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Dear Friends and Colleagues:

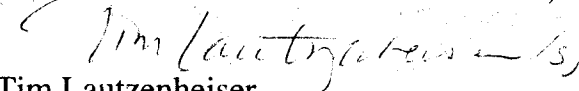
The twenty-sixth annual Western International Band Clinic is now history, but your wonderful Sunday evening performance will long be remembered by those of us where fortunate enough to be in the audience; we were the benefactors of your commitment and dedication to musical artistry; THANK YOU!

Having been a part of the WIBC event for many years, it is always a special treat when ensembles from other regions of our nation share their talents. With three groups from Texas the Lone Star state could not have been better represented, and (suffice to say) your finale concert was the definitive statement that will have everyone buzzing about "the Texas bands" for years to come. The Covington Middle School (Cathy Humphrey) was superb, the Lamar University Wind Ensemble (Scott Weiss) was extraordinary, and then YOU convincingly put the final polished gem in the crown-of-jewels. BRAVO!

I have heard The Austin Symphonic Band on several occasions; always exciting, always programmed perfectly, always demonstrating the highest level of talent, however (for me) this particular concert is one I shall remember as "my favorite." CONGRATULATIONS!

Austin to Seattle; it's more than a mere "jaunt down the road." Was it all worth it? It certainly was for those of us on the receiving end of your gracious gift of MUSIC. What you brought to the Northwest was far more than a memorable concert; it was an awareness of what we can do with music, and what music can do for us throughout our lives.

With best wishes for continued success, I remain,



Tim Lautzenheiser  
Executive Director  
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"What we hope ever to do with ease, we must learn first to do with diligence." --Samuel Johnson - 1709-1784, British Author