

WMEA State Music Conference 2026 – Schedule-at-a-Glance

Tentative Schedule – changes in session, location, or time are possible prior to the Conference

Sunday 1/18		
1:00 PM	Executive Board Meeting – Cody High School Library	
2:00 – 6:00 PM	Conference Registration – Cody High School Lobby	
7:00 PM	Opening Night Concert – Cody High School Auditorium	

Monday 1/19

BAND	CHOIR	STRINGS	ELEMENTARY	COLL/TECH	JAZZ
Monday 8:15- 9:15 AM Clinic Sessions					
Michael Broyles Band Interest Session <i>Michael Broyles</i> <i>Room 131</i>	Dr. Stevie Hirner We're Voice Teachers Too! Science-Informed Choral Pedagogy <i>Library</i>	Dr. Charles Laux Automate and Motivate 21st-Century String Players With Instructional Technology <i>Choir Room</i>	David Row Puppet Power- Bring Your Classroom to Life! <i>Cafeteria</i>	Dr. Blair Williams "Come On In, The Water's Fine!" Preparing for Your Student Teaching Experience <i>Room 115</i>	Dr. Daniel Jonas A Beginner's Guide to the Jazz Rhythm Section for Educators <i>Room 113/114</i>

Monday 9:30 AM - Keynote Address

Keynote Speaker : Dr. Frank Tracz - Kansas State University

Room: Stock Athletic Facility

Monday 10:45- 11:45 AM Clinic Sessions					
Dr. Frank Tracz Organize to Optimize: Lessons for Those in the Trenches <i>Room 131</i>	Dr. Brandon Boyd Building Musicianship: Repertoire Using Solfege and Takadimi <i>Library</i>	Dr. Charles Laux Improve the Intonation of Your String Students Through Sight, Sound, & Touch <i>Choir Room</i>	David Row Sing, Dance, Create: An Introduction to Orff Schulwerk <i>Cafeteria</i>	Will Flagg Live Sound Crash Course 1: Gain Staging and Routing <i>Room 115</i>	WJE Vocal Jazz Reading Session <i>Room 113/114</i>

11:45 AM Elementary Luncheon – Chinatown Buffet

<i>Monday 1:15 – 2:15 PM Clinic Sessions</i>					
Band Reading Session <i>Stock Athletic Facility</i>	Beth Kean The ABC's of Do-Re-Mi: Steps to Successful Sightreading <i>Library</i>	Dr. Blair Williams Recruitment and Retention: Demystifying Strings for Students, Families, Communities <i>Choir Room</i>	EXHIBITS	Dr. Crystal Sieger Focus on Rural Music Education for Preservice Music Teachers <i>Room 115</i>	Dr. Daniel Jonas I've Got Rhythm - A Rhythmic Approach to Teaching Improvisation <i>Room 113/114</i>

Mondau 2:30 – 3:30 PM Clinic Sessions

Monday 2:30 - 3:30 PM Clinic Sessions					
Dr. Frank Tracz Building a Quality Program. The Right Way! <i>Room 131</i>	Dr. Brandon Boyd A Conducting Tune-Up: Gesture Meets Musicality <i>Library</i>	Dr. Charles Laux String Orchestra Reading Session <i>Choir Room</i>	Thomas Wilson The Songwriting Project <i>Cafeteria</i>	Will Flagg Recording Crash Course 1 :Getting Started with Interfaces and DAWs <i>Room 115</i>	Chad Rose Small School, Big Impact <i>Room 113/114</i>

Mondays 3:45P-4:45PM Clinic Sessions

Monday 3:45 – 4:45 PM Clinic Sessions					
Dr. Tobin Stewart	Dr. Susan Volbrecht		David Row	Michael Jaycox	Brian Redmond
Resonant Feedback: Inspiring Growth and Shaping Sound	Circlesinging: A Vocal Playground	EXHIBITS	Tuneful Tooting: Teaching Recorder Without Losing Your Mind	The Next Verse: A Conversation with WMEA Mentors and Mentees	JSL - Learning Jazz as a Second Language
<i>Room 131</i>	<i>Library</i>		<i>Cafeteria</i>	<i>Room 115</i>	<i>Room 113/114</i>

6:00 PM UW Reception

7:00 PM – WMEA Banquet at the Cody Cattle Company

TUESDAY 1/20

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BAND	CHOIR	STRINGS	ELEMENTARY	COLL/TECH	IN-OVATIONS				
Tuesday 8:15 – 9:15 AM Clinic Sessions									
Dr. Frank Tracz Score Study- Plan, Process, Practice, Performance <i>Room 131</i>	EXHIBITS	Dr. Blair Williams Analyzing String Instrument Playing Skills to Improve Repertoire Selection <i>Choir Room</i>	David Row Divide and Conquer: Utilizing Learning Centers in the Elementary Music Classroom <i>Cafeteria</i>	Eric Hageman Put some Pop into your Improv <i>Room 115</i>	Dr. Daniel Jonas Improvisation Doesn't Just Mean Jazz: Teaching Improv in Other Contexts <i>Room 113/114</i>				
Tuesday 9:30 – 10:30 AM Clinic Sessions									
Dr. Frank Tracz Developing Student Leaders <i>Room 131</i>	Dr. Brandon Boyd A Reading Session: Tunes That Stick, Text That Speaks <i>Library</i>	Dr. Charles Laux Assessment Practices for the 21st-Century String Classroom <i>Choir Room</i>	David Row Leveling Up: Creative Strategies for Upper Elementary Music <i>Cafeteria</i>	EXHIBITS	Dr. Daniel Jonas The Importance, Challenges, & Rewards of Creating a Small Jazz Combo <i>Room 113/114</i>				
Tuesday 10:45 – 11:45 AM Clinic Sessions									
EXHIBITS	Dr. Brandon Boyd Deep River: The American Spiritual in Context and Practice <i>Library</i>	Dr. Charles Laux We Tell Our Students to Go Home and Practice, But Do They Know How? <i>Choir Room</i>	Jennifer Kessler Planning in the Elementary Music Room <i>Cafeteria</i>	Will Flagg Live Sound Crash Course 1: Gainstaging and Bussing <i>Room 115</i>	WJE Jazz Reading Session <i>Stock Athletic Facility</i>				
LUNCH BREAK 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM									
Tuesday 1:15 – 2:15 PM Clinic Sessions									
Dr. Tobin Stewart The Attuned Conductor: Knowing Yourself, Empowering Others <i>Room 131</i>	Dr. Brian Murray ACDA Reading Session <i>Library</i>	Dr. Tiger Robison String Bass Knowhow: A Practical Workshop <i>Choir Room</i>	Thomas Wilson Folk Dancing Sharing Session <i>Cafeteria</i>	Andrew Salzman The Art of Looking Prepared: Stealable Sub Plans for Surviving Sick Days <i>Room 115</i>	Dr. Matthew Schlorer Cody to Carnegie: Teaching Top Talents in Small Schools <i>Room 113/114</i>				
Tuesday 2:30 – 3:30 PM									
WMEA GENERAL ASSEMBLY – Stock Athletic Facility									
Featured Performance: The Powell Kids Chorus									
Tuesday 3:45 – 4:30 PM DISTRICT MEETINGS									
North Big Horn – 115		Northeast – Cafeteria		North Platte – 107 (Choir Room)					
South Big Horn – 131		Southeast – Library		Southwest – 113/114					
Tuesday 7:00 PM									
All-State GALA CONCERT – Cody High School Gymnasium									
Orchestra – Choir – Band									
Conference Badge or Ticket (\$5.00) Required									

