



CMEA Conference Highlights

Wednesday January 29, 2025



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9:00am-4:30pm



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Tri-M Day

Michelle Ewer, Chair

Peter Boonshaft, Keynote Speaker



The CMEA 2025 Tri-M Day will offer an enriching experience for middle and high school students in the Tri-M Honor Society, featuring 20 dynamic sessions designed to inspire and empower young musicians. This special day is an opportunity for students to engage in diverse musical workshops, fostering growth and creativity.



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Modern Band 101

MusicWill Presents:

Mary Claxton, Clinician



Modern Band 101 is returning to the 2025 CMEA Conference, led by the incredible Mary Claxton! Discover innovative ways to engage your students with contemporary music. This session is packed with fresh ideas and practical tips! Ideal for elementary and middle school music teachers.



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Ways to Energize Your Rehearsals

Peter Boonshaft, Clinician



This session offers a practical look at what, why, and how we can teach to achieve better results faster, easier, and more efficiently. It is helpful for teachers and conductors of any level and type of ensemble.



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Orchestra Rehearsal Lab

Gail Barnes, Clinician

Erie High School Orchestra

Monica Smiley, director



Don't miss Gail Barnes leading the Orchestra Rehearsal Lab! Watch as she works with the Erie High School Orchestra, demonstrating techniques to help you enhance your own rehearsals. A must-see for orchestra directors!





Planning & Executing the Choral Vacation

Julie Yu, Clinician



Choral directors are some of the hardest-working folks in show business. Often, the directors are doing most of the work with students giving the minimum. Directors are exhausted, and students are not meeting their full potential. With thoughtful planning and efficient guidance, rehearsals can shift to where the students are doing all the work with directors enjoying the fruits of their labor.



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Under the Big Top

**Sandy Lantz and
Gretchen Wahlberg, Clinicians**



Black-light performances are AMAZING! Lantz and Wahlberg will present three different drum pieces, along with choreography and narrative speaking parts. Each piece will be taught using the Orff process, including speech, body percussion, and modeling. For the grand finale, each piece will be performed in the black light with special effects that will dazzle and delight!



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Colorado Wind Ensemble

David Kish, director



The Colorado Wind Ensemble, under the dynamic leadership of David Kish, is a premier wind ensemble known for its vibrant performances and diverse repertoire. Dedicated to artistic excellence, the ensemble brings together talented musicians to deliver captivating concerts that inspire audiences across Colorado.



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