



ANNUAL CONFERENCE

An Open Letter to School Administrators and Parent Booster Organizations

This letter has been prepared to inform school administrators and parent booster organizations of the importance of The Midwest Clinic.

PURPOSE

The Midwest Clinic exists for educational purposes exclusively; to raise the standards of music education; to develop new teaching techniques; to disseminate to school music teachers, directors and supervisors and others interested in music education, information to assist in their professional work; to examine, analyze and appraise literature dealing with music; to hold clinics, lectures and demonstrations for the betterment of music education; and in general to assist teachers and others interested in music education in better pursuing their profession.

WHEN AND WHERE

The Midwest Clinic is held every December at Chicago's McCormick Place West.

WHO ATTENDS

School Band and Orchestra Teachers
Instrumental Music Administrators
Professional Musicians
Military Musicians and Conductors
College and University Teachers, Students, and Administrators
Music Industry Representatives
Music Booster Representatives
Composers and Arrangers
Grade School and High School Music Students

THE NUMBERS

15,850 Annual Attendance
350+ Exhibitors ● 565+ Booths
30 Concerts ● 90 Clinics
All 50 states represented in attendance
Representatives from more than 30 countries

COLLEGE CREDIT

A program offered in cooperation with the University of Miami enables teachers to earn one or two graduate, undergraduate, or continuing education credits while attending The Midwest Clinic.

TEACHER RESOURCE CENTER

Computer Software -

A hands-on opportunity for teachers to review software relating to all phases of instrumental music education.

Internet Café -

Computer terminals and a wireless internet connection are available during the conference at no charge.

Career Center -

The free, online Career Center includes a listing of available positions. Organizations are invited to add their openings to this list. Individuals looking for a job may also post their resumes. Space is available for interviews.

Concert Tour/Exchange Program Network -

An online registration system links directors who would like to establish a concert exchange program.

ADVERTISERS AND EXHIBITORS

Music Publishers
Uniform Companies
Instrument Manufacturers
Colleges and Universities
Fundraising Companies
Festivals, Travel, and Competitions
Music Accessory Companies
Recording Companies
Photography
Stage Equipment Manufacturers
Music Journals
Software and Technology
Military Service Opportunities
Performing Organizations
Music Camps
Music Associations

COLLEGE NIGHT

College Night is an opportunity for students and teachers looking for undergraduate and graduate music programs to visit with representatives of more than seventy colleges, universities, and branches of the military.

CONCERT PERFORMANCES

Performances are given by thirty organizations from around the world. Grade school, middle school, high school, college, military, adult, and professional groups all present concerts.

CLINICS

More than forty clinicians offer guidance and inspiration covering all facets of instrumental music.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Many of the major associations of instrumental music teachers hold meetings in conjunction with The Midwest Clinic.

American Bandmasters Association
American Music Conference
American School Band Directors Association
American String Teachers Association
Association of Concert Bands
Atlantic Coast Conference Band Directors Association
Big East Band Directors Association
Big Eight Band Directors Association
Big Ten Band Directors Association
Big Twelve Band Directors Association
Canadian Band Association
Christian Instrumental Directors Association
College Band Directors National Association
Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma
Mid-American Conference Band Directors Association
National Association of School Music Dealers
National Band Association
National Catholic Bandmasters Association
National School Orchestra Association
North American Band Directors Coordinating Council
Phi Beta Mu
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity
John Philip Sousa Foundation
Women Band Directors National Association
World Association of Marching Bands
World Association for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles

WHAT TEACHERS SAY ABOUT MIDWEST

"I believe The Midwest Clinic is one of the most valuable resources that exists for instrumental music education. I never fail to leave the clinic much inspired and with a sense of rejuvenation."

"I wanted to take a moment before my school year begins again to thank you for another exceptional Midwest Clinic. The exhibits themselves would take a couple of days to go through. The clinics were excellent, and as for the performing groups, there were times when they took my breath away! I always go back to school after attending this clinic so inspired."

"Let me congratulate you on yet another successful Midwest Clinic. Each year I think it can't possibly get any better, but you keep improving an already terrific experience."

"Thank you for another spectacular Midwest. What a positive boost it offers to all of us as we complete the year and reload for the upcoming second semester. I'm out of superlatives when describing the convention. It is silly to compare it to anything; for there is nothing like it."

"I find it is extremely valuable and learn a little more each time I come. It has a good feeling. It never gets too elitist. This is a great event for school music."

"It's always inspiring to come to The Midwest Clinic. Gives you the impetus to keep working hard to do your best."

"These years at Midwest have been my most stimulating experience professionally. I get information and inspiration. Thank You!"

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