

ATSSB All-State Band – 1/7/2012

Houston – The Association of Texas Small School Bands is pleased to announce the selection of the 2012 ATSSB All-State Band. More than 9,000 high school band students from across Texas auditioned in twenty different regions for a place in their respective all-region bands. The top chairs in each region advanced to one of the five area auditions held this past weekend across the state and only 240 of these 1360 students were selected for all-state honors.

The ATSSB All-State Bands will meet in rehearsals in San Antonio, Texas, February 8-11 and will present a concert beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 11, 2012, in the Lila Cockrell Theatre of the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center in downtown San Antonio.

Col. Tim Foley (USMC-ret.) will be the clinician-conductor of the All-State Symphonic Band. Dennis Fischer, Conductor of the Symphonic Band, Associate Director of Wind Studies at the University of North Texas, and Professor of Music in Conducting and Ensembles, will be the clinician-conductor of the All-State Concert Band. The Concert Band will perform the winning composition from the 2012 ATSSB Composition Competition: **Egypt, the Awakening** by Billy Newman. Jeff Jarvis, Director of Jazz Studies at the Bob Cole Conservatory at California State University Long Beach, will be the clinician-conductor of the All-State Jazz Ensemble which will perform at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday in Ballroom B of the Convention Center.

Zachary Ayers, a member of the Marion High School Band, was selected as a member of this band. He was chosen for this honor in competitive auditions held this year across the state at region and area levels. Ayers is a student and plays the trombone at school under the direction of Mr. Bill Goodman, who is a member of the Association of Texas Small School Bands, a 1,000-member group of band directors in class 1A, 2A, and 3A high schools in Texas. This is his first time to perform as a member of the ATSSB All-State Band. His other interests at school include Spanish Club. He is also active in church activities and playing the guitar as well. He is the son of Matthew and Wanda Ayers, in Marion.