

**Summer Mariachi Workshops Offered At  
National Center for Music Education**

**Wenger Corporation Provides \$100 Scholarships  
To First Thirty (30) Early Bird Registrations\***

Following the successful launch of a Summer Mariachi Workshop in 2008, MENC will host both Beginning and Intermediate Level Mariachi Workshops at the National Center for Music Education in Reston, Virginia, in June.

Co-sponsored by Yamaha Corporation, Wenger Corporation, and VanderCook College in cooperation with MENC, the 2009 Summer Mariachi I and Mariachi II Workshops will be held June 29–July 3. Teaching faculty is from the Clark County School District's Mariachi Program.

**Mariachi I** participants will learn how to bring a new dimension to their school music program by offering a standards-based Mariachi Program. Attendees will be provided with sample materials so that they may present the concept to district officials and other decision-makers. They will also receive curriculum documents, beginning level musical arrangements, sample recordings, historical material, and a resource list of contacts for instruments, uniforms, and storage options.

**Mariachi I** participants will also have the opportunity to learn to play the guitarron, vihuela, and guitar in authentic mariachi style including ranchera, son, bolero, and polka. Ensemble performance will be emphasized.

The **Mariachi II** workshop is designed for those who have taken the Beginning Mariachi course or those who already have some experience playing or teaching mariachi. Participants will be provided with sample materials for the more advanced mariachi song forms including Bolero Moruno, Son Abajeño, Son Jalisciense, Son Jarabe, Son Jarocho, Huapango, and Joropo.

**Mariachi II** resources will include curriculum documents, intermediate level musical arrangements, recordings and other equipment recommendations and materials. Participants will have the opportunity to enhance their playing skills on guitarron, vihuela, and mariachi guitar with the focus being on learning through performing in a mariachi ensemble.

Participants in both levels should bring their primary instrument (violin, trumpet, guitar) to the workshops. Yamaha Corporation will provide vihuelas and guitarrones. The courses are being made available for 3 hours of graduate credit or for non-credit with registration for both options being handled through VanderCook College.

**\*Wenger Corporation is providing scholarships in the amount of \$100 for the first thirty (30) who register. To receive your scholarship, you must register by phone by calling VanderCook College at 312-225-6288.**

Attendees will also have the option of taking advantage of a special room rate (approximately \$69 plus tax per night) arranged through Yamaha Corporation at the Marriott Suites Hotel. Information on these arrangements is forthcoming. Please refer to the website below for updated information.

**<http://musiceducationconsultants.net/mariachiworkshops>  
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