

2026 VanderCook College of Music Band Director Workshop

Time	Thursday, July 9th	Friday, July 10th	Saturday, July 11th	Sunday, July 12th
8:30 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>
9:00 AM	The Kaminsky Method (Part 1): How Can I Get My Band to Sound Like That! <i>Alex Kaminsky</i>	The Kaminsky Method (Part 2): How Can I Get My Band to Sound Like That! <i>Alex Kaminsky</i>	Harmony Director: Improving Ensemble Intonation <i>Alex Kaminsky</i>	What Does an Adjudicator Listen For? <i>Alex Kaminsky</i>
10:00 AM	Break	Break	Break	Break
10:15 AM	Choosing Diverse Quality Repertoire <i>Stacey Dolan</i>	Balancing Act: Strategies for Life Balance as a Music Educator <i>Randall Standridge</i>	Developing Resilience in Your Program: Strategies for Success <i>Stacey Dolan</i>	Developing Student Leadership <i>Alex Kaminsky</i>
11:15 AM	Break	Break	Break	Break
11:30 AM	Reading is Fundamental: Teaching Music Literacy and Practice Skills in an Ensemble Setting <i>Randall Standridge</i>	New Music Reading Session (with Grad Band) <i>Randall Standridge</i>	25 Things You Can Do for a Better Rehearsal <i>Peter Boonshaft</i>	Ensemble Development Exercises That Work! (with Workshop Band) <i>Peter Boonshaft</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>) GROUP PICTURE
1:45 PM	<u>Woodwind Session</u> <i>VanderCook Applied Faculty</i>	Conducting Clinic (with Grad Conducting Class) <i>Randall Standridge</i>	<u>Brass Session</u> <i>VanderCook Applied Faculty</i>	Conducting Clinic (with Workshop Band) <i>Peter Boonshaft</i> (Participants interested in podium time will sign up in advance)
2:45 PM	Break	Break	Break	Break
3:00 PM	Arranging: How to Effectively Arrange and Rewrite for your Ensemble <i>Randall Standridge</i>	<u>Percussion Session</u> <i>VanderCook Applied Faculty</i>	Ways To Improve Every Rehearsal Through Inspired Teaching <i>Peter Boonshaft</i>	How We Teach is as Important as What We Teach <i>Peter Boonshaft</i>
4:15 PM	Break	Break	Break	Workshop concludes at 4:00 PM to accommodate travel home.
4:30 PM	Q & A with Randall Standridge	<u>Harmony Bridge</u> <i>Special Guest, Michael Levine of Dallas Brass</i>	Q & A with Peter Boonshaft	
5:30 PM	Break	Break	Break	
6:00 PM	Optional Dinner & Event: ➤ Lou Malnati's ➤ Chicago Jazz Showcase	Optional Dinner & Event: ➤ Dinner on your own at Millenium Park ➤ Grant Park Music Festival Concert	Optional Dinner & Excursion: ➤ Chinatown ➤ Chicago River Architecture Boat Tour	