



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND CLINICS

The following programs can be presented on the same day or day before any concert.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF AMERICAN POPULAR MUSIC

1 hour. A presentation on the origins of American music and what makes it unique from its roots in the European classical tradition. Includes listening to examples of the different genres and discussion of each with students and attendees. Not recommended for children under 12.

AN INTRODUCTION TO SONGWRITING

1 hour. Based on curriculum from The Johnny Mercer Foundation. Students encouraged to write a song on the spot, with guidance. Also introduce students to melodic harmony and how that contributes to a song's character. Best for kids ages 6-12.

VOCAL PERFORMANCE COACHING

1-3 hours. Whether you have done a thousand gigs or just dream of doing one gig, Gwen can help you unleash your inner diva! It's not about having the best voice – it's about what you do with the voice you have, the body you have, the image you want to present. Based on techniques Gwen has taught in Europe and the United States. Great for all ages.

MUSICIAN CLINICS

1-3 hours. Other band members available to lead clinics for students of all ages on a variety of instruments. Beginners to advanced students welcome. Instruments available: piano; bass; drums; banjo; trumpet.