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**University of Houston Moores School Symphony Orchestra Selected to Perform for the Texas Music Educators Association 2022 Clinic/Convention in February**

The University of Houston Moores School Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Franz Anton Krager has been invited to perform as the featured university orchestra for the 2022 TMEA Clinic/Convention held in San Antonio, February 9-12, 2022. Ensembles invited by TMEA demonstrate the highest level of achievement in music education. It is only through intense dedication and collaboration of every student and director involved that an ensemble is honored in this way.

“TMEA is especially proud of Texas music educators and students for preparing and presenting a performance that will be appreciated by thousands of music educators,” said TMEA Executive Director Robert Floyd. “School music programs have never faced the types of challenges they have throughout the pandemic. The resilience of our educators and students comes from the passion and dedication they have for making music in the most meaningful and exemplary way. It’s a true testament to the essential role music plays in each of our lives, especially in the most difficult of times.”

Throughout its 100-year history, the TMEA Clinic/Convention has offered music educators professional development clinics and inspiring performances by elementary through university ensembles. In its last in-person convention, the TMEA convention welcomed over 31,000 attendees, including 11,000 music educators.

Hundreds of ensembles applied for selection as a 2022 TMEA Invited Ensemble. Being selected to perform for the largest music educators convention in the nation is an exceptionally high honor.

The Moores School Symphony Orchestra (MSSO), with over one hundred members, is conducted by UH Director of Orchestras and Hourani Endowed Professor of Music, Franz Anton Krager. As a major ensemble in the School of Music, the MSSO performs as a musical partner with many of the MSM’s departments and studios. The MSSO has been hailed by international artists and critics alike as a student ensemble of professional quality and versatility. The MSSO appears regularly with world-class performing artists, and has been featured at several *Texas Music Educators Association* conventions, as

well as *The Midwest Clinic* in Chicago. In 2018 the MSSO performed, to great acclaim, at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington D.C. The MSSO collaborates on a regular basis with the Moores Opera Center, Moores School Choruses, and the Houston Ballet's Ben Stevenson Academy. It is a leading ensemble in the area of new music as well as being an important repository for the standard literature. The MSSO can be heard on compact disc on the Divine Art (Métier), Albany, Newport, and "Surround-Sound Blu-Ray Audio" HDTT record labels. For further information, contact our website at <http://www.uh.edu/class/music/>

Texas Music Educators Association is an association of over 14,000 school music educators dedicated to promoting excellence in music education. Go to [www.tmea.org](http://www.tmea.org) for more information. For more information about the convention, go to [www.tmea.org/convention](http://www.tmea.org/convention).

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