



The 2024 NSBA Young Band Director's Bootcamp will be held on Friday, June 28 from 9:00-4:00 at Papillion La Vista South High School in Papillion. This is open to all music ed students and directors in their first 5 years, and costs nothing to participants! If you know someone who would benefit from the bootcamp please help us spread the word! We have a great group of clinicians to share their knowledge with you.

The bootcamp sessions will include:

**9:00 – Check in, coffee, and pastries- come and mingle before the sessions start!**

**9:30-10:30 - Battle Strategies- how to help students approach jazz soloing when the chords look crazy!**

Brian Nelsen- Elkhorn South High School

*Working with beginning soloists can be overwhelming to them and to us! It's all good when the chart has one or two repeated chords, or is a blues, but what about when things get more complicated? Brian will take us through some ways to break down more complicated chord progressions for soloists who aren't confident jazz readers yet.*

**10:40-11:40 - Answers to questions we are hesitant to ask!**

Byron Braash- Retired from Bellevue and Millard Public Schools

*Sometimes rules and norms can be assumed by veteran teachers and not articulated clearly to new teachers. This session will help with things like:*

*-what are the rules and practices that tend to catch people up in marching band?*

*-What do we do at state level pep band performances?*

*-What are secrets to success for large ensembles at DMC?*

**11:50-12:50 – Lunch and conversation with clinicians and NSBA board members**

**1:00-2:00 - Strategies to protect your hearing**

Sarah Aymond- Iowa Western Community College

*As band directors, we look forward to a full career of using our ears, and sometimes abusing them.*

*The best time to build GOOD habits with your hearing is at the start of your career before you've already built bad ones. Sarah Aymond will teach us about hearing loss and it's prevention!*

**2:10-3:10 - Strategies for teaching beginning students in a mixed setting**

Lance Mattice- Omaha Public Schools

Anna Sake- Palmer Public Schools

Working with beginning band students can be overwhelming, and even more so when you are dealing with mixed instrumentation! Our presenters will bring both a large and a small school perspective to this challenge and help you and your students reach your best in this setting.

**3:20-4:00 – Q and A with the NSBA Board**

*Your chance to pick our brains with any questions that remain or were raised during the day!*

**An informal social hour will follow at the conclusion of the day at The Good Life Papillion (11336 S 96th St #109, Papillion, NE 68046).**

Click [here](#) for the registration form.