

## WHAT IS THE MIDWEST CLINIC?

The Midwest Clinic International Band, Orchestra and Music Conference offers guests interested in music education an array of clinics and exhibits, as well as access to music and teaching icons. The conference will also focus on industry trends and future topics in business and music education. With more than **18,000 attendees from all 50 states and more than 40 countries**, The Midwest Clinic offers music educators and musicians alike an unmatched networking opportunity.

In 1946, a group of 120 music directors came together at a Chicago YMCA to share their knowledge of music and develop new ways to teach it. This gathering quickly grew and expanded into one of the best music conferences in the country, and perhaps the best music, band, and orchestra clinics in the world. Expounding on the original goals of the first gathering of music educators, The Midwest Clinic now exists with the following Mission:

- Raising instrumental music education standards by advancing pedagogical methodologies
- Developing innovative teaching techniques
- Assisting those interested in music education in their professional work
- Presenting the newest available repertoire for bands and orchestra
- Holding clinics to better music education

**CLINICS** – Band and Orchestra clinics offer attendees the opportunity to receive specific and detailed information about a wide variety of subject matters. From the best way to tune your instrument to the next innovation in music performance and education, music clinics hosted by The Midwest Clinic offer guests an in-depth look into a topic of their choice.

**READING SESSIONS** – This segment of The Midwest Clinic showcases live bands and orchestras performing highlights of the year's new music pieces. Attendees can take notes during the music clinic about what they are hearing, and decide what may be best for their group in the upcoming year.

**REHEARSAL LABS** – These informative sessions are a live rehearsal for attendees to observe and learn the best teaching practices currently in action. Be a part of the clinic's "live group," interacting with techniques and strategies from around the world. Take what is learned from The Midwest Clinic and make it part of your repertoire.

**WORLD CLASS PERFORMANCES** – The Midwest Clinic also showcases professional musicians, adult ensembles, colleges and university bands, high school and grade school students, orchestras, community bands, and jazz bands!