

# The SDMEA Conference Schedule

## In connection with

### All State Chorus and Orchestra

October 29-31, 2009 – Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, Rapid City, SD

**Black = State Music Conference (SDMEA)**

**Blue = All State Chorus and Orchestra (ASC&O)**

**Red = Elementary Honor Choir (EHC)**

#### Thursday, October 29, 2009

- 1:00 PM** Conference Registration Opens: Lobby of Rushmore Plaza Civic Center
- 2:30 PM** Collegiate Clinic: Ponderosa Room
- 3:30 PM** Instrumental Clinic: Room 201  
Dr. Juan Tony Guzman, All State Director
- 3:30 PM** Choral Clinic: Ponderosa Room  
Dr. Kevin Meidl, All State Director,
- 3:30 PM** Elementary Clinic: Room 202  
Peggy Rosenkranz, EHC Director, MM degree in Music Education from Colorado State University (Fort Collins, CO)
- 4:20 PM** Collegiate Honor Recital Rehearsal Time: Ponderosa Room
- 4:45 PM** Collegiate Honor Recital Time : Ponderosa Room
- 5:30 PM** Dinner Break
- 6:30 PM** Collegiate MENC – Dessert Reception Room 201/202 – Dr. Alan LaFave
- 7:00 PM** ASC&O Registration Begins
- 7:30 PM** Collegiate MENC New Teacher Workshop: Ponderosa Room – New Teacher Panel
- 9:00 PM** Collegiate Conference Concludes
- 9:00 PM** ASC&O Registration Concludes
- 9:30 PM** Collegiate MENC Social Gathering Time: Locations TBD

#### Friday, October 30, 2009

- 7:00 AM** Conference and ASC&O Registration Opens: Lobby Rushmore Plaza Civic Center
- 8:00 AM** Seating ASC&O
- 8:10 AM** Instrumental Clinic: Rooms 201/202  
Gene Bechen, Associate Professor of Music and Director of Bands at St. Ambrose University
- 8:10 AM** Choral & General Clinic: Rushmore Room F  
Music of the Pacific Rim - Rosenkranz
- 8:15 AM** Rehearsal Begins (Breaks as per Conductor)
- 8:45 AM** Choral Director's Meeting
- 9:00 AM** Exhibits Open  
EXHIBITS OPEN 9:00 AM to NOON and 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM: LaCroix Room – Rushmore Plaza Civic Center
- 9:10 AM** Instrumental Clinic: Rooms 201/202  
Dean Sorenson, Associate Professor and Director of Jazz Studies at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, MN
- 9:10 AM** Choral & General Clinic: Rushmore Room F  
Sing and Play Around the USA – Recorders in the Classroom – Patricia Martin
- 9:15 AM** Spot Checks Announced
- 9:30 AM** Choral Spot Checks: Alpine Room
- 10:00 AM** Spot Checks Continued
- 10:00 AM** Exclusive Exhibit Time
- 11:15 AM** Morning Rehearsal Concludes
- 11:30 AM** CONCERT - Aberdeen Middle School Honor Orchestra: Rushmore Room F
- 12:00 PM** LUNCH – Exhibits Close
- 1:00 PM** Exhibits Open
- 1:30 PM** Rehearsal Begins
- 1:30 PM** Instrumental Clinic: Rooms 201/202  
Dr. Gene Bechen
- 1:30 PM** Choral Clinic: Ponderosa Room  
When Your Confidence Goes M.I.A.  
Dr. Mary Kay Geston

- 1:30 PM** General Clinic: Rushmore Room F  
Singing Games For The Holidays  
Ms. Peggy Rosenkranz
- 2:30 PM** Instrumental Clinic: Rooms 201/202  
Dean Sorenson
- 2:30 PM** Reading Session - Dr. Mary Kay Geston  
Ponderosa Room
- 3:00 PM** Meet The Director – Dr. Kevin Meidl  
Ponderosa Room
- 3:00 PM** BREAK – Optional Exhibit Time
- 3:20 PM** Exclusive Exhibit Time
- 3:30 PM** Rehearsal Begins
- 4:00 PM** Keynote Speaker: Rushmore Room E
- 5:00 PM** Rehearsal Concludes
- 5:00 PM** DINNER BREAK
- 7:00 PM** Rehearsal Begins
- 7:15 PM** SDMEA BANQUET: Rushmore Rm H
- 8:30 PM** Rehearsal Concludes
- 9:00 PM** HEADLINER CONCERT – DALLAS BRASS: THEATRE  
Special Guests – The Rapid City Central High School Band

#### Saturday, October 31, 2009

- 8:00 AM** EHC Registration
- 8:00 AM** ASC&O Rehearsal begins
- 8:10 AM** EHC Seating: Rushmore Room F
- 8:10 AM** Instrumental Clinic: Rooms 201/202  
Randall Royer – Professor Black Hills State University
- 8:10 AM** Reading Session: Ponderosa Room  
Mary Kay Geston
- 8:10 AM** General Clinic: Alpine Room  
Butterfly Puppet Theatre - Sue Hey & Leonard Running
- 8:30 AM** EHC Rehearsal Begins
- 9:00 AM** EXHIBITS OPEN (9:00 AM to Noon): LaCroix Room – Rushmore Plaza Civic Center
- 9:10 AM** Instrumental Clinic: Rooms 201/202  
Dr. Alan LaFave, Dir. of Bands at NSU  
Clarinet Techniques
- 9:10 AM** Choral Clinic: Ponderosa Room  
Mary Kay Geston
- 9:10 AM** General Clinic: Alpine Room  
Christy Leichtnam
- 10:00 AM** EHC BREAK
- 10:10 AM** SDMEA Membership Meeting: Ponderosa
- 10:15 AM** EHC Rehearsal begins
- 10:55 AM** ASC&O Rehearsal Concludes
- 11:00 AM** Choral Concert – Dakota Voices: Rushmore Room E (ASC&O attend also)
- 11:30 AM** Orchestra Concert – South Dakota Youth Symphony Orchestra (SDYSO): Rushmore Rm H (ASC&O attend also)
- 11:45 AM** EHC Dismissed for LUNCH
- 12:00 PM** LUNCH BREAK
- 12:45 PM** EHC Rehearsal Begins
- 1:30 PM** Seating for Combined Rehearsal/Attend ASC&O Reh
- 1:45 PM** Four-year ASC&O Recognition
- 2:00 PM** Combined Rehearsal
- 2:00 PM** EHC BREAK
- 2:15 PM** Photo and Dress Rehearsal
- 3:15 PM** Chorus Dismissed/Orchestra Continues as Necessary
- 3:30 PM** EHC CONCERT: THEATRE
- 4:30 PM** DINNER BREAK
- 7:15 PM** SEATING of All State Chorus and Orchestra
- 7:35 PM** Recognition of Service and Award Winners
- 7:45 PM** All State Chorus and Orchestra Photo
- 8:00 PM** SOUTH DAKOTA ALL STATE CHORUS AND ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE!

**Thurs., Oct. 29 @ 3:30 PM: Instr. Clinic – Rm 201**



**Dr. Juan Tony Guzman** is currently director of the jazz program and assistant professor of music education at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. Guzman holds a Ph.D. in Music Education from the Florida State University and a degree in Electromechanical Engineering from the Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra in Santiago, Dominican Republic. For more information: [music.luther.edu/faculty/guzman\\_juan\\_tony.html](http://music.luther.edu/faculty/guzman_juan_tony.html)

**Thurs., Oct. 29 @ 3:30 PM: Choral Clinic – Ponderosa**



**Dr. Kevin Meidl** is director of choirs and music department chair at Appleton West High School. In addition, he is the artistic director and principal conductor with the Appleton Boychoir. In 2006, Meidl co-founded the Badger State Girl Choir. He leads nearly one hundred elementary and middle school girls in a diverse performance-based program inclusive of both music and dance. Please see: <http://www.appletonboychoir.org/meidl.htm>

**Thurs., Oct. 29 @ 3:30 PM: Elem. Clinic – Rm 202**



**Peggy Rosenkranz's** career in music education and conducting has included over 31 years. In 1983, Rosenkranz founded the Centennial Children's Chorus, a community wide children's choir organization in Fort Collins. Highlights with CCC have been their performances at Carnegie Hall and in St. Paul's Cathedral in London, as well as participation in festivals in England, Hawaii, New York City, Washington, DC and New Orleans. Research at: <http://www.sdmea.net/elementary-honor-choir.html>

**Fri., Oct. 30 @ 8:10 AM & 1:30 PM: Instr. Clinic – Rm 201/202**

**Dr. Gene Bechen** is in his fifth year as Associate Professor of Music and Director of Bands at St. Ambrose University. In 2001, Dr. Bechen served as a visiting lecturer at the University of Transkei (UNITRA) in Umtata, Eastern Cape, South Africa, where he taught conducting and served as a curriculum consultant. For more information: <http://web.sau.edu/music/faculty/bechen.html>



**Fri., Oct. 30 @ 9:10 AM & 2:30 PM: Instr. Clinic – Rm 201/202**

**Dean Sorenson** is the Director of Jazz Studies at the University of Minnesota. He received his master's degree in jazz arranging and composition from the Eastman School of Music. Mr. Sorenson is the co-author of the STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE JAZZ ENSEMBLE METHOD, a comprehensive method book for young jazz ensembles. He is also the author of the STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE JAZZ COMBO SESSION, and composer of numerous pieces for concert band and jazz ensemble published by Neil A. Kjos. Please see: <http://web.mac.com/sorenson/d/sorensonmusic.com/Home.html>



**Fri., Oct. 30 @ 9:00 PM - Headliner Concert – Theatre**

Since its founding in 1983 by Michael Levine, the **Dallas Brass** has become one of America's foremost musical ensembles. The group has established a unique blend of traditional brass instruments with a full complement of drums and percussion, which creates a performing entity of extraordinary range and musical challenges. The Dallas Brass repertoire includes classical masterpieces, Dixieland, swing, Broadway, Hollywood and patriotic music. Research at: <http://dallasbrass.com>



**Sat., Oct. 31 @ 8:10 AM: Instr. Clinic – Rm 201/202**



**Dr. Randall Royer** holds a doctorate from the University of Utah in Music Education, a Master's Degree from the University of Wyoming, and a Bachelor's Degree from South Dakota State University. Dr. Royer serves as director of the Jazz Ensemble and the Chamber Orchestra at Black Hills State University. He also teaches woodwinds, percussion, theory, and American Music. Dr. Royer's principal performance interest is oboe and he also performs on guitar and bass. For more information, see: <http://www.bhsu.edu/AboutBHSU>

**Fri., Oct. 30 @ 1:30 & 2:30 pm - Sat., Oct. 31 @ 8:10 AM: Reading Session & 9:10 AM: Choral Clinic –**

**Ponderosa Room**



**Dr. Mary Kay Geston** is an associate professor of music at Northwestern College (NWC), St. Paul, Minnesota, where she conducts the Women's Chorale and Chamber Singers, and teaches Secondary Choral Methods, Advanced Choral Conducting, Introduction to Music, and supervises student teachers. Please see: <http://www.nwc.nwc.edu>

**Sat., Oct. 31 @ 8:10 AM: General Clinic – Alpine Room**



**Butterfly Puppet Theatre** is a two-person creative team; **Leonard Running and Sue Hey**. Their live performances are "people and puppet" shows combining human actors with a colorful cast of original puppet characters. Each show is a collaborative writing effort with original music by Leonard Running and specially designed puppets by Sue Hey. Research at: [www.butterflypuppets.com](http://www.butterflypuppets.com)

**Sat., Oct. 31 @ 9:10 AM: Instr. Clinic – Rm 201/202**

Director of Bands at NSU since 1991, **Dr. Alan LaFave** conducts the Symphonic Band and teaches applied clarinet. He holds the B.M.E. in instrumental music from Northern State University and the M.M. and D.M.A. in clarinet performance from Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ. He is the Past President of the South Dakota Music Educator's Association. For more information: <http://www.northern.edu/music>



**Sat., Oct. 31 @ 9:10 AM: General Clinic – Alpine Room**

**Christine Leichtnam** holds a BA in music from South Dakota State University and an MMEd from the Hartt School at the University of Hartford. She has taught K-5 general music for 26 years in the Douglas and Rapid City School Districts. She is currently Elementary Music Coordinator for the Rapid City Schools, and teaches K-5 general music at Black Hawk and Corral Drive Schools.

**Sat., Oct. 31 @ 11:00 AM: Dakota Voices–Rushmore E**

**Dakota Voices** specializes in one-on-a-part ensemble music, striving for historically accurate performance practice. The ensemble has appeared in professional recitals and concerts locally, regionally and at international venues. Please see: <http://music.sdsmt.edu/dvoices>



**Sat., Oct. 31 @ 11:30 AM: SDYSO – Rushmore H**

Backed by the award-winning South Dakota Symphony, the **South Dakota Symphony Youth Orchestras (SDYSO)** are an elite, new music program for grades K-12. Divided into four groups, students are placed in an orchestra based on their musical ability, enriching their skills and love of music.

# 2009 Registration Form for SDMEA Conference (In connection with All State Chorus and Orchestra)

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**PLEASE USE ONE REGISTRATION FORM PER PERSON**

Registration Fees: Preregistration SDMEA MEMBERS - \$55.00 (Banquet Included)  
General Registration SDMEA MEMBERS - \$65.00 (Banquet Included)  
Non-SDMEA Members - \$75.00 (Banquet Included)  
Nonperforming HS Students - \$5.00 (Banquet NOT Included)  
Collegiate MENC Students – FREE (Banquet NOT Included)  
Banquet ONLY - \$25.00

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_  
PREFERRED PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
PREFERRED E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
(for confirmation purposes only)

Please check this box if it is OK to provide your e-mail information to exhibitors.

**Please Check the appropriate category and make checks payable to: SDMEA**

- Preregistration (\$55.00)
- General Registration (\$65.00)
- Non-SDMEA Member (\$75.00)
- Nonperforming HS Student (\$5.00)
- Collegiate MENC Student (FREE)
- Banquet ONLY (\$25.00)
- Interested in receiving graduate credit (available at on-sight registration)

Registration Questions: please call Mrs. Mindee Birnstiehl  
@ 605-935-6766 or 605-212-3425

**Mail To: Mrs. Mindee Birnstiehl, 105 S. Sloan St./P.O. Box 430, Tripp, SD 57376  
MUST BE POSTMARKED BY: OCTOBER 22, 2009**

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