

MELODIC MINDS DIGEST



77TH MIDWEST CLINIC- DECEMBER 2023

The 77th Midwest Clinic at McCormick Place marked a significant milestone, bringing together all music conference programs and exhibits under one roof. With over 18,000 music educators, students, and industry professionals in attendance, the event became a vibrant hub of collaboration and celebration of music education. For the RWS Music Company, this gathering was an opportunity not just to showcase their talent but also to carry on the legacy of Robert W. Smith. The consolidation of programs provided a dynamic space for the entire music industry to unite, fostering an atmosphere of shared passion.

A highlight of the event was the personal connection established by the RWS Music Company's Composers. Engaging in meet-and-greet sessions and hosting insightful clinics, they added a layer of interaction that went beyond the notes on the page. The RWS Music Company's pride swelled as their pieces resonated throughout McCormick Place. The shared experience of watching compositions come to life added a profound sense of accomplishment, emphasizing the quality and impact of their repertoire. In conclusion, the 77th Midwest Clinic was a testament to the success of unifying music conference programs and exhibits under one roof. The RWS Music Company not only celebrated this collaborative spirit but also carried forward the legacy of Robert W. Smith, leaving an indelible mark on an event that brought the entire musical community together. As the notes echoed through McCormick Place, the RWS family stood united, embracing the power of music to inspire, connect, and carry on a legacy that resonates through generations.



Welcome to the RWS Family! **Timothy Loest**

Timothy Loest, a highly regarded figure in the music world known for his creative and accessible compositions for young bands, recently joined RWS Music Company as a Band Editor. With over three decades of experience, Tim has received global recognition for works like "Cloud Gate (Reflections of a City)" and the Cloyd Myers Memorial Award for Excellence in Music Education.

Having published with major companies like Warner Bros. and The FJH Music Company, he founded Fanfare Music Press in 2022. Tim's impact on instrumental pedagogy and contributions to TV shows like "The Tonight Show" and "Good Morning America" reflect his diverse influence. Now residing in Wheaton, Illinois, with his wife Cindy and two sons, Tim's latest role at RWS Music Company adds another dimension to his influential career in shaping the landscape of band music. Tim's commitment to music education and composition continues to inspire.

Featured works for Spring Concert and Solo & Ensemble Festival

[Sandcastle March](#)

[Broken Pieces](#)

[Prelude from Barber of Seville](#)

[Skyward March](#)

[Her Light Shines](#)

[Scene from Barber of Seville](#)

[Spirit Of 44](#)

[Transylvania Polka](#)

[Finale from Barber of Seville](#)

[Right About March](#)

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