

**2026 NYSBDA SYMPOSIUM Schedule**  
**Honoring Legacy and Amplifying Artistry**  
DoubleTree Carrier Circle, Syracuse, New York

**Friday, March 6, 2026**

- 9:30 a.m. Registration OPENS
- 10:30-11:30 a.m. **Clinic Session-** Jazz Band Basics, *Brian Carucci Clinician*
- 12:00-5:00 p.m. NYSSMA Manual on Display
- 12:00-1:00 p.m. **Clinic Session-** The Warm-Up Web: Connecting Concepts & Creating Community, *Jennifer Greene Clinician*
- 1:15 -2:15 p.m. **Clinic Session-** Modern Band: Hands On, *Dr. Tom Zlabinger and Kevin Heathwood, Clinicians*
- 2:30-3:30 p.m. **Clinic Session-** A.I. for the Band Director: Automate the Admin, Amplify the Artistry, *Greg Clark Clinician*
- 3:45-4:45 p.m. **Clinic Session-** Elementary Band Shenanigans That Work, *Melissa Cannan*
- 5:00-6:00 p.m. **Clinic Session-** Concert Night Emergencies: A Band Director's Tool Kit, *Samson Flanbaum*
- 6:00p.m. Dinner Break**
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. Executive Board Dinner**
- 8:00 p.m. Concert Hour-** The Camillus Community Jazz Band, *Steve Frank Director*

**Saturday, March 7, 2026**

- 7:30 a.m. Registration- Lobby
- 8:00-5:00 p.m. NYSSMA Manual on Display
- 8:00- 9:00 a.m. **Clinic Session-** Tips and Tricks for Teaching Beginning Flute / Flute Embouchure, *Michelle Crawford Clinician*
- 8:00- 9:00 a.m. **HS Students Leadership Session - Erin Althen**
- 9:15- 10:15 a.m. **Clinic Session-** Blueprints for Spontaneity: Teaching Jazz Improvisation in the Large Ensemble, *John Jeanneret*
- 10:30-11:30 a.m. **Panel Session-** ED Lisk Remembered, *Various Clinicians*
- 11:30-12:30 p.m. LUNCH BREAK**
- 12:30-1:30 p.m. **Clinic Session-** Hosting a Swing Dance Concert: An Immersive Jazz Education Experience, *Emily Kluga*
- 1:35-1:50 p.m. **NYSBDA General Membership Meeting**
- 2:00-3:00 p.m. Conference Keynote Speaker-** TBD, *Randall Standridge*
- 2:30-3:30 p.m. **MS Students Leadership Session - Erin Althen**
- 3:15-4:15 p.m. **Clinic Session-** The Long and Winding Road, *Gary Hill Clinician*

4:30-5:30 p.m. **Middle School Honor Band Concert - *Dr. James Patrick Miller***  
5:30-6:30 p.m. **C-NYSBDA - *TBD, C-NYSBDA Executive Board***  
8:00 p.m. **Concert Hour - The Camillus Community Band, Andy Perry**  
Director

**Sunday, March 8, 2026**

9:00-10:15 a.m. **Conducting Clinic with Directors Reading Band, Gary Hill**  
10:30-11:45 a.m. **Interview with a Legend, Dr. Andrew Pease, Gary Hill**  
12:00 p.m. **High School Honor Jazz Band Concert - Mr. Steven Wilson**  
1:00 p.m. **High School Honor Band Concert - Dr. Jennifer Jolley**