

# **“Make a Decision: Your Musical Viewpoint is Valid!”**

## **The Midwest Clinic**

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### **Meaningful Music Making: It starts with You!**

- Enhanced Interpretation Skills
  - NOTICE!
- Communication/Gestural Vocabulary
  - Gestures are the RESULT of musical conviction.
- Student-Centered Rehearsals
  - Ask questions, empower your students

### **Rely on your personal musicianship!**

- Instead of trying to figure out what the music *is*, try and find what the music *can be!*
- Same for LISTENING during rehearsal – don’t just hear mistakes, imagine the possibilities and help your students realize them.
- What is most important to you in a piece of music?

### **Teaching vs. Inspiring... (not meant to be one or the other)**

- Often we are technicians and forget about the musical depth and goal.
- How can fundamentals be enhanced?

### **Score Study**

- Think about what the score is telling you (or isn’t)
- Ask the question, “Why?”

### **Communication/Gestural Vocabulary**

- Teach the music through gesture
- Think about how to show a specific sound
- Video tape your rehearsals

## Student-Centered Rehearsals

- Empower your students
- Ask them questions – try their ideas
- White Sheet Activity / Student-led rehearsals

## Resources

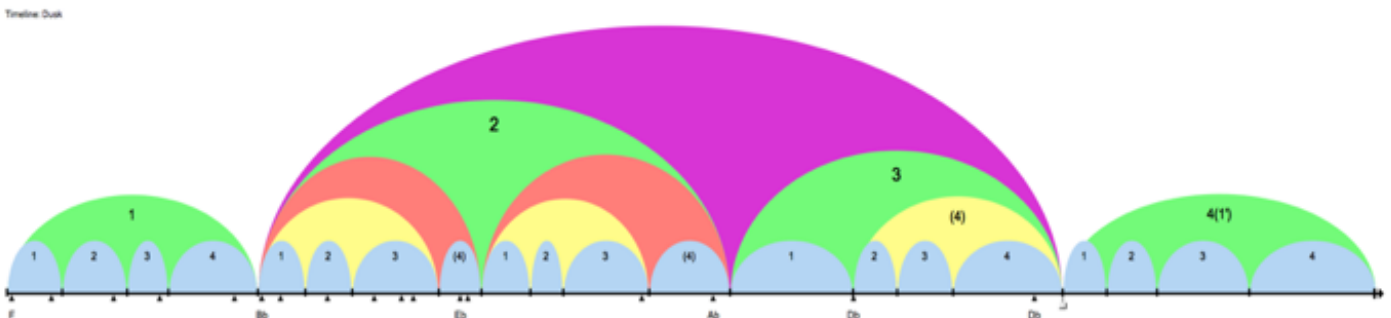
- What inspires you?
- Your colleagues
  - Who challenges you? Who can you discuss music with?
- Books
  - The Art of Possibility – Benjamin and Rosamund Stone Zander
  - Intelligent Music Teaching – Robert Duke
  - What to Listen for in the World – Bruce Adolphe
  - Music from Skill to Art – Bobby L. Adams
  - Music, Artistry, and Education (A Journey Towards Musical Growth and Enlightenment) – Milton Allen
  - The Artistry of Teaching and Making Music – Richard Floyd
  - Casals and the Art of Interpretation – David Blum
- Berlin Philharmonic Digital Concert Hall
- Conducting Workshops (Summer, Fall/Spring)

## Variations Timeliner – Indiana University

(Macs with a post-Yosemite operating system need the patch! Email us.)

<http://variations.sourceforge.net/vat/>

*Dusk* – Steven Bryant



Be vulnerable...be inspiring...be creative...  
and Make a Decision!