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**Subject: Message #142: Professional Development for Music Teachers**

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**To: ccss@list.state.ar.us**

**From: Arkansas Department of Education Curriculum and Instruction Unit**

Dear Arkansas Educators,

Walton Arts Center invites Music Educators to register for professional development workshops April 7, 2018, during the VoiceJam Festival at Walton Arts Center.

**Incorporating Contemporary A Cappella into the Choral Classroom with Michael Martinez**

Traditional choral music and contemporary a cappella complement each other! Learn to incorporate contemporary a cappella into your classroom to promote student independence and SUCCESS. When you create a classroom environment where it is okay for everyone to make mistakes (including YOU!), your students will be on their way to performing music with vocal range, control, tight harmonies and sick beats.

**Reclaiming My Time: Maximize the Efficiency of Your Rehearsals with Dr. Stephen Caldwell**

Never enough rehearsal time? A staggering amount of time may be lost to a variety of pedagogically poor procedures. Without an organized approach to your sequence, hours of time may be lost! Maximize your rehearsal efficiency by knowing how to DIRECT: Deconstruct, Isolate, Rehearse, Elucidate, Construct, and Test. This session will explore each of these six rehearsal steps and demonstrate practical examples for how to implement them into your rehearsal to help maximize efficiency.

Additional information and online registration at <https://waltonartscenter.org/special-events/voicejam-festival/voicejam-workshops--professional-development/>

For questions, please contact Dr. Patricia Relph, Arts Learning Specialist, Walton Arts Center  
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*Please share this information with others that might be interested. Thank you for serving the students of Arkansas.*

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