

Heaney Violins

CMEA Clinic:

String repair for band and orchestra directors

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Repairs On The Go: We will discuss practical repairs every teacher can complete with a cursory knowledge of string instruments and some simple supplies.

- How to stand a bridge up, and make certain it's in the right place
- How to replace strings
- How to address peg problems. What to use, and not to use
- How to properly rosin a bow
- What teachers should carry in their tool kit at all times

Repair Evaluation: We will address how to evaluate string instruments for repair and advise on the proper course of action and seriousness of situations that can arise.

- How to check for various problems including:
 - Open seams
 - Loose Neck and Fingerboard
 - String Condition
 - Sound post issues
 - Appropriate Bridge Height and other bridge issues
 - Projection -what it is, and how it affects playability
 - Checking endpins for fit and stability
 - Assessing if a repair can wait, or if it poses an immediate threat

Strings: We will identify a sweet spot for string brands and share the go-to sets for various instruments.

Bows: We will share certain bow tips including information about bow recycling programs, and what brands are most school-friendly.

Care and Maintenance: Find out what you can do (and instruct your students to do) to ensure the longest life for your string instruments.

- Proper storage of instruments and strings on campus

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