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The 2009 MENC Northwest Division Conference has more than 160 sessions with participants from 30 states and Canada. While only one or two areas of interest are indicated in the program, many sessions overlap. This list will indicate some of the sessions that are of particular interest to the listed area.

Administration

Friday, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM

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Arts Administrators in the Nation

Presenter: AnnRene Joseph, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Olympia WA

The need for arts administrators and music administrators is essential. This session will be a participation session, where those in attendance have an opportunity to network, share and discuss their positions, issues and needs as administrators for music education in our state and in the Northwest region. Resources, research, professional development and contact information will be shared with attendees.

General Interest

Rehearsal Discipline for Your Toughest Customers

Presenter: Jerome Welenc, Toledo School for the Arts, Toledo OH

Time- and field-tested strategies and procedures to use for students who don't respond to gentler methods or who are chronic disruptions in your class or rehearsal.

General Interest

Behaviors in Communication

Presenter: Sandra Howard, University of Missouri Kansas City, Kansas City MO

Effective communication for music professionals is crucial to building school music programs, interacting with students, parents and administrators. This session will focus on a highly regarded communication model by humanistic psychologist, Jack Gibb, that outlines defensive and supportive behaviors. Interactive scenarios and active personal reflection will be included as part of the group discussion.

Friday, 2:15 PM-3:15 PM

General Interest

Critical Factors of Music Facility Design

Presenter: Jeff Kirkpatrick, Wenger Corporation, Owatonna MN

Are new or renovated facilities in your future? If so, learn the four factors critical to the design of the most effective music rehearsal and performance spaces. Free planning guide to session attendees.

General Interest

Collaboration: Music Teachers Teaming for Success

Presenter: Scott Barnes, Edmonds School District, Lynnwood WA

This session will discuss the positive benefits of having teachers team together for instruction, collaboration and assessment. Panelists will share ways that they have been able to schedule time for staff to work together and the benefits that they have noted.

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Friday, 3:30 PM-4:30 PM

General Interest

Telling Isn't Teaching; Asking Isn't Assessing: Nonverbal Teaching and Performance-Based Assessment Strategies to Improve Pedagogical Performance

Presenter: Molly Weaver, West Virginia University, Morgantown WV

"Hands-on" survey and review of effective and efficient nonverbal teaching strategies and performance-based assessment procedures that will improve the quality of teaching and learning in classes and rehearsals.

General Interest - Montana President's Choice Session

Classroom Management: Making the "System" Work for You

Presenter: Dennis Granlie, Great Falls Schools (Retired), Great Falls MT

A retired music supervisor shares classroom management techniques and strategies gleaned from observing more than 100 teachers in their classrooms over the past 14 years. Besides practical approaches to classroom management, the session handout also provides additional resources for help with management and discipline.

Saturday, 9:45 AM-11:00 AM

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Making an Advocate Out of Your Principal: Ten Things You Can Do on Monday

Presenter: Marcia Neel, Music Education Consultants, Las Vegas NV

This informative, inspiring presentation was developed after a district-wide survey which asked principals what they appreciated most about their music educators and what one area that teachers could improve. Learn how the principals responded along with practical, proven ideas to build and maintain the teacher/administrator relationship.

Saturday, 12:15 PM-1:15 PM

General Interest

No Need to Start from Scratch!

Presenter: Stephanie Standerfer, Shenandoah Conservatory, Winchester VA

Lisa Hunter, Buffalo State College SUNY, Buffalo NY

This interactive session will assist ensemble directors in uncovering the state or national standards naturally embedded in quality repertoire. Standard choral and instrumental pieces serve as examples for developing practical, standards-based teaching ideas for ensembles.

General Interest

What does my school administrator "really" expect of me?

Presenter: Timothy Yontz, Wheaton College Conservatory, Wheaton IL

Do you ever wonder what your administrators really expect of you? Having recently served for four years as a school administrator, Timothy Yontz gives you an inside view of the world of school administration. He provides practical ways of reasoning with the good, the bad and the downright ugly so you can better serve your students.

Saturday, 3:15 PM-4:15 PM

General Interest

Making Music Amidst the Madness: Rediscovering Our Musical Self

Presenter: Milton Allen, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston IL

Music educators are quitting at an alarming rate. Arts education is in crisis. Low pay, poor conditions, helicopter parents, competition pressures: is this what you thought it would be like? Come reflect, recharge and/or rediscover that original passion for music. Enjoy an inspiring session that examines our personal musical journey and what impact that has on our students.

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Sunday, 4:15 PM-5:15 PM



Administration

Washington State Arts Grade Level Expectations- All Students Learning Music in Our Schools

Presenter: **AnnRene Joseph**, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Olympia WA

Arts Grade Level Expectations (GLEs) will be “on view” for one year of feedback from the field, beginning in January 2009. This session will share the website where the field can view the documents for use and provide feedback as to what we want students to know and be able to do in Washington state in music education.