

THURSDAY AT-A-GLANCE

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
9:00am - 10:00am	Professional Development Clinics	Peoria Civic Center, Four Points Sheraton
10:15am - 11:45am	Opening Keynote & General Session	Peoria Civic Center - 400 Ballroom
12:15pm - 1:15pm	Professional Development Clinics	Peoria Civic Center, Four Points Sheraton
1:00pm - 3:00pm	IMEC College Fair	Peoria Civic Center - Theater Lobby
1:30pm - 2:30pm	Professional Development Clinics	Peoria Civic Center, Four Points Sheraton, Embassy Suites
1:30pm - 2:45pm	Performance Sessions	Peoria Civic Center, Four Points Sheraton
3:00pm - 4:00pm	Professional Development Clinics	Peoria Civic Center, Four Points Sheraton, Embassy Suites
3:00pm - 5:00pm	Student Composition Showcase Concert	Peoria Civic Center - Theater
4:15pm - 5:15pm	Professional Development Clinics	Peoria Civic Center, Four Points Sheraton
4:15pm - 5:30pm	Performance Sessions	Peoria Civic Center, Four Points Sheraton
6:00pm - 7:30pm	Exhibit Hall Grand Opening Gala Reception	Peoria Civic Center - Halls B & D
7:30pm - 8:45pm	Performance Sessions	Peoria Civic Center, Four Points Sheraton

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

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9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Civic Center 134 | General Interest Meeting

Welcome to IMEC! A First Timer's Guide

Facilitators: ILMEA Board Members

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Civic Center 135/136 | Band Division Clinic

Bridging the Gap: Marching Band Techniques for Concert Band Success

Clinicians: Marc Decker, Kevin Kessler

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Civic Center 210/211 | MTE, General Interest Clinic

The Music Educator's Early Career Blues

Clinician: Grant Tabor

Sponsor: PM Music Center

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Civic Center 212/213 | Band, Orchestra, General Interest Clinic

There's More to the Score

Clinicians: Michael Kasper, Matt Sheppard

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Civic Center 220/221 | EGM Division Clinic

How to Guide Improvising and Composing Using Audiation in the General Music

Clinician: Gina Yi

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Civic Center 222 | EGM Division Clinic

Recorder Refresh

Clinician: Stacy Werner

Sponsor: JJ & Me, Inc.

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Civic Center 401 | MED, General Interest Clinic

Sound Reinforcement 101: What do I need? Where do I get it? How does it work?

Clinician: Eric Yarbrough

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Civic Center 403/404 | Orchestra Division Demonstration Clinic

Making Middle School Musicianship Flexible and Fun: Improve Your Gestural Communication on the Podium for More Efficient and Effective Rehearsals and Performances

Clinician: Sandy Sebolt-Pogge

Ensemble: Belle Armonia Ensemble

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Civic Center 405/406 | Jazz Division Clinic

Foundational Jazz Improv: Moving from Fear to Flow

Clinician: Jim Barbick

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Civic Center 408 | JSGM Division Clinic

Cultivating Creativity with Electronic Music Elements

Clinician: Bob Habersat

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Civic Center Theater | Band Division Performance

Bednarcik Junior High School Symphonic Band

Director: Lisa Heemstra

Oswego East Wind Symphony

Directors: Stevan Rexroat, Jonathon Kurecki, Jeremy Sison

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Four Points Ballroom | Chorus Division Performance

St. Joseph-Ogden High School Choir

Director: Nathaniel Waterson

Sycamore High School Chamber Choir

Director: Drayton Eggleston

10:15 AM - 11:45 AM

Civic Center 400 | General Division Event

Opening General Session, Awards Presentation & Keynote Speaker

Presider: Stacy Williams-Jackson

Keynote Speaker: John Mlynczak, NAMM

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

Civic Center 135/136 | Band, Orchestra, Chorus Demonstration Clinic

Creative Ideas to Enhance Your Performing Ensemble's Overall Experience

Clinician: Lyndra (Bastian) Tingley

Ensemble: Sinfonietta

Sponsor: Musica Europa

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

Civic Center 210/211 | MTE, Orchestra Division Clinic

Get SET with Orchestra: Exploring String Education Tools for Instrumental Programs

Clinician: Craig Resta

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

Civic Center 212/213 | Band Division Clinic

Blending is Trending: Crafting a Cohesive Woodwind Sound

Clinicians: Camerata Nova

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Civic Center 220/221 | EGM Division Clinic

Percussion Party: Get Creative with Rhythm Instruments

Clinician: Stacy Werner

Sponsor: JJ & Me, Inc.

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

Civic Center 222 | EGM Division Clinic

First Steps in Music Adapted to Your Classroom

Clinician: Elizabeth Klauzer

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

Civic Center 401 | JSGM, General Interest Clinic

Hands-On Mariachi Melodia Techniques (Trumpet & Violin)

Clinicians: Jaimie Abney-Giraldo Christine Adelman, Dung Pham, Katie Samayoa, Lisa Yagow, Rachael Tatar

Sponsor: Music & Arts

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

Civic Center 403/404 | Band Division Demonstration Clinic

All the Composers, All The Time: Appreciating and Understanding the Broad Scope of Wind Band Repertoire

Clinician: Stephanie San Roman

Ensemble: Oswego High School Wind Symphony

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

Civic Center 405/406 | Jazz Division Demonstration Clinic

Quintessentially Quincy

Clinician: Kevin Schoenbach

Ensemble: Chicagoland Jazz Educators Big Band

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

Civic Center 408 | JSGM Division Clinic

Beats That Resonate: Teaching Drum Production of Modern Music

Clinician: Miles Comiskey

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

Four Points Bridge | Chorus Division Clinic

Expanding Choral Repertoire: Strategies for Discovery and Diversification (or Becoming a Choral Repertoire Ninja)

Clinician: Paul Laprade

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

FPS Ballroom | Chorus, Jazz Division Demonstration Clinic

Yes! Your Junior High Choir Can Swing!

Clinician: Elizabeth Shore

Ensemble: Marion Junior Jazz Choir

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Civic Center Theater Lobby | Student Programs

IMEC College Fair

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Civic Center Lexus Club | Band Division Meeting

Band Division Open Meeting

President: Melissa Gustafson-Hinds

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Civic Center 135/136 | Band, Orchestra, Chorus Division Clinic

From Traffic Cop to Musical Maestro: Using Laban Movement Analysis and Free Movement-based Score Study Techniques

Clinician: Adam Kehl

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Civic Center 210/211 | MED, MTE, General Interest Clinic

Clarity, Feedback, Growth: The Power of Purposeful Rubrics

Clinician: Zachary Geller

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Civic Center 212/213 | General Interest Clinic

Illinois Arts Council Funds for Arts and Education and Other Resources

Clinician: Jerome Grand

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Civic Center 220/221 | EGM Division Clinic

Getting Started in Your Self-Contained Special Education Class!

Clinician: Emily Clark

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Civic Center 222 | EGM Division Clinic

Strategies to Teaching Part-Singing in the Elementary Music Classroom

Clinician: Seth McKnight

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Civic Center 401 | JSGM, General Interest Clinic

Hands-On Mariachi Armonia Techniques (Guitar, Vihuela, & Guitarron)

Clinicians: Jaimie Abney-Giraldo, Andres Cervantes, Christine Adelman, Lisa Yagow, Rachael Tatar

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Civic Center 405/406 | Jazz Division Clinic

Starting the Year off Right: Establishing a Culture of Trust in your Jazz Band

Clinician: Kelley Gossler

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM*Civic Center 403/404 | Band, MED, JSGM Division Clinic***Beyond “Yellow After the Rain:” New Four Mallet Literature for the High Schooler**

Clinician: Josh Graham

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM*Civic Center 407 | MTE Division Clinic***Defining Expectations for Student Teachers in the Music Classroom**

Clinician: Phillip Hash

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM*Civic Center 408 | JSGM, General Interest Clinic***Ai Programs for the Music Classroom and Ensembles**

Clinician: Alby Odum

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM*Four Points Ballroom | Chorus Division Clinic***Invite! Excite! Ignite!**

Clinician: Cristi Cary Miller

Sponsor: Hal Leonard

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM*Four Points Bridge | Chorus Division Clinic***Write It Yourself: Beginning A Cappella Arranging for Vocal Groups**

Clinician: Mike Bultman

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM*Civic Center Lexus Club | Orchestra Division Meeting***Orchestra Division Open Meeting**

Presider: Brad Pfeil

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM*Civic Center 134 | General Interest Meeting***IMEC First Timer’s Guide**

Facilitators: ILMEA Board of Directors

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM*Civic Center 135/136 | Band, Orchestra, MED Division Clinic***Musical Passport: Exploring Global Repertoire in Secondary School Ensembles**

Clinicians: Hajung Lim, Victor Herro

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM*Civic Center 210/211 | Orchestra Division Clinic***Developing a Beautiful Bow Arm**

Clinician: Rebecca MacLeod

Sponsor: Alfred Music

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM*Civic Center 212/213 | Band Division Clinic***From Honk to Harmony: Guiding Saxophonists Toward Ensemble Excellence**

Clinicians: Nicki Roman, Morgan Smith

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM*Civic Center 220/221 | EGM Division Clinic***Ninjas, Cowboys, and Nursery Rhymes: Imaginative Exploring in the Music Classroom**

Clinician: Liza Meyers

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM*Civic Center 222 | EGM Division Clinic***Listen Up! Boosting Musical Learning with Active Listening**

Clinician: Stacy Werner

Sponsor: JJ & Me, Inc.

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM*Civic Center 401 | General Interest Clinic***Touring Triumph: Mastering the Art of Performance Travel**

Clinician: Brayer Teague

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM*Civic Center 408 | Band, Chorus, MTE Division Clinic***There Are No Stupid Questions!: Live Q&A for General Teaching Tips and Advice**

Clinicians: Art Martinez, Kevin Ferry, Hannah Murray, Catherine Martinez

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM*Four Points Bridge | Chorus Division Clinic***Summer Sing: Creating Your Own Choir Camp!**

Clinician: Julia Beer, Katie Winchester

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM*Civic Center Theater | General Interest Event***Composition Showcase with Special Guest *Conjunto***

Presider: William Rank

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM*Civic Center 135/136 | MED Division Meeting***MED Division Open Meeting**

Presider: Theresa Farrell

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4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Civic Center 135/136 | Band, MED, MTE Division Clinic

Yes, Young Bands CAN Play Slow Music!

Clinicians: Megan LoPresto, Rick LoPresto, Brian Shelton

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Civic Center 210/211 | MED, MTE, General Interest Clinic

Young Educators' Teaching Experiences in Low Income Area Programs

Clinicians: Angela Andolfi, Jessica Guenther, Ann Kazmi, Taylor Nigro, Cassie Ruiz, Larissa Thomas, Hayley Wendling

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Civic Center 212/213 | General Interest Meeting

Neurodivergent Music Educators Meet-Up

Presiders: Emily Miller-Amato, Erin Hopkins

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Civic Center 220/221 | Chorus, EGM Division Clinic

First Steps in Part Singing

Clinician: Emily Maurek

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Civic Center 222 | EGM Division Clinic

Engaging Song Games for Upper Elementary

Clinician: Vicky Suarez

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Civic Center 401 | Band, MED, General Interest Clinic

Cross Generational Perspectives in Band Directing: A Panel Discussion

Clinicians: Matthew Bufis, Alli Torf

4:15 PM - 5:30 PM

Civic Center 403/404 | Orchestra Division Performance

Franklin STEAM Academy 8th Grade Orchestra

Directors: Jaime Escatel, Nicholas Schulze

Bloomington High School Chamber Orchestra

Director: Caleb Mackinder

4:15 PM - 5:30 PM

Civic Center 405/406 | Jazz Division Performance

Jersey Community High School Jazz Ensemble

Director: Erin Bittles

Oak Park & River Forest High School Jazz Ensemble

Director: Anthony Svejda

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Civic Center 408 | JSGM, General Interest Clinic

Ear Training and Theory Fitness? There's an App For That!

Clinician: Mike Olander

Sponsor: MusicFirst

4:15 PM - 5:30 PM

Four Points Ballroom | Chorus Division Performance

Dundee-Crown High School Chamber Choir

Director: Jake Stouffer

Neuqua Valley High School Varsity Chamber Singers

Directors: Anne Kasprzak, Ryan Rimington

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Civic Center Lexus Club | General Interest Event

Music Educators of Color Reception

5:15 PM - 6:00 PM

Civic Center Play in Peoria Lobby | Chorus Division Event

All-Conference Sing

Facilitator: Rick Murphy

Sponsor: Kidder Music Service

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Civic Center Exhibit Halls B & D | General Interest Event

Gala Grand Opening Reception & Music Education Expo

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Civic Center 405/406 | Jazz Division Performance

SIUE Concert Jazz Band

Director: Garrett Schmidt

Eastern Illinois University Jazz Ensemble

Director: Sam Fagaly

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Civic Center Theater | Band Division Performance

Marian Catholic Symphonic Band

Director: Steven Pyter

Libertyville High School Wind Ensemble

Directors: Adam Gohr, Dustin Helvie, Matt Karnstedt

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Four Points Ballroom | Choir Division Performance

Millikin University Choir

Director: Benjamin Hawkinson

Western Illinois University Singers

Director: Brian Winnie

7:30 PM - 8:45 PM*Civic Center 220/221 | EGM Division Clinic***Dance and Play the Evening Away**

Clinician: Manju Durairaj

7:30 PM - 8:45 PM*Civic Center 403/404 | Orchestra Division Clinic***ILASTA Reading Session**

Clinician: Dung Pham

Sponsors: Quinlan & Fabish, Seman Violins, Luck's Music

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM*Kelleher's Irish Pub | General Interest Event***Irish Session**

Facilitator: Neal Smith

8:30 PM - 10:30 PM*Obed & Isaac's Microbrewery | Chorus Division Event***ILACDA Reception**

President: Amy Branahl

10:30 PM - 12:00 AM*MPM Great Room | Jazz Division Event***All-Star Jazz Band****Advanced Reading Session**

Facilitator: Todd Kelly

Sponsor: The Music Shoppe, Inc

Professional Development Clinics at Embassy Suites Conference Center

The Embassy Suites Conference Center venue will house selected professional development clinics during Junior High All-State Band and Chorus rehearsals in 2026! This will allow directors who need to remain onsite with their students the opportunity to attend clinics with a junior high instrumental focus; these clinics will also be part of the conference schedule at the Civic Center so that all attendees may take advantage of the opportunity to learn from their colleagues!

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1:30 PM - 2:30 PM*Cole-Schertz Room | Band, Orchestra, Chorus Division Clinic***Teaching Multilingual Learners in Music Ensembles**

Clinician: Alexandra Rudy

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM*Fondulac Room | Band, Orchestra, General Interest Clinic***There's More to the Score**

Clinicians: Michael Kasper, Matt Sheppard

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM*Cole-Schertz Room | Orchestra Division Clinic***Success with the Small Things: How to Start and Maintain Beginning Strings**

Clinician: April Whyte

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM*Fondulac Room | Band Division Clinic***Maximizing the Method Book in Beginning Band**

Clinician: Phillip Hash

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM*Cole-Schertz Room | Orchestra Division Clinic***Setting Beginning Students Up for Success: A Pedagogical Model for Beginning Strings**

Clinician: Rebecca MacLeod

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM*Fondulac Room | MED, MTE, General Interest Clinic***IEP Melodies: Finding the Right Tune for Every Student**

Clinician: Kathryn Knudson

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM*Cole-Schertz Room | Orchestra, General Interest Clinic***Who's Drivin' This Bus? The Learner-Centered String Class**

Clinician: Blair Williams

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8:30 AM - 9:30 AM*Cole-Schertz Room | Orchestra, MTE Division Clinic***String Techniques 101: Teaching Tips for the Non-String Native, From a Non-String Native**

Clinician: Evangeline Smith

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM*Fondulac Room | JSGM Division Clinic***Responding and Connecting Standards: Mysterious or Magnificent?**

Clinician: Jeff Dare

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8:15am - 9:30am	Performance Sessions	Peoria Civic Center, Four Points Sheraton
8:30am - 9:30am	Professional Development Clinics	Peoria Civic Center, Four Points Sheraton, Embassy Suites
9:45am - 10:45am	Professional Development Clinics	Peoria Civic Center, Four Points Sheraton, Embassy Suites
10:45am - 12:00pm	Performance Sessions	Peoria Civic Center, Four Points Sheraton
11:00am - 12:00pm	Professional Development Clinics	Peoria Civic Center, Four Points Sheraton, Embassy Suites
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Visit the Exhibits	Exhibit Halls B&D
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Professional Development Clinics	Peoria Civic Center, Four Points Sheraton
2:15pm - 3:15pm	Professional Development Clinics	Peoria Civic Center, Four Points Sheraton
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Professional Development Clinics	Peoria Civic Center, Four Points Sheraton
3:30pm - 4:45pm	Performance Sessions	Peoria Civic Center, Four Points Sheraton
5:00pm - 7:00pm	Meetings & Events	Peoria Civic Center, Four Points Sheraton
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Junior High All-State Concert	Peoria Civic Center - Carver Arena
7:30pm - 10:00pm	All-State Jazz Night Concert	Peoria Civic Center - Theater

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7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Civic Center Terrazzo Lobby

Conference Registration

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Civic Center Lexus Club | General Interest Event

LGBTQ+ Music Educators Reception

8:15 AM - 9:30 AM

Civic Center 405/406 | Jazz Division Performance

Westfield Community School Jazz Ensemble

Director: Kelly Hoblin-Lamorena

Warren Township High School Jazz Ensemble

Director: Dave Tribley

8:15 AM - 9:30 AM

Civic Center Theater | Band Division Performance

Dundee Middle School 8th Grade

Symphonic Band

Director: Michael Kasper

Ottawa Township High School

Wind Ensemble

Director: Andrew Jacobi

8:15 AM - 9:30 AM

Four Points Ballroom | Chorus Division Performance

Moline High School Bella Voce

Director: Ben Holmes

Marmion Men's Chorus

Director: Brian Birch

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Civic Center 134 | General Interest Clinic

Video Auditions 101

Clinicians: Taylor Beekman, Mark Corey

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Civic Center 135/136 | General Interest Clinic

Systemic Factors Contributing to the

Teacher Profession

Clinician: Matthew Hibbets

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Civic Center 212/213 | MTE Division Clinic

String Pedagogy as Social Purpose:

Consistency and Change in Music Education

Clinician: Craig Resta

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Civic Center 220/221 | Chorus, EGM Division Clinic

It's a Musical World:

Travel the World Through Song

Clinician: John Jacobson

Sponsor: JJ & Me, Inc.

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Civic Center 403/404 | General Interest Demonstration Clinic

Starting, Sustaining, and Excelling your

Mariachi Ensemble

Clinicians: Néstor Domínguez, Jr., Jose Antonio Ozuna

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Civic Center 408 | MED, JSGM General Interest Clinic

Using Score Study and Selection Skills to

Mentor Developing Student Composers

Clinician: Marybeth Kurnat

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Civic Center Theater Lobby | EGM Division Clinic

Up, Down and All Around:

Parachute Activities for Every Season!

Clinicians: Sarah Hepner, Catherine Martinez

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Civic Center Exhibit Halls B & D

Exhibit Hall Open

9:45 AM - 10:00 AM

Civic Center 134 | Jazz Division Meeting

Jazz Division Open Meeting

Prsident: Christopher Render

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

Civic Center 210/211 | General Division Meeting

TRS Information Session

Prsident: Nicholas Stabler

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

Civic Center 212/213 | Orchestra, General Interest Clinic

Recruitment and Retention: Demystifying

Strings for Students, Families, and

Communities

Clinician: Blair Williams

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

Civic Center 220/221 | EGM Division Clinic

Just Play!

Clinician: Josh Southard

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM*Civic Center 222 | EGM Division***Come and Play the Kodaly Way**

Clinician: Christine Smith

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM*Civic Center 401 | General Interest Clinic***Striking a Chord: How Teachers' Unions Empower Music Educators**

Clinicians: Lindsay Petty, Madeline Wood

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM*Civic Center 403/404 | Band, Orchestra Division Clinic***Building Community, Rapport and Leadership in the Middle School Instrumental Music Classroom**

Clinicians: Jaime Escatel, Kyle Rinke

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM*Civic Center 405/406 | Jazz Division Clinic***Utilizing the Estill Voice Method for Healthy Vocal Jazz Pedagogy**

Clinician: Lara Brooks

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM*Civic Center 407 | Chorus General Interest Clinic***Centering Mental Health and Identity in Process and Product**

Clinician: Trevor Nicholas

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM*Civic Center 408 | General Interest Clinic***How to Grow and Sustain a Modern Band Program**

Clinicians: Anne Gray, Emilie Knieriemen

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM*Four Points Ballroom | Chorus Division Clinic***Solo Flight: Helping Young Voices Take Off**

Clinician: Cristi Cary Miller

Sponsor: Hal Leonard

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM*Four Points Bridge | Band, Orchestra, Chorus Division Clinic***Concerts That Teach, Concerts that Reach**

Clinician: Jeremy Little

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM*Civic Center Theater | Orchestra Division Performance***Niles West Symphonic Orchestra**

Director: Natalie Frakes

Moline High School Symphonic Orchestra

Director: Zack Morton

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM*Civic Center Exhibit Hall | MTE Division Event***Research Poster Session****11:00 AM - 12:00 PM***Civic Center 134 | JSGM Division Meeting***JSGM Division Open Meeting**

Presider: William Rank

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM*Civic Center 135/136 | Jazz Division Clinic***Vocal Jazz Reading Session**

Clinician: Kat Sherman

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM*Civic Center 210/211 | General Interest Meeting***TRS Question & Answer**

Presider: Nicholas Stabler

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM*Civic Center 212/213 | Orchestra Division Clinic***Mastering Technique in the Heterogeneous String Classroom: Part Two - The Left Hand**

Clinicians: Cora Swenson Lee, Katherine Lewis, Benjamin de Kock

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM*Civic Center 220/221 | EGM Division Clinic***Puppet Power: Bring Your Classroom to Life!**

Clinician: David Row

Sponsor: West Music

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM*Civic Center 222 | JSGM, EGM Division Clinic***Creative and Equitable Curriculum Design for the General Music Classroom**

Clinician: Julieanna Pomian

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM*Civic Center 401 | General Interest Clinic***They Don't Want to Teach? Help Your Students Find a Career Path in the Music Industry!**

Clinician: Carl Anderson

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11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Civic Center 402 | Band, Orchestra, Chorus Division Clinic

Creativity Where Failure May be a Requirement

Clinician: David Law

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Civic Center 403/404 | Band Division Clinic

Maximizing the Method Book in Beginning Band

Clinician: Phillip Hash

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Civic Center 405/406 | Jazz, MED Division Clinic

How To Support Young Women in Secondary Jazz Ensembles: Examining the Research to Better Educational Practices

Clinician: Crystal Rebone

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Civic Center 408 | MTE, General Interest Clinic

From Storytelling to Stage: Harnessing AI in Educational Artistry within the Framework of Music Education

Clinician: Karla Clark

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Four Points Ballroom | Chorus, MTE Division Clinic

Open Heart, Open Mind: Performing World Music in Your Own Backyard

Clinician: Eric Johnson

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Four Points Bridge | General Interest Clinic

Teaching in a Cornfield

Clinicians: Elizabeth Klauzer, Andrea Ferguson, Melinda Reed, Sinclair Roencher

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Civic Center 218 | MTE Division Meeting

MTE Open Meeting

Presider: Dawn Farmer

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Civic Center Theater | Orchestra Division Event

ASTA Luncheon

Presider: Dung Pham

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Civic Center 135/136 | MTE, JSGM, General Interest Clinic

The Composers' Guild: A Program to Educate and Inspire Student Composers

Clinician: David Getz

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Civic Center 210/211 | Orchestra, General Interest Clinic

Exploring Southeast Asian Music and Cultures in the String Orchestra

Clinicians: Clayton Dahm, Faith Tsou

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Civic Center 212/213 | Band, Orchestra, Chorus Division Clinic

Teaching Multilingual Learners in Music Ensembles

Clinician: Alexandra Rudy

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Civic Center 220/221 | EGM Division Clinic

Children's Literature and the Modes

Clinician: Josh Southard

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Civic Center 222 | EGM Division Clinic

K-2 For You: Engaging Music Activities for Young Learners

Clinician: John Jacobson

Sponsor: JJ & Me, Inc.

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Civic Center 401 | MED MTE JSGM Division Clinic

Inclusive Fine Arts: A Vision and a Model

Clinicians: Jeremy Little, Danielle Rogner

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Civic Center 403/404 | Band Division Demonstration Clinic

Blue Collar Band: Excellence in Title 1 Band Programs

Clinicians: Shan Kazmi, Michael Wawrzynski

Ensemble: Zion-Benton Township High School Symphonic Band

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Civic Center 405/406 | Band, Jazz, General Interest Demonstration Clinic

Bronzeville to Bollywood: Incorporating Southeast Asian Baraat Traditions into your Jazz Program

Clinicians: Catie Hickey, Kyle Brooks, Akshat Jain, Kabir Dalawari

Ensemble: Butter Chicken

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Civic Center 408 | General Interest Clinic

Yes, and... Using Improv Philosophy in to Build Class Culture

Clinician: Emily Miller-Amato

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

FPS Ballroom | Chorus Division Demonstration Clinic

The Art and Impact of Show Choir

Clinician: Sean Hoffmann

Ensemble: Manteno Magic

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Four Points Bridge | Chorus, MTE Division Clinic

Long-Term Planning for Choral Ensembles

Clinician: Andrew Bruhn

2:15 PM - 3:15 PM

Civic Center 134 | JSGM Division Event

Ukulele Jam

Clinician: Paul Marchese, William Rank

2:15 PM - 3:15 PM

Civic Center 135/136 | Orchestra, MTE Division Clinic

String Techniques 101: Teaching tips for the Non-String Native, from a Non-String Native

Clinician: Evangeline Smith

2:15 PM - 3:15 PM

Civic Center 210/211 | General Interest Clinic

Bridging Language and Music: Strategies for Teaching English Language Learners

Clinicians: Ashley Barajas-Galan, Michael Velasquez

2:15 PM - 3:15 PM

Civic Center 212/213 | Band Division Clinic

Utilizing the Yamaha Harmony Director for Private Teachers

Clinician: Thomas Bough

2:15 PM - 3:15 PM

Civic Center 220/221 | MED, EGM, General Interest Clinic

Teaching Awesome Kids on the Spectrum

Clinicians: Sheryl Crowell, Amanda Janitzky

2:15 PM - 3:15 PM

Civic Center 222 | EGM Division Clinic

Creative Movement in the Elementary General Music Classroom

Clinician: Emily Maurek

2:15 PM - 3:15 PM

Civic Center 401 | Band, Orchestra, General Interest Clinic

Maximizing Every Minute: Transforming Score Study into an Active, Music-Making Experience

Clinicians: Nick Balla, Kim Fleming

2:15 PM - 3:15 PM

Civic Center 408 | JSGM, EGM Division Clinic

Punch In, Prewrite, and Freestyle: Songwriting Approaches from Hip Hop Perspectives

Clinicians: Adam Kruse, Nekaybaw Blunt, Eric Brown, Dylan Marcum, Jess Mullen, and Pete Shungu

2:15 PM - 3:15 PM

FPS Ballroom | Chorus Division Meeting

Chorus Division Open Meeting

President: Frank Piekarz

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Civic Center 135/136 | MED, MTE, General Interest Clinic

IEP Melodies: Finding the Right Tune for Every Student

Clinician: Kathryn Knudson

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Civic Center 210/211 | Band Division Clinic

Building Your Curriculum: Considerations for Finding Quality Literature for Younger Ensembles

Clinician: David Blon

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Civic Center 218 | MTE Division Clinic

Spotlight on Research

President: Al Legutki

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Civic Center 220/221 | EGM Division

Come and Play the Orff Way

Clinician: Rachel Aupperle, Sue Keeble, Angela Loring, and Austin Stout

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Civic Center 222 | Chorus, EGM Division Clinic

Showtime: Musicals and More

Clinician: John Jacobson

Sponsor: JJ & Me, Inc.

SATURDAY

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Civic Center 401 | MED, MTE, General Interest Clinic

Conducting Change: Evolving as a Music Educator

Clinician: Mark Iwinski

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Civic Center 408 | JSGM Division Clinic

Penguins, Loops, and Beats: Building an Intro Music Tech Curriculum

Clinician: Brendon Culloton

3:30 PM - 4:45 PM

Civic Center 403/404 | Orchestra, JSGM Demonstration Clinic

Take Your Guitar Class to the Next Level

Clinician: Michael Tseitlin

Ensemble: Patriot Guitar Ensemble

3:30 PM - 4:45 PM

Civic Center 405/406 | Jazz Division Performance

Prairie Grove Junior High Jazz Band 1

Director: Jeff Crylen

Superscript7 Vocal Jazz

Director: Jennifer Wiczner-Parker

3:30 PM - 4:45 AM

FPS Ballroom | Chorus Division Clinic

ILACDA Reading Session

Prsider: Amy Branahl

Sponsor: Kidder Music, ILACDA

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

MPM LaSalle Ballroom

ILMEA Retired Members, District Representatives & VIP Reception

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Civic Center 220/221 | EGM Division Meeting

EGM Division Open Meeting

Prsider: Manju Durairaj

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Civic Center 400 | MTE Division Event

Collegiate Pizza Party

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Civic Center Arena | Student Programs Performance

Junior High All-State Concert

Complimentary admission with conference badge;

\$5 General Admission Ticket at the door for all others

7:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Civic Center Arena | Student Programs Performance

All-State Jazz Night Concert

Complimentary admission with conference badge;

\$5 General Admission Ticket at the door for all others

10:30 PM - 11:59 PM

MPM Great Room | Jazz Division Event

Districts 1, 3 and 6 Director's Beginning to Intermediate Jazz Reading Session

Facilitator: Christopher Render

Sponsor: The Music Shoppe, Inc.

SATURDAY AT-A-GLANCE

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8:15am - 9:30am	Performance Sessions	Peoria Civic Center, Four Points Sheraton
8:30am - 9:30am	Professional Development Clinics	Peoria Civic Center, Four Points Sheraton
9:00am - 1:00pm	Visit Exhibit Halls	Exhibit Halls B&D
9:45am - 10:45am	Professional Development Clinics	Peoria Civic Center, Four Points Sheraton
9:45am - 11:00am	Composition Awards Ceremony & Recital	Marriott Pere Marquette - LaSalle Ballroom
10:45am - 12:00pm	Performance Sessions	Peoria Civic Center, Four Points Sheraton
11:00am - 12:00pm	Professional Development Clinics	Peoria Civic Center, Four Points Sheraton
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Elementary All-State Chorus Concert	Peoria Civic Center - 400 Ballroom
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Professional Development Clinics	Peoria Civic Center
1:00pm - 2:30pm	All-State Concert	Peoria Civic Center - Carver Arena
2:30pm - 3:30pm	Professional Development Clinics	Peoria Civic Center
3:30pm - 5:00pm	Honors Concert	Peoria Civic Center - Carver Arena

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

7:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Civic Center Terrazzo Lobby

Conference Registration

8:15 AM - 9:45 AM

Four Points Ballroom | Choir Division Performance

Hill Middle School Una Voce

Director: Ron Korbitz

Triad High School Chamber Choir

Director: Veronica Rice

8:15 AM - 9:30 AM

Civic Center 403/404 | Band, General Interest Demonstration Clinic

Captivate Your Communities with Creative Concerts

Clinician: Chris Dandeles

Ensemble: Waubonsie Valley Percussion Ensemble

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Civic Center 135/136 | Band Division Clinic

Don't Skip the Basics! How a Focus on Fundamentals Has Made Our Middle School Program Stronger (and Our Lives Easier)!

Clinicians: Michele Carnahan, Sarah Gamage

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Civic Center 210/211 | JSGM Division Clinic

Music Literacy Pop Guitarists: Getting Students Ready For Any Gig

Clinician: Bob Habersat

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Civic Center 212/213 | Orchestra Division Clinic

Let's Roll[and]! Solving String Technique Problems in the Orchestra Rehearsal

Clinician: Samantha May

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Civic Center 220/221 | EGM Division Clinic

Puppet Power: Bring Your Classroom to Life! (Repeat)

Clinician: David Row

Sponsor: West Music

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Civic Center 222 | EGM Division Clinic

Hip Folk: Remixing Songs, Dances, and More for the Classroom

Clinician: Zanneta Kubajak

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Civic Center 402 | MTE Division Meeting

Collegiate Business Meeting

Presider: Dawn Farmer

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Civic Center 408 | JSGM, General Interest Clinic

Connecting Kids with Creativity

Clinician: Mike Olander

Sponsor: MusicFirst

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Civic Center Exhibit Halls B & D

Exhibit Hall Open

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

Civic Center 135/136 | Orchestra Division Clinic

Who's Drivin' This Bus?

The Learner-Centered String Class

Clinician: Blair Williams

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

Civic Center 210/211 | MED, MTE, General Interest Clinic

Mindfulness-Based Social and Emotional Learning for the Music Educator

Clinician: Caitlyn Walsh

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

Civic Center 212/213 | MTE General Interest Division Clinic

20 Things I Learned in 100 Interviews

Clinician: Nicholas Cincotti

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

Civic Center 220/221 | EGM Division Clinic

Orff Ensemble: Beginning to Advanced

Clinician: Josh Southard

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

Civic Center 222 | Chorus, EGM Division Clinic

Elementary Musicals: Build the Broadway Buzz!

Clinicians: Daniel Burke, Sarah Gorecki Bozek, Valerie Pasqua, Abigayle Pedigo

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

Civic Center 401 | Band, Orchestra, General Interest Clinic

Conducting the Musical Pit: Tips and Tricks to Help Bring Music to the Musical

Clinician: Kyle Barshinger

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM*Civic Center 402 | Orchestra Division Clinic***Setting Beginning Students Up for Success:
A Pedagogical Model for Beginning Strings**

Clinician: Rebecca MacLeod

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM*Civic Center 405/406 | Jazz Division***How to Put the 'Jazz' in Jazz Choir**

Clinician: Matthew Falker

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM*Civic Center 408 | JSGM Division Clinic***Performing Music Technology:
Building Electronic Ensembles with
Ableton Live, Push, and Move**

Clinician: Jack Murray

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM*Four Points Ballroom | Chorus, JSGM Division Clinic***Encore! Building a Thriving Middle School
Musical Theater Program**

Clinician: Emily Dahowski

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM*Four Points Bridge | Chorus, JSGM, General Interest Clinic***It's Just Singing: Essential Tips and Tricks
for Vocal Technique in the Choir and
General Music Classroom**

Clinicians: Justin De La Cruz, Roland Hatcher

9:45 AM - 11:00 AM*MPM LaSalle Ballroom | Student Programs Event***All-State Composition Contest
Awards Ceremony & Recital**

Presider: William Rank

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM*Civic Center Triangle Lobby | General Interest Event***All-Conference Drum Circle**

Facilitator: Laura Miller

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM*Civic Center 135/136 | Jazz Division Clinic***Vocal Jazz Audition Prep Workshop**

Clinician: Jake Stouffer

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM*Civic Center 210/211 | Orchestra Division Clinic***Success with the Small Things:
How to Start and Maintain Beginning Strings**

Clinician: April Whyte

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM*Civic Center 212/213 | Band, Orchestra, Jazz Division Clinic***Improvisation for All**

Clinician: David Law

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM*Civic Center 220/221 | EGM Division Clinic***Speak THEIR Language: Using Popular
Music in the Elementary Music Classroom**

Clinician: Stefan Wolf

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM*Civic Center 222 | EGM Division Clinic***Introduction to Education Through Music:
Building Intelligence through Play**

Clinicians: April Blacker, Karen Dahlke

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM*Civic Center 401 | Band, Orchestra Division Clinic***Start with the Score: Analyzing Music for
Instructional Design**

Clinician: Caitlin McGovern

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM*Civic Center 402 | General Interest Clinic***Trauma-Informed Teaching in the
Music Classroom**

Clinician: Emily Zwijack

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM*Civic Center 403/404 | Band Division Performance***University of Illinois Saxophone Ensemble**

Director: Nicki Roman

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM*Civic Center 405/406 | Jazz, General Interest Clinic***Women in Jazz: A Panel Discussion and Jam
Session**Clinicians: Laurie Bonner-Baker, Lara Driscoll, Crystal Rebone,
Patty Sampson, Roxanne Stevenson, Madeline Vogler**11:00 AM - 12:00 PM***Civic Center 408 | JSGM Division Clinic***Responding and Connecting Standards:
Mysterious or Magnificent?**

Clinician: Jeff Dare

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM*Four Points Ballroom | Chorus Division Clinic***Empowering Singers to Effectively
Read Repertoire**

Clinician: Katie Colby

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Four Points Bridge | Chorus, MED, General Interest Clinic

Beyond the Choir Room: Guiding Students Toward a Successful College Music Audition

Clinician: Andrew Bruhn

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Civic Center 222 | EGM Division Clinic

UDL and Beyond for the Elementary General Music Classroom

Clinician: Erin Hopkins

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Civic Center Theater | Student Programs Performance

Elementary All-State Chorus Concert

Complimentary admission with conference badge;

\$5 General Admission Ticket at the door for all others

2:15 PM - 3:15 PM

Civic Center 220/221 | EGM Division Clinic

Enhancing Orff with Electronic Resources

Clinicians: Rachel Aupperle, Jacob Beinborn

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Civic Center Arena | Student Programs Performance

Senior All-State Concert

Complimentary admission with conference badge;

\$5 General Admission Ticket at the door for all others

2:15 PM - 3:15 PM

Civic Center 222 | EGM Division Clinic

Meet Them Where They Are: Centering Special Education Music Around Student Engagement & Communication

Clinician: Kayleigh Bella

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Civic Center 220/221 | EGM Division Clinic

In the Pages of a Book!

Clinician: David Row

Sponsor: West Music

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Civic Center Arena | Student Programs Performance

Senior Honors Concert

Complimentary admission with conference badge;

\$5 General Admission Ticket at the door for all others