associations (TBA, TCDA, TODA), to refine your follow-up strategies.
- **Influence Spending:** Leverage perfect timing, aligning with new school budgets and purchasing cycles for the upcoming academic year.
- **Access Decision Makers:** Engage with music directors who are readily available and actively seeking solutions.
- **Enjoy San Antonio:** Experience the vibrant culture, food, and entertainment of San Antonio, making your participation both productive and enjoyable.

Who should exhibit?

If your organization supports music education, we encourage you to apply to exhibit. Previous exhibitors have included instrument and accessory companies, sheet music publishers, colleges and universities, uniform, apparel and concert attire providers, marching and concert band accessory companies, fundraising organizations, group travel companies, classroom tool and technology providers, and many others serving music programs.

Who You Will Meet:

Seize this unique opportunity to connect with a diverse and influential audience:

4,000

Music Educators



Future Music Educators



Family Members

2,000

Music Students



Professional, Community,
Student Performing Groups



Key Decision Makers



Band, Choir, and
Orchestra Booster Parents

EXHIBIT HALL NEW FEATURES

UNVEILING THE FUTURE: Introducing the Interactive 2026 Exhibit Hall

Get ready to experience the 2026 Southwest Music Summer Exhibition and Convention like never before! We're thrilled to unveil our brand-new, dynamically interactive Exhibit Hall experience, creating unprecedented opportunities for you to connect, showcase, and engage with thousands of dedicated middle and high school band, choir, and orchestra directors. This isn't just a place to display your products; it's a dynamic marketplace designed to maximize your visibility and interaction. New Exhibit Hall Features: Align your brand with excellence and energy!

Prepare to amplify your presence with these exciting new features within the interactive Exhibit Hall:

- **Performance Main Stage:** Our main performance stage in the exhibit hall features live performances throughout the convention that capture attention and inspire.
- **Band Mini-Clinic Stage:** Designed for band directors actively seeking new techniques and resources for their programs. These 30-minute clinics in the exhibit hall bring the attendees to you!
- **Choir/Orchestra Mini-Clinic Stage:** We've added an additional stage just for choir and orchestra! These 30-minute clinics on our new stage in the exhibit hall bring choir and orchestra education directly into the exhibit hall!
- **Selfie Station:** Driving foot traffic and social media buzz as attendees capture fun and shareable moments in the heart of the exhibit hall.
- **Headshot Booth:** A new highly sought-after resource for attendees of all ages.

New Experiences

- **Convention SING-A-LONG:** Experience this exciting and memorable event within the exhibit hall as attendees come together to unite in an uplifting music performance.
- **Exclusive Exhibit Hall Times:** Benefit from dedicated, uninterrupted periods for deeper conversations, demonstrations, and relationship-building with band, choir and orchestra attendees, student groups and booster parents.

The 2026 Southwest Music Summer Exhibition is your premier summer opportunity to engage, educate, and establish lasting partnerships within the vibrant Texas music education community.

Join us in shaping the future of music education!

ESSENTIAL EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

Exhibitor Registration/Booth Sales Opens: **February 23, 2026!**

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Booth Packages

All Exhibit Packages include:

Exhibitor Service Kit

The exhibitor service kit is provided by Freeman Decorating and includes information about ordering the following items or services: shipping, furniture, booth accessories, drayage rates, utility specifications and charges, carpet rental and cleaning, signs, audio/visual equipment, and computer rental, including order forms and rate schedules.

Internet Access

SmartCity Networks offers internet services. The 'Exhibitor Internet' provided by the San Antonio Convention Center will be the only available network in the exhibit halls.

Catering Services

RK Culinary Group is the recommended caterer for the SWMSE Exhibit Show, including ice, water, beverages, cookies, and catering.

Liability Insurance

Liability insurance is required for all exhibitors. Rainprotection Insurance Company (available through the SWMSE registration site) offers an exhibitor insurance program providing general liability coverage.

Exhibitor Badges

Three complimentary badges are included with each 10'x10' booth. Additional exhibitor badges are available for purchase in advance or onsite for \$25 each. The portal to obtain exhibitor staff badges will open in June.

Housing

Exhibitor housing will open along with Exhibitor/Booth registration on February 23, 2026. A link to the SWMSE official housing reservation site will be available during the registration process.

Priority Point System

Assignment will be made according to the priority number based on four factors:

- Number of Years the company has exhibited (*1 point per year*).
- Number of Booths requested (*5 points per 10' x 10' booth*).
- Contract Submission date (*30 points for application submitted on February 23, 2026; 29 points on February 24, 2026; etc.*). Booth applications submitted online are time-stamped automatically by our database.
- Amount spent on Sponsorships and/or Partnerships? (*1 point per \$250 spent*).

Exhibitor Rules and Regulations

Exhibitors must adhere to all exhibit rules.

- For a complete listing of the rules and regulations please click the button:

RULES AND REGULATIONS

PRODUCT SHOWCASE OPPORTUNITIES

BEYOND THE BOOTH: Maximize Your Engagement!

Product Showcases

Product Showcases offer a unique opportunity to present an in-depth, focused presentation on your products or services to a dedicated audience of music educators in a classroom setting, away from the exhibit floor bustle.

Why Participate in a Product Showcase

- Allows your company to interact directly with potential clients in a more intimate environment and focus solely on your product.
- All Product Showcases will be listed in the TBA/TCDA/TODA Convention Programs/Apps and will be advertised on the digital sign outside the meeting room.

Product Showcase Details

- Scheduled in one-hour sessions.
- Held in a Convention Center meeting room with seating capacity of 200.
- \$400 per one-hour session. Companies may present more than one session.
- One stand microphone, a projector and screen, and connection to a sound system will be provided.
- Your company must provide laptop and cords or adapters to connect with the AV system provided.

Product Showcase Regulations/Requirements:

- Product Showcases are available for SWMSE exhibiting companies only.
- Application deadline is **April 1, 2026**.
- Product Showcases will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis and typically sell out quickly.
- Management retains the right to approve or deny a Product Showcase Application based on potential value to convention attendees and balance in scheduling with the overall convention program.



As an exhibitor, I have witnessed firsthand the **strong sense of community** that SWMSE cultivates. The convention is more than an event, it is a place where **lasting relationships** are formed between educators, musicians, and industry professionals.

Robert Rubio
Note-Able Travel Experiences



SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS & GUIDELINES

ELEVATE YOUR BRAND

Benefits of Sponsorships

Seize the opportunity to amplify your brand's presence! Sponsorships not only boost exposure and build robust brand recognition but also grant you valuable booth assignment priority points. Every sponsorship is thoughtfully designed to provide unique brand elevation, ensuring you're featured in a prominent way throughout the convention!

Sponsorships Details

Specific sponsorships opportunities are available for both the Exhibit Hall and for each individual organization. Multiple Event Sponsorships are encouraged to enable additional exposure for your company throughout the convention. Exclusive Event Sponsorships are available for any company that wishes to purchase all the sponsorships in one event category.

Sponsorship Regulations/Requirements

- Only companies with a completed 2026 Southwest Music Summer Exhibition Convention booth application may apply for the Event Sponsorship Program.
- Sponsorships will be awarded on first-come, first-served basis.
- Sponsorship benefits and entitlements will be provided ONLY for companies meeting the required **DEADLINE** of **June 1, 2026**. All Logos and Company Names should be sent to the TBA office with the application.

Eligibility: To purchase a Sponsorship, first complete an exhibit booth application. Then, add a Sponsorship to your cart before checkout, or return to your member account to purchase later.

Booth Assignment Priority Points: For every \$250 spent on a sponsorship your company earns 1 priority point toward booth assignments, increasing your chances of securing your preferred booth location.

Priority Points Deadline: To earn priority points for the upcoming convention, purchase your sponsorship by **March 22, 2026**.



EXHIBIT HALL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

NEW
THIS
YEAR!

Sponsorship Recognition will include: Exhibit hall signage, convention app, and social media mention(s). Exclusive Event Sponsorships are available for any company that wishes to purchase all the sponsorships in one event category.

- **Performance Main Stage:**

Elevate your brand across all areas! Our main performance stage in the exhibit hall features live performances throughout the convention that capture attention and inspire.

- **Band Mini-Clinic Stage:**

Connect your company with our two mini-clinic stages (one for band and one for choir/orchestra). These 30-minute clinics in the exhibit hall bring the attendees to you!

- **Selfie Station:**

A great opportunity to drive foot traffic and social media buzz as attendees capture fun, shareable moments, potentially featuring your branding or products.

- **Headshot Booth:**

Position your company as a valuable resource by sponsoring or integrating with this highly sought-after professional development opportunity for attendees.

For more information about product showcases and the new exhibit hall sponsorships, please contact:

Robin Williams, *Exhibit Manager*: robin@texasbandmasters.org | 210-492-8878



I have watched as the TBA, TODA, and TCDA staff have collaborated to **reimagine** and make the convention **better each year**.

I can't wait to see what is in store for 2026!

Roger Williams
Got Pride USA



TBA EVENT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



For additional information about the sponsorship opportunities available for TBA please click the button or contact:

Michael Brashear, *Executive Director TBA*: mbrashear@texasbandmasters.org | **210-492-8878**

TBA SPONSORSHIPS

TCDA EVENT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



For additional information about the sponsorship opportunities available for TCDA please click the button or contact:

Sharon Lott, *Executive Director TCDA*: sharon@tcda.net | **512-471-2801**

TCDA SPONSORSHIPS

TODA EVENT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



For additional information about the sponsorship opportunities available for TODA please click the button or contact:

Sharon Lott, *Executive Director TODA*: sharon@todaweb.org | **512-471-2801**

TODA SPONSORSHIPS



We are proud members of TBA/TCDA/TODA and have exhibited **since 1995**. We have seen the organizations **work hard** for the members and are especially excited about the dates for future conventions and the **positive changes** to the exhibit floor.

Erica Crosley & Elissa Taylor
*Pride of Texas Music Festivals
 & World View Travel TX*

Ready to Partner? Contact Us!

For more information, please contact:

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Future Convention Dates:

- July 22-24, 2027
- July 20-22, 2028
- July 19-21, 2029
- July 15-17, 2030