



## **The Midwest Clinic**

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## **Midwest Clinic Fact Sheet**

Every December, over 15,000 members of the instrumental music education community brave the weather to converge in Chicago for The Midwest Clinic. Within the field of music education, the annual conference has been a treasured source of professional development – and a festive holiday tradition – for over 60 years! The conference brings educators together for over 30 concerts, 80 clinics (pragmatic workshops on specific topics), and displays from 350+ exhibitors every year.

As a vital part of the region's cultural and economic life, The Midwest Clinic provides unmatched opportunities for journalists to explore the state of arts education, meet musicians and composers, and hear wonderful music (including an annual commission) for bands, orchestras, and jazz ensembles played by musicians of all ages – from elementary school students to professionals. To learn more, read on.

### ***About The Midwest Clinic***

- The Midwest Clinic: An International Band and Orchestra Conference, exists to serve all instrumental music educators and improve the field of music education. In 2009, The Midwest Clinic's attendees hailed from thirty countries.
- The conference has been held in Chicago every December since 1946.
- The conference has grown from an original audience of 120 local directors to an average of 15,850 instrumental music educators, administrators, professional musicians, composers, conductors, students, and music industry representatives.
- Each year, the four-and-a-half day conference offers over 80 clinics designed for band, orchestra and jazz directors at all levels; more than 30 concerts from school, university, and community bands, orchestras, jazz ensembles and chamber ensembles; and displays from over 350 exhibitors, including publishers, instrument manufacturers, universities, and more.
- The Midwest Clinic is governed by a prestigious board of directors with intimate knowledge of different aspects of the field: education, performance, administration, and the music industry.

### ***What Brings Educators to The Midwest Clinic?***

- **Professional development.** The clinics offer pragmatic techniques and information that educators can use immediately upon returning to the classroom, while the concerts introduce them to new music at the appropriate level for their ensembles.
- **Inspiration.** Attending top-notch clinics and concerts with thousands of peers is enjoyable and highly rewarding.
- **Community.** The Midwest Clinic provides great opportunities for educators to see old friends, develop relationships with colleagues, and meet music industry representatives in a warm, collegial atmosphere.

### ***Would You Like to Attend the Next Midwest Clinic?***

- Please visit <http://midwestclinic.org> to learn more about the upcoming Midwest Clinic and to see photos and highlights from past conferences.
- The Midwest Clinic may be able to provide press credentials to journalists on an individual basis. To explore this possibility, please send an e-mail describing your project, media outlet, and credentials to [info@midwestclinic.org](mailto:info@midwestclinic.org).

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