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2026 Band Director Institute Schedule

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Time	Activity	Location
7:30 am	Registration begins in the Lobby	Fine Arts Lobby
9:00 am	**Concert Band Reading Session 1: Brian/Bethany**	Knutson Stage
10:30am	Break: Popplers Music Display	FA 150
10:45 am	**Clinic Session 1: Foundations: Hiding the Vegetables in Awesomesauce** **Brian Balmages, Clinician**	Colton Recital Hall
11:45 am	Lunch Break	
1:15 pm	**Concert Band Reading Session 2: Brian**	Knutson Stage
2:45 pm	Break: Popplers Music Display	FA 150
3:00 pm	**Clinic Session 2: Play it Forward! Navigating the Intersection of Composer, Conductor, Publisher, and Performer** **Brian Balmages, Clinician**	Colton Recital Hall
4:00 pm	Break: Popplers Music Display	FA 150
4:15 pm	**Concert Band Reading Session "Hidden Gems" with Brian Balmages**	Knutson Stage
5:15pm	Dinner Break	
7:00pm	**Concert Band Reading Session "The Music of Brian Balmages"**	Knutson Stage
8:15pm	Reception Hosted by USD Music Department and Midbell Music ray's MIDBELL music	Old Lumber Co.

Thursday, June 25

Time	Activity	Location
9:00 am	**Concert Band Reading Session 3: Brian**	Knutson Stage
10:30am	Break: Popplers Music Display	FA 150
10:45 am	**Clinic Session 3: If You PLAY Something, SAY Something** **Brian Balmages, Clinician**	Colton Recital Hall
11:45 am	Lunch Break	
1:15 pm	**Concert Band Reading Session 4: Brian**	Knutson Stage
2:30 pm	Break: Popplers Music Display	FA 150

2:45 pm	**Clinic Session 4: Instrument Pedagogy Breakout Sessions** **Flute with Prof. Stephanie Kocher** **Clarinet with Dr. Beverly Gibson** **Horn with Dr. Amy Laursen** **Low Brass with Dr. Todd Cranson** **Double Bass with Prof. Kelly Coslet**	Colton Recital Hall
3:45pm	Break: Popplers Music Display	FA 150
4:00 pm	**Clinic Session 5: Work-Life Investment** **Dr. Haley Armstrong, Clinician**	Knutson Stage
5:15pm	Dinner Break	
7:00pm	**Concert Band Reading Session 5:Bethany/Haley/Todd**	Knutson Stage
8:15pm	Informal gathering downtown Vermillion	XIX Brewing Company

Friday, June 26

Time	Activity	Location
9:00 am	**Concert Band Reading Session 6: Todd/Bethany/Haley**	Knutson Stage
10:30am	Break: Popplers Music Display	FA 150
10:45 am	**Clinic Session 6: Running Red: Rehearsal Techniques When You Have Nothing Left To Give** **Dr. Haley Armstrong, Clinician**	
11:45 am	Lunch Break	
1:15 pm	**Jazz Band Reading Session: Dr. CJ Kocher** **Or** **Coaching Chamber Music Ensemble with Dr. Amy Laursen and Dr. Todd Cranson**	Colton Recital Hall FA 144
2:30 pm	Institute Wrap-up with Dr. Amundson and Dr. Sanderson or National Music Museum Tour	Knutson Stage National Music Museum