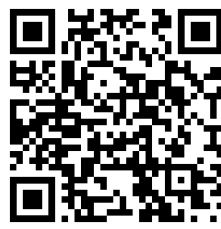


DAY 1: Wednesday, November 18, 2026 (Elementary / Middle Level / Collegiate / Tri-M Symposiums)										
Registration open 8:30am-6:15pm - ES (BEFORE 8:30am, teachers with students in Elementary & Middle Level Ensembles will be able to pick up their registration packets at those repsective registration locations.)										
MIDDLE LEVEL CHORUS SYMPOSIUM		MIDDLE LEVEL ORCHESTRA SYMPOSIUM		COLLEGIATE SYMPOSIUM Cornhusker Hotel + Westbrook Music Building		TRI-M SYMPOSIUM Cornhusker Hotel				
Teacher Time	Teacher Event - Middle Level Chorus	Teacher Time	Teacher Event - Middle Level String Orchestra							
7:15-8:00 am	Conference Registration LC House Right Atrium after 8:30am: ES	7:15-8:00 am	Conference Registration WMB 116 after 8:30am: ES	11:30am-12:00pm	Check-in by College Chapter President CH Atrium	9:45am	Check-In by Tri-M Advisor - CH Atrium			
8:45am-9:45am	Strategies for Teaching the Changing Voice, Hannah Lambert LC C	10:00am-10:45am	Conversation with Conductor, Blair Williams WMB 140	12:00pm-12:45pm	Welcome and General Meeting Dr. Andy Feyes Grand Ballroom D, E, F	10:00am-10:40am	Tri-M Keynote Presentation: The Room Where It Happens: Find Your Room, Dr. Ann Usher CH Lancaster Ballroom			
9:45am-10:45am	Break	10:45am-11:00am	Break	12:45pm-1:35pm	Collegiate Keynote Presentation The Room Where It Happens: Get in the Room, Dr. Ann Usher Grand Ballroom	10:50am-11:35am	7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens, Dr. Andy Walters CH Lancaster Ballroom 123	DJ Basics, Jacob Borchardt CH Lancaster Ballroom 456		
10:45am-11:45am	So you didn't sign up for this class... a.k.a Teaching Magic to Muggles, Hannah Lambert LC C	12:00pm-12:55pm	The Music Teachers' Little Guide to Big Motivation, Ruth Meints WMB 143	1:45pm-2:35pm	Ready for the Podium: Landing Your First Job in Music Education, Marc Decker CH Hawthorne	11:40am-12:20pm	Lunch CH Atrium / Grand Ballroom A, B, C			
ORFF TEACHER SESSIONS		12:00pm-12:45pm	Lunch		Everything Plus the Kitchen Sink: Life In A Small School Music Program, Anna Harveson & Ely Wolfe CH Arbor 1	12:30pm-1:15pm	7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens, Dr. Andy Walters CH Lancaster Ballroom 123	DJ Basics, Jacob Borchardt CH Lancaster Ballroom 456		
12:45pm-1:15pm	Q&A with Karen Benson WMB 153	1:15pm-2:10pm	Double Bass for Not Bassists - A Quick Start Guide, Bobby Scharman WMB 143		What is a DMC?, Melissa Nierman CH Arbor 2	1:20pm-2:00pm	Chapter Mixer CH Grand Ballroom			
				2:35pm-2:55pm	Break + Snack + Mini Booths CH Lower Level	AFTERNOON / EVENING MEETINGS				
5:30pm-6:30pm	Cultivating Creativity through the Orff process, Kathleen McBee WMB 143	DAY 1: NO SHUTTLE SERVICE		3:00pm-3:50pm	I Just Took Over a Program...Now What! : Embracing Tradition and Forming Your Own Path, Damon Lamberg CH Hawthorne	2:00pm	NSBA Board Meeting ES Executive Board Room	NCDA Board Meeting WMB 140		
6:45pm-7:45pm	Brown Bear, Brown Bear What do you See? Only a Million Possibilities!, Jake Consbruck WMB 143				Deep Thoughts With DOJO: A View From The Finish Line, Doran Johnson CH Arbor 1	6:45pm-7:15pm	Women Band Directors International Membership Meeting ES Alumni Room			
					Surviving & Thriving: The REAL Guide to Your First Years of Teaching, Kaylee Moe & Micah Schut CH Arbor 2	7:45pm	NMEA Membership Meeting, WMB 130 with NafME President, Cecil Adderley			
				4:30pm-6:00pm	Collegiate Recital WMB 116	8:00pm-8:45pm	Discussion Forum: All-State Audition Feedback WMB 101 Scott Dugdale, Director of Audition & Ensemble Affairs			
				6:00pm-7:00pm	Collegiate Social and Networking, WMB Lobby Collegiate Advisor's Meeting and Open Discussion for Higher Ed Faculty WMB 140	8:45 PM	Conference Buddy Meeting, ES Chancellor 2 & 3			
				7:00pm-8:00pm	Collegiate Meeting for College Chapter Presidents WMB 140	UNL Wi-Fi: Guests may request a temporary 14-day account to access the internet while visiting UNL. Scan the QR Code to view the procedure to connect your device. → 				

2026 ORFF ENSEMBLE, MIDDLE LEVEL CHORUS, & MIDDLE LEVEL ORCHESTRA STUDENT SCHEDULES

Wednesday, November 18, 2026

MIDDLE LEVEL CHORUS Lied Center Stage		MIDDLE LEVEL STRING ORCHESTRA WMB 116		ORFF ENSEMBLE Kimball Recital Hall	
Student Time	Choir Student Event	Student Time	Orchestra Student Event	Student Time	Orff Student Event
7:15am-8:00am	Middle Level Chorus Teacher & Student Check-In - LC House Right Atrium (Teachers will pick up their Conference Registration packets here.)	7:15am-8:00am	Middle Level Orchestra Teacher & Student Check-In - WMB 116 (Teachers will pick up their Conference Registration packets here.)	7:30am-8:00am	Orff Ensemble Teacher & Student Check-In - KRH Lobby (Teachers will pick up their Conference Registration packets here.)
8:00am-10:00am	Rehearsal - LC Stage	8:00am-9:30am	Rehearsal - WMB 116	8:00am-10:00am	Rehearsal - KRH
10:00am-10:30am	Break + Snack - LC Lobby	9:30am-9:50am	Bathroom Break + move to sectional locations	10:00am-10:15am	Break + Snack - KRH Lobby
10:30am-12:00pm	Rehearsal LC Stage	9:50 am-10:45am	Sectionals: Violin 1 - WMB 009 Violin 2 - WMB 019 Violas - JCT Cellos & Basses - WMB 116	10:15am-12:00pm	Breakout Session: KRH Main Lobby KRH Downstairs Lobby KRH Stage
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch + Change to concert attire LC Lobby	10:45-11:00 a.m.	Transition/Break	12:00pm-12:45pm	Lunch + Change into concert attire KRH Lobby
1:00pm-2:15pm	Dress Rehearsal - LC Stage (exit through the LC Loading Dock)	11:00am-12:00 pm	Lunch - WMB Lobby + 116	12:45pm-2:15pm	Breakout Session: KRH Main Lobby KRH Downstairs Lobby KRH Stage
2:15pm-2:45pm	Restroom Break + Transition to Westbrook Music Building	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Rehearsal - WMB 116	2:15pm-2:30pm	Break
2:45pm-4:00pm	Rehearsal - WMB 116	1:00 pm-1:15 pm	Break	2:30pm-3:30pm	Dress Rehearsal & Picture KRH
4:00pm-4:15pm	Restroom Break	1:15 pm-2:15 pm	Rehearsal - WMB 116	3:30pm-3:45pm	Restroom Break
4:00pm-5:00pm	Middle Level Concert - LC Stage (Orchestra performs first)	2:15pm-2:45pm	Snack, Restroom Break, Change into concert attire, Move items to LC C	3:45pm-4:00pm	Line up - KRH
4:15pm-4:30pm	Move to Lied - LC Stage Entrance	2:45-3:30 pm	Dress Rehearsal - LC Stage	4:00pm-4:30pm	Orff Ensemble Concert KRH
5:00pm-5:30pm	Dismissal, teacher pick-up LC	3:30-3:45 pm	Break + Restrooms - Store cases in LC Commons	4:30pm-4:45pm	Dismissal, teacher pick-up - KRH
Registered teachers may attend Middle Level Chorus rehearsals in the Lied.		3:50 PM	Line up for performance entry	Sessions for Orff Teachers listed on Page 1	
		4:00-5:00 pm	Middle Level Concert LC Stage		
		5:00-5:30pm	Dismissal, teacher pickup - LC C at North Doors		

DAY 2: Thursday, November 19, 2026 Conference Schedule

Registration open from 7:00am-3:30pm - ES			EXHIBITS OPEN FROM 9:00am-12:00noon and 1:00pm-5:00pm - Embassy Suites							
Past President's Breakfast 7:00am ES Executive Boardroom										
Venue	WMB 009	WMB 019	WMB 101	WMB 103	WMB 116	WMB 130	WMB 131	WMB 143	WMB 153	LC C
8:00am-9:00am	Starting Strong: Designing a Music Program When You're New to the School, <i>William Green & Michelle Michaelis</i>	10 Tips for Starting a Mariachi Program and Why Your School Needs Onel, <i>Hannah Leddy & Fernando Lopez Bribiesca</i>	A Call to Mentorship: New Ideas and Best Practices, <i>Jason Smith</i>	Getting the Most from Your NAfME Membership, <i>Angela Wright</i>	NCDA Reading Session	Finding Your Voice: Cello Vibrato Through the Stages of Learning, <i>Sonja Kraus</i>	Preparing the Next Generation of Successful String Teachers: Building College and Career Readiness in String Students as Young as Middle School!, <i>Blair Williams</i>	Educator as Performer, Performer as Educator, <i>Louie Eckhardt</i>	The Room Where It Happens: Change the Room, <i>Ann Usher</i>	Percussion Party - Get Creative with Rhythm Instruments, <i>Stacy Werner</i>
9:15am-10:15am	Keynote Address 2026 Keynote Speaker: Marcia Neel from the NAMM Foundation, WMB 116 "But For Music Education"									
CONCERT HOUR (various locations)							Active and Retired Members: Don't forget to vote in the 2026 Board of Directors Election! Scan the QR code to cast your vote. → Voting ends 12:00-noon Central Time Thursday, November 19, 2026 			
10:30am-11:30am	10:30am The University A Cappella Choir <i>Concordia University, NE</i> StP 11:00am Nebraska Wesleyan University Choir StP		10:45am Bellevue East Wind Ensemble LC Stage	10:45am Pound Middle School 8th Grade Concert Band KRH	11:00am Lincoln East Percussion Ensemble WMB 116	10:30am Doane Doublewide WMB 130 11:00am UNL Jazz Singers WMB 130				
11:30am-1:00pm College Luncheons at various locations. Exhibits closed from 12:00noon-1:00pm										
1:15pm-2:15pm	Are you paying attention?...Supporting students with ADHD in ensemble classrooms and rehearsals, <i>Eric Elker</i>	Ideas for a Successful Marching Band Camp on a Limited Budget, <i>Chris Harper</i>	To "Do" or To "Daht": Jazz Articulation Mechanics For Brass And Saxophones, <i>Shawn Bell & Matthew Storie</i>	Level Up Your Students' Music Theatre Song Interpretation, <i>Melissa Derechailo</i>	NSBA Reading Session	What a Song Can Do: New 2-Part Choral Rep, <i>Andy Beck</i>	Creating Psychological Safety in Ensemble and Chamber Music Rehearsals, <i>Sonja Kraus & Evie Chen</i>	Using MuseScore in an Ensemble Setting, <i>Damon Lamberty</i>	Entry Points: Popular Music in Elementary, <i>Cody Talarico & Jennifer Martinez</i>	More Than "Sing After Me": Five Ways to Teach Songs in the General Music Classroom, <i>Nick Besse</i>
2:30pm-3:30pm	Better Together: Practical Strategies for Conductor-Pianist Collaboration, <i>Jaime O'Neill</i>	Introduction to Modern Band, <i>Cody Talarico & Jennifer Martinez</i>	Studying to Find the Line: How Score Study Shows Us Where the Musical Line Goes, <i>Alex Wimmer</i>	Everything Plus the Kitchen Sink: Life In A Small School Music Program, <i>Anna Harveson & Elly Wolfe</i>	NEASTA Reading Session	Middle School Momentum: Music for Developing Voices, <i>Andy Beck</i>	5 S.M.A.R.T. Ideas to RETAIN This Year's Beginners: A Primer for Middle & High School Directors, <i>Marcia Neel</i>	Sight-Reading in the Choral Classroom: Strategies to incorporate daily and effective sight-reading techniques and methods in the choral rehearsal, <i>Richard Carrillo</i>	The Blueprint for Strengthening Music Teacher Education and the impact on the Collegiate Teaching Candidate, <i>Cecil Adderly</i>	Sing, Move, Play: Building a Musical Foundation for Little Learners, <i>Stacy Werner</i>
CONCERT HOUR (various locations)							SESSION AND CONCERT LOCATIONS: CH = Cornhusker Hotel (13th & M St) ES = Embassy Suites Hotel (11th & P St) JCT = Johnny Carson Theater in Lied Center LC = Lied Center at UNL LC C = Commons in Lied Center KRH = Kimball Hall at UNL StP = St. Paul United Methodist Church (12th & M St) WMB = Westbrook Music Building at UNL			
4:00pm-5:00pm	4:00pm Beveridge Middle School Concert Choir StP 4:30pm Central High School A Cappella Choir <i>Omaha</i> StP		4:15pm University of South Dakota Symphonic Band LC Stage	4:30pm Hastings Middle School 7th/8th Grade Orchestra KRH	*Spotlight Series* 4:30pm Chambers Coyote Band WMB 116	4:30pm Bennington South Marimba Ensemble 1 <i>Bennington South Middle School</i> WMB 130				
NMEA 89TH ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER SOCIAL HOUR 5:15pm-6:00pm and AWARDS DINNER 6:00pm advance ticket purchase required, Collegiate Members' tickets included with conference registration CH Atrium / Grand Ballroom			VISIT THE EXHIBITS open 9:00am-12:00noon and 1:00pm-5:00pm Embassy Suites		UNL Wi-Fi: Guests may request a temporary 14-day account to access the internet while visiting UNL. Scan the QR Code to view the procedure to connect your device. → 		DAY 2: THURSDAY SHUTTLE SERVICE Pick-Up/Drop-Off Locations: Embassy Suites, corner of P St & N 11th St (within walking distance of the Graduate Hotel) Cornhusker Hotel, S 13th St (within walking distance of St. Paul) Shuttle Times: 7:15 AM - 8:15 AM; ES-CH 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM; ES-CH, CH-ES 3:30 PM - 6:15 PM; ES-CH 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM; CH-ES			

2026 ALL-STATE STUDENT SCHEDULE

All-State Students **MUST** wear the official badge during the entire All-State Clinic. You are not allowed entry without your badge. NMEA reserves the right to use photographs of any All-State student for official publications.

Wednesday, November 18	Thursday, November 19	Friday, November 20
3:00pm-4:15pm Orchestra Chair Placements & Sectionals *violins/violas will exit sectionals out of fire exit 1st Violins A - WMB 152 1st Violins B - LC Warm-up Room B 2nd Violins A - LC Dressing Room 11 2nd Violins B - LC Dressing Room 12 Violas 1 through 9 - LC Dressing Room 13 Violas 10 through 18 - LC Dressing Room 14 Cellos 1 through 8 - WMB 154 Cellos 9 through 16 - WMB 101 Bass - WMB 139 Woodwinds Sectional - WMB 130 Brass Sectional - WMB 153 Percussion Sectional - WMB 110 (Percussion Studio)	7:30am - Doors open for All-State rehearsals 8:00am-10:00am - All-State Rehearsals Jazz Band - JCT Chorus - StP Orchestra - KRH Band - LC 10:00am-10:30am - Visit the exhibits, ES During exhibit time, students may purchase All-State memorabilia from the Rixstine Booth in the Embassy Suites Ballroom. Photos may be purchased at the Lied Center lobby before and after Final Concerts.	Storage facilities for Friday: Jazz Band luggage - LC Dressing Rooms 7 & 11 (after 10:30am) Jazz Band instruments - LC Loading Dock Chorus luggage storage (after 10:30am) - Chorus Men: WMB 131 - Chorus Women: WMB 101 & 103 Band luggage after morning rehearsal and throughout the day - LC Scene Shop (after 10:30am) Orchestra instruments (after morning rehearsal) and luggage (all day) - KRH Lower Lobby (after 10:30am)
3:00pm-4:15pm Band Chair Placements & Percussion Sectional Flute 1 - WMB 231 Flute 2 - WMB 233 Clarinet 1 - WMB 235 Clarinet 2 - WMB 237 Clarinet 3 - WMB 239 Bass Clarinet - WMB 241 Oboe/Bassoon - WMB 243 Alto Sax - WMB 245 Tenor/Bari Sax - WMB 265 Trumpet 1 - WMB 264 Trumpet 2 - WMB 266 Trumpet 3 - 268 Horn - WMB 267 Trombone 1 & 2 - WMB 271 Trombone 3 & Baritone - WMB 273 Tuba - WMB 275 Percussion Sectional - WMB 131 Warm-up Room - WMB Student Lounge	CONCERT HOUR 10:30am-11:30am 10:30am - StP The University A Cappella Choir, Concordia University 10:30am - WMB 130 Doane Doublewilde 10:45am - LC Bellevue East Wind Ensemble 10:45am - KRH Pound Middle School 8th Grade Concert Band 11:00 am - WMB 116 Lincoln East Percussion Ensemble 11:00am - StP Nebraska Wesleyan University Choir 11:00am - WMB 130 UNL Jazz Singers	CONCERT HOUR 10:30am-11:30am 10:30am - StP Platteview High School's "Trojan Singers" 10:45am - KRH Westside Concert Jazz Band *Spotlight Series* 11:00am - WMB 116 East Butler Concert Band *Spotlight Series* 11:00am - WMB 130 Aldrich Elementary School 5th Graders 11:00am - StP Elkhorn South High School Treble Choir
3:00pm-4:15pm Jazz Band Rehearsal - JCT	11:45am-1:00pm - Lunch on your own	All-State Ensemble Final Rehearsals (LC)
4:15pm-6:00pm - Hotel check-in and supper	12:30pm - Doors open for All-State rehearsals	Students are encouraged to attend the final rehearsals of the other All-State Ensembles. Final Rehearsals are closed to the public. Only those with a conference badge may attend.
4:00pm-5:00pm Orff Ensemble Concert-KRH Middle Level Orchestra/Choir Concert - LC <i>(ticket purchase required for attendance)</i>	1:00pm-3:30pm - All-State Rehearsals Jazz Band - JCT Chorus - StP Orchestra - KRH Band - LC	11:15am-12:00pm - All-State Band Final Rehearsal (LC)
6:00pm - Doors open for All-State rehearsals	3:30pm-4:00pm - Visit the exhibits, ES	12:30pm-1:15pm - All-State Orchestra Final Rehearsal (LC)
6:30pm-9:00pm - All-State Rehearsals Jazz Band - JCT Chorus - StP Orchestra - KRH Band - LC	CONCERT HOUR 4:00pm-5:00pm 4:00pm - StP Beveridge Middle School Concert Choir 4:15pm - LC University of South Dakota Symphonic Band 4:15pm - KRH Hastings Middle School 7th/8th Grade Orchestra *Spotlight Series* 4:30pm - WMB 116 Chambers Coyote Band 4:30pm - WMB 130 Bennington South Marimba Ensemble 1 4:30pm - StP Central High School A Cappella Choir	12:45pm-1:45pm - All-State Chorus Meets & Warm Up (JCT & KRH)
11:00pm - Lights out	5:00pm-6:00pm - Supper on your own	1:45pm-2:30pm - All-State Chorus Final Rehearsal (LC)
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	11:00pm - Lights out	4:15pm - CONCERT CALL TIME for All-State Chorus (KRH & JCT)
	UNL Wi-Fi: Guests may request a temporary 14-day account to access the internet while visiting UNL. Scan the QR Code to view the procedure to connect your device. → 	4:30pm - All-State Jazz Band & Chorus Final Concert (LC) <i>Choir assembles in KRH and JCT before the concert</i>
		7:00pm - CONCERT CALL TIME for All-State Orchestra (KRH)
		7:30 pm - CONCERT CALL TIME for All-State Band (JCT)
		7:30pm - All-State Band & Orchestra Final Concert (LC) <i>Band assembles in JCT before the concert. Orchestra assembles in KRH before the concert. Band listens to Orchestra after they perform.</i>
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