



Dallas-Fort Worth Professional Musicians Association

Local 72-147
American Federation of Musicians

Dear ROPA Delegates and Guests,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to Dallas for the 2026 Conference of the Regional Orchestra Players Association!

It is especially meaningful to have you visit us this year. The ROPA Annual Conference holds a special place for me. It has been as a delegate at ROPA conferences where I have learned of the potential of our coming together as musicians: sharing experiences from diverse workplaces, brainstorming solutions to common problems and working alongside industry experts. It is also a place where we may find inspiration in the fellowship we share.

We believe you will enjoy your stay. The Hilton Garden Inn Downtown Dallas sits alongside the Main Street District, with plenty of places for food and refreshment. A short walk or a ride on the historic [M-Line Trolley](#) will take you to the beautiful performing arts venues and museums of the [Dallas Arts District](#). Also nearby you can find the galleries, restaurants, bars, and live music of [Deep Ellum](#), [Victory Park](#) and more. Of special significance is the moving and powerful [Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza](#) which chronicles the assassination and legacy of President John F. Kennedy.

I would suggest that you fly into Dallas Love Field Airport (DAL), hub of Southwest Airlines, which is about a 15-minute ride to the hotel. If you fly via DFW Airport, you will have about a 30-minute ride. The Hilton Garden Inn is conveniently accessed by public transportation. Both airports provide access to the DART (Dallas Area Rapid Transit) light rail system which can deliver you directly to a station just steps from the hotel.

July is a hot time of year for us in north Texas. There will be no need to pack a jacket! But we intend to keep you cool and will make sure you have a productive and enjoyable experience.

If you have any questions about traveling to Dallas/Fort Worth, do not hesitate to contact me. We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

In solidarity,

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