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2026 CMS Think-Tank **SUMMIT**

REIMAGINING MUSIC SCHOOLS

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We're excited to share the full program for the 2026 CMS Think-Tank Summit, a gathering designed to determine how educators and institutions can meet the unique needs of today's music students in the face of a rapidly changing

landscape in higher education. The Think-Tank Summit centers on the theme “Ideas into Action: Reimagining Music Schools for 2026 and Beyond,” and will feature a combination of plenary talks, individual presentations, and workshop sessions that invite participants to develop actionable solutions to the challenges currently facing music education.

Highlights include:

- Interactive “Action Groups” Peer-led discussion groups, Innovation Presentations, and Sound Bite talks
- Built-in networking opportunities through coffee hours, lunches, and receptions
- Keynote addresses from the Summit Program Committee and a performance by the **UH Mariachi Pumas** on opening night

We’re especially excited to feature keynote “Ideas-into-Action Talks,” by the following CMS member-leaders:

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| • Nancy Barry, Auburn University | • Mary Luehrsen, University of South Carolina |
| • Abra Bush, Indiana University | • Cory Meals, University of Houston |
| • Emily Chapman, Fort Hays State University | • Brian Pertl, Denver University |
| • Shawn Copeland, mBodyed | • Todd Queen, Florida State University |
| • David Cutler, University of South Carolina | • Rey Sanchez, Frost School of Music |
| • Adrian Davis, University of Minnesota Twin Cities | • Edward Sarath, University of Michigan |
| • Kaley Eaton, Cornish College | • Gretta Sayers, Brandon University |
| • James Falzone, Cornish College | • Anthony Taylor, University of North Carolina, Greensboro |

- Tayloe Harding, University of South Carolina
- Elizabeth Lantz & Michele Deramo, Virginia Tech
- Ariana Wyatt, Virginia Tech, & Ivy Walz, Texas Tech

We look forward to finalizing the program and continuing to share more highlights over the coming months. In the meantime, you can explore the full program and register [at this link](#).

We hope to see you in January!

[Summit Website](#)

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