



## 2026 NORTH AMERICAN BRASS BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS | FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

### CLINICS SCHEDULE

<b>MILITARY MUSICIANS</b>		<b>VENDOR SHOWCASE II</b>	
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	Friday at 11:00AM	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	Friday at 3:30PM
<b>Panelists</b>	Staff Sergeant Cherokee Miletti Sergeant First Class James Liverman		
<b>Venue</b>	Jefferson B/C	<b>Venue</b>	Jefferson B/C
<b>Description</b>	Members of NABBA Brass Bands who are in military service bands discuss their career, audition processes, and answer questions from the audience	<b>Description</b>	NABBA Vendors will be showcasing their products. Learn about the various instruments, mutes, mouthpieces, music, and more that is available for purchase at this year's Championships.
<b>VENDOR SHOWCASE I</b>		<b>YOUTH BRASS BANDS</b>	
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	Friday at 12:00PM	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	Saturday at 12:00PM
<b>Venue</b>	Jefferson B/C	<b>Panelist</b>	Amy Schumaker Bliss
<b>Description</b>	NABBA Vendors will be showcasing their products. Learn about the various instruments, mutes, mouthpieces, music, and more that is available for purchase at this year's Championships.	<b>Description</b>	Founders and leaders of youth band programs will share insights into cultivating a thriving environment for young brass and percussion musicians. They will discuss the development of their programs, strategies for sustaining enrollment, and methods for maintaining growth and momentum within their brass banding community. The session will conclude with a brief question-and-answer segment.
<b>CONDUCTING</b>		<b>BRASS BAND STYLE</b>	
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	Friday at 1:00PM	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	Saturday at 1:00PM
<b>Panelists</b>	Kevin Stees, Jessica Sneeringer, Evan Harger	<b>Venue</b>	Jefferson B/C
<b>Description</b>	Conductors from NABBA bands will lead a discussion on effective rehearsal strategies for brass bands. They will also address key considerations specific to brass band conducting, particularly for emerging conductors or those new to the brass band tradition. Additionally, panelists will share insights into their respective ensembles and the professional paths that led them to their conducting roles. The session will conclude with a brief question-and-answer session.	<b>Description</b>	Members of NABBA bands discuss the idiosyncrasies of playing brass band instruments. They will cover what is different about playing your instrument in a brass band compared to other ensembles, what are some challenges people may run into as they switch to a new brass band instrument, and specifics about playing certain chairs in a section.
<b>COMPOSING &amp; ARRANGING</b>		<b>NABBA JUDGING PHILOSOPHY</b>	
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	Friday at 2:00PM	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	Saturday at 2:00PM
<b>Panelists</b>	Charlie Drew Johnson, Andrew Wainwright, Keith Wilkinson	<b>Panelists</b>	Dr. John Bell Tony Granados
<b>Venue</b>	Jefferson B/C	<b>Venue</b>	Jefferson B/C
<b>Description</b>	Renowned composers and arrangers of brass band music will provide insights into key considerations for those new to writing for brass bands. Topics will include ensemble scoring techniques, section divisions, instrumental roles, and the effective use of mutes. The discussion will offer valuable guidance for emerging composers seeking to craft idiomatic and effective brass band arrangements, as well as considerations for submitting music for publication. A brief question-and-answer session will follow the panel.	<b>Description</b>	Dr. John Bell and NABBA President Tony Granados walk you through the NABBA adjudication process and paradigm.
 <b>NABBA</b> NORTH AMERICAN BRASS BAND ASSOCIATION		<b>YOUTH PERFORMERS CLINIC</b>	
		<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	Saturday at 2:30PM
		<b>Panelists</b>	Brittany Lasch
		<b>Venue</b>	The Calhoun Room
		<b>Description</b>	For our high school youth band performers, join our Brass Ensemble Judge Brittany Lasch for a special clinic.