

2025 VanderCook College of Music Band Director Workshop

Time	Friday, July 11th	Saturday, July 12th	Sunday, July 13th	Monday, July 14th
8:00 AM	Registration & Continental Breakfast <i>3125 Building</i>	Continental Breakfast <i>sponsored by Phi Mu Alpha</i>	Continental Breakfast <i>sponsored by NBA Collegiate Chapter</i>	Continental Breakfast <i>sponsored by Percussion Club</i>
8:30 AM	Opening Session <i>Matthew Arau</i>	A Practical Approach to Selecting Literature <i>Alex Kaminsky</i>	What Does an Adjudicator Listen For? <i>Alex Kaminsky</i>	Harmony Director: Improving Ensemble Intonation <i>Alex Kaminsky</i>
10:00 AM	Break	Break	Break	Break
10:15 AM	The Kaminsky Method: Developing Balance, Blend, and an Accurate Center of Pitch in the Wind Band <i>Alex Kaminsky</i>	Rehearsing the Middle Level Band <i>Stacey Dolan</i>	Developing Student Leadership <i>Alex Kaminsky</i>	Teaching the “Intangibles” <i>Stacey Dolan</i>
11:15 AM	Break	Break	Break	Break
11:30 AM	Rehearsal Techniques with Grad Band <i>Robert Herrings</i>	Clinic Session <i>Robert Herrings</i>	Habits of a Successful Band Director <i>Scott Rush</i>	Rehearsal Strategies with Grad Band <i>Scott Rush</i>
1:00 PM	Lunch Break (<i>lunch provided</i>)	Lunch Break (<i>lunch provided</i>)	Lunch Break (<i>lunch provided</i>)	Lunch Break (<i>lunch provided</i>)
1:45 PM	Conducting Clinic with Grad Conducting Class <i>Robert Herrings</i>	Clinic Session (Woodwind)	Clinic Session (Brass)	Conducting Clinic with Grad Conducting Class <i>Scott Rush</i>
2:45 PM	Break	Break	Break	Break
3:00 PM	Clinic Session <i>Robert Herrings</i>	Clinic Session (Percussion)	Creating Habits of Success in the Young Band & Beyond <i>Scott Rush</i>	Habits of a Significant Band Director <i>Scott Rush</i>
4:15 PM	Break	Break	Break	Workshop concludes at 4:00 PM to accommodate travel home.
4:30 PM	Clinic Session with Grad Jazz Band <i>Tony Kidonakis</i>	Q & A with Robert Herrings	Q & A with Scott Rush	
5:30 PM	Break	Break	Break	
6:00 PM	Optional Dinner & Event: Chicago Jazz Showcase	Optional Dinner & Event: Grant Park Music Festival	Optional Evening Excursion: Dinner in Chinatown	