WMEA State Music Conference 2027 – Schedule-at-a-Glance

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Sunday 1/17	1:00 pm	Executive Board Meeting - Evanston High School - Seminar Room
	2:00-6:00 PM	Conference Registration - Evanston High School Lobby
	7:00 PM	Opening Night Concert - Evanston High School Auditorium

BAND	CHOIR	STRINGS	ELEMENTARY	COLL/TECH	INNOVATION/ JAZZ	HIGH SCHOOL AMPLIFY
Monday 8:15- 9:15 AM Clinic Sessions						
Peter Boonshaft Things you can do TOMORROW to improve your ensemble *Room 103*	**Monica Huntington & Janet Weisbrook** *The Fun Factor: Gamifying Your Choir Rehearsals* *Media Center*	**Margaret Selby** Habits of a Successful Beginning Strings Class *Room 212*	**Laura Petersen** Move, Imagine, Create! *Cafeteria*	**Amber Sturdevant** Congratulations! You got the job! Now what? *Room 210*	**Dr. David Dockan** Pop Culture in the Classroom *Room 106*	**Brent Rose & Katrina Rooney** Welcome to AMPLIFY *Seminar Room*
Monday 9:30 AM - Keynote Address ***DR. TIM LAUTZENHEISER "Building a Culture of Excellence" - AUDITORIUM***						
Monday 10:45- 11:45 AM Clinic Sessions						
Peter Boonshaft HOW we teach is as important as WHAT we teach. *Room 103*	**Scott Anderson** Mind, Body, and Soul - rehearsing choral music with the whole person *Media Center*	**Margaret Selby** Why Don't We Talk More About 2nd Year Strings? *Room 212*	**Laura Petersen** Visual Art As Inspiration *Cafeteria*	**Dr. Matthew Schlomer** Unravelling the Mysteries of Time and Rhythm *Room 210*	**Dr. David Dockan** Artificial Intelligence as a Teacher Tool *Room 106*	**College Roundtable** Music at the College Level *Seminar Room*
LUNCH BREAK 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM Elementary Luncheon – "El Paso Restaurant"						
Monday 1:15 – 2:15 PM Clinic Sessions						
Band Reading Session Zach Tolman *Room 103*	**Scott Anderson** Vocal Warm-ups, pedagogy and reality *Media Center*	**Kelleen Edwards** Teaching Strings for the Non String Player *Room 212*	**EXHIBITS**	**Dr. Crystal Sieger** Inclusion Strategies for Band & Orch. *Room 210*	**Dr. David Dockan** Teaching Towards Belonging *Room 106*	**Tim Lautzenheiser** Positive Communication is the Key to Success *Seminar Room*
Monday 2:30 – 3: 30 PM Clinic Sessions						
Dr. Carver Percussion Methods Refresher *Room 103*	**Beth Kean** ACDA Reading Session *Media Center*	**EXHIBITS**	**Laura Petersen** Sprinkle A Little Magic: Early Childhood Gems *Cafeteria*	**Tiger Robison** Teaching Songwriting (No Experience Required) *Room 210*	**Aemalemalo Seui** WJE Jazz Interest Session *Room 106*	**Peter Boonshaft** If you don't know, I can't tell you. *Seminar Room*
Monday 3:45 – 4:45 PM Clinic Sessions						
Sarah Hanson Band Interest Session *Room 103*	**Exhibits**	**Margaret Selby** Building a Healthy School Orchestra Program: Recruiting, Retention, and Creating a Culture of Success *Room 212*	**Ashley Burns** Reimagining the Elementary Music Concert *Cafeteria*	**Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser** Making the Most of Our Rehearsal Time *Room 210*	**Amber Sturdevant** Breathing New Life with Gamification and Storytelling *Room 106*	**Tim Cox** Music Teacher Mythbusters *Seminar Room*
6:00 PM UW Reception		**7:00 PM – WMEA Banquet "Roundhouse in Downtown Evanston"**				

TUESDAY 1/19

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Tuesday 8:15 – 9:15 AM Clinic Sessions						
Peter Boonshaft Warm-up & Ensemble Development Exercises that Work *Room 103*	**Scott Anderson** Laban Movement Theory for the Choral Music Educator: Move to the music! *Media Center*	**Maragret Selby** Teaching Cello in the Orchestra Classroom (Like A Cellist!) *Room 212*	**Laura Petersen** Music in Motion: Engaging Upper Elementary Learners *Cafeteria*	**Exhibits**	**Danielle Forbush** Vocal Jazz Reading Session *Room 106*	**Gino Hernandez/ Chad Rose** Practice Habits & Audition Success *Seminar Room*
Tuesday 9:30 – 10:30 AM Clinic Sessions						
Peter Boonshaft Conducting: A teaching language all its own. *Room 103*	**Scott Anderson** Conducting Masterclass: putting it all together in the classroom *Media Center*	**Maragret Selby** Sustainability and Happiness *Room 212*	**Laura Petersen** Folk Dance as Process and Play *Cafeteria*	**Tim Cox** Building Your First Music Program *Room 210*	**Drew Brown** Start to Stage: Building a Guitar Program *Room 106*	**EXHIBITS/ENS. OBSERVATION**
Tuesday 10:45 – 11:45 AM Clinic Sessions						
Exhibits	**Jesse Willie** **Melissa Clark** Building Independent Musicians- featuring Lyman High School Choir *Media Center*	**Gary DePaolo** Stretching for Strings *Room 212*	**Dr. David Dockan** Entry Points: Popular Music in Elementary Settings *Cafeteria*	**John Fabela** Panel Discussion: AI & the Future of Music Education *Room 210*	**Dr. Francis Cook** Jazz Band Reading Session *Room 103*	**Katrina Rooney & Sarah Hanson** Student Leadership *Seminar Room*
LUNCH BREAK 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM - Phi Beta Mu Lunch Meeting– "SEMINAR ROOM"						
Tuesday 1:15 – 2:15 PM Clinic Sessions						
Tim Cox From the Principal's Office to the Stage *Room 103*	**Clinician** TBA *Media Center*	**Tim Cox** From the Principal's Office to the Stage *Room 103*	**Jake Elam** Meaningful Movement! The Movement Games of Dalcroze Eurhythmics *Cafeteria*	**Drew Brown** Help! I'm a New Music Teacher in Wyoming *Room 210*	**Exhibits**	**Director Roundtable** *Seminar Room*
Tuesday 2:30 – 3:30 PM **WMEA GENERAL ASSEMBLY – CHOIR ROOM**						
Tuesday 3:45 – 4:30 PM DISTRICT MEETINGS North Big Horn – Room 212 Northeast – Media Center North Platte – Room 210 South Big Horn – Room 214 Southeast – Room 218 Southwest – Room 216						**Brent Rose** Resources & Wrap-Up *Seminar Room*
Tuesday 7:00 PM **All-State GALA CONCERT – Evanston HS Auditorium** *Band - Orchestra - Choir* Conference Badge or Ticket ($5.00) Required						
