

# MENC Northwest Division Conference 2009



## Spokane, Washington Session Descriptions President's Choice Sessions



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Northwest Division President Dave Weatherred has asked each of the six state presidents to designate one session as the state's **President's Choice Session**, a session that is deemed outstanding and especially worth attending. Here are the six state President's Choice Sessions.

### President's Choice Sessions

Saturday, 3:15 PM-4:15 PM

#### Elementary - Alaska President's Choice Session Classroom "Codas"

Presenter: Sally Miller, Anchorage School District, Anchorage AK  
Linda Updegraff, Anchorage School District, Anchorage AK

Help! My lesson is over and I have class time to spare. What am I to do? Have no fear, Sally and Linda are here to share play-parties, movement games and singing activities. Together, Sally Miller and Linda Updegraff have over 60 years of experience in the music classroom. They are excited to share some of their favorite activities. Come, sing and play - then take home lots of "oldies but goodies" to use next week with your classes.

Alaska  
President's Choice  
Session



Friday, 12:30 PM-2:00 PM

#### Band - Idaho President's Choice Session So...Where Do I Start?

Presenter: Jim Rice, Inglemoor High School, Bothell WA  
Larry Gookin, Central Washington University, Ellensburg WA

After hearing the Vallivue High School Wind Ensemble perform, the clinicians will challenge attendees to observe issues we face daily in our regular rehearsals and openly and interactively dialog with each other to clearly set prioritizations, procedure and techniques necessary to promote musical growth in their own ensembles.

Performing Group: Vallivue High School Wind Ensemble, Caldwell ID, Curt Griffiths, Conductor

Idaho  
President's Choice  
Session



Saturday, 8:30 AM-9:30 AM

#### 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.

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Friday, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM

### Choir - Oregon President's Choice Session

*Style and Performance Practice in Choral Repertoire*

Presenter: Stephen Coker, Portland State University, Portland OR

A practical and effective conference presentation on choral style, performance practice and related rehearsal techniques applied to Renaissance, Baroque and Classical choral literature. Attendees will receive a helpful outline and numerous choral works and excerpts to sing in the session.

Oregon  
President's Choice  
Session



Friday, 2:15 PM-3:15 PM

### General Interest - Washington President's Choice Session

*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.

Washington  
President's Choice  
Session



Friday, 2:15 PM-3:15 PM

### Jazz - Wyoming President's Choice Session

*Developing the Rhythm Section Bassist*

Presenter: Kathleen McKeage, University of Wyoming, Laramie WY

Young bass players can often cover the part but have difficulty taking their playing to a higher level. This clinic, intended for both electric and upright bassists, covers basic technique, writing/improvising bass lines and offers strategies for getting young bassists comfortable soloing. This clinic is especially useful for band or string teachers interested in helping orchestral bassists transition to jazz band.

Wyoming  
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