



MUSIC IN THE HIGH SCHOOLS

CLINICS - WINTER 2024 - DC, MD & VA

High schools within a 20-mile radius of Marine Barracks Washington are eligible for in-person clinics given by musicians of “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band. Clinics will take place Feb. 1-29, 2024. Music educators can sign up beginning, Jan. 11, at 12 p.m. Clinic availability is limited. One request per educator, please.

Sign up: www.marineband.marines.mil/Educational/Music-in-the-Schools/

CLINIC TOPICS

1. Practice Techniques for High School Musicians
2. Before You Play - Setting Up for Success
3. Improving Tone
4. Technical Mastery Through Creative Scales Practice
5. Jazz Band - Methods and Techniques for Improvisation
6. Improving on Trombone - Fundamentals, Concepts & Techniques
7. For String Orchestra - Ask Me Anything

CLINIC DESCRIPTIONS

1. **Practice Techniques for High School Musicians:** We’ve all heard that practice makes perfect, but what makes perfect practice? This clinic will give your students inspiration and practical tips to take their playing to the next level.
2. **Before You Play - Setting Up for Success:** A fun and interactive clinic that revisits the importance of correct posture, breathing, instrument placement, and healthy coping mechanisms for nerves. The mastery of these fundamentals helps pave the way for better technique, musicality, and overall performance. This clinic is for all instrument types.
3. **Improving Tone:** Help your wind and brass students understand, identify, and produce a good tone! Saxophonist Staff Sgt. Connor Mikula will guide students to become active listeners and begin describing tone qualities, then provide them tools to improve their own tone through active and engaged warm ups.
4. **Technical Mastery Through Creative Scales Practice:** Do your students find practicing scales boring or stale? A thorough knowledge of scales, paired with the ability to execute them in every imaginable way on one’s instrument, is the key to being able to play any style of music. This clinic offers fresh new ways to approach scale practice for any high school instrumental ensemble.
5. **Jazz Band - Methods and Techniques for Improvisation:** This clinic will break down the methods and techniques used by masters of the jazz language so students can better understand how to develop their jazz improvisational language, as well as how to practice to take their improvisation to the next level.
6. **Improving on Trombone - Fundamentals, Concepts & Techniques:** This clinic is designed to help high school trombonists of any level improve on their instrument. From fundamental concepts to practice techniques to learning musical styles and repertoire, this clinic focuses on the foundations of healthy and high-quality trombone playing.
7. **For String Orchestra - Ask Me Anything:** Students are invited to join GySgt Sarah Hart in a discussion about their music-related concerns. GySgt Hart will perform on the viola and host a conversation on topics such as effective practice, careers in music, and performance anxiety.