

# NEWSLETTER

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## Breaking News!

### Cantus performs at All State Chorus & Orchestra, 2010



Cantus, one of America's finest professional male vocal ensembles, will be performing for the All State Chorus & Orchestra students in a concert on Friday night, October 29.

Having worked with thousands of young people across the country, Cantus is committed to educational endeavors and encouraging singing with their motto "Live. Play. Sing."

Cantus will be presenting two conference sessions as well as hosting a Question/Answer session with college music majors at the State Music Education Conference in conjunction with All - State Orchestra and Chorus, October 28-30 in Aberdeen.

### See Dr. Tim Lautzenheizer at the SDMEA Conference

Come to the State Music Education Conference in conjunction with All - State Orchestra and Chorus October 28-30 to listen to Dr. Tim Lautzenheizer! Tim Lautzenheizer is a well-known name in the music education world as a teacher, clinician, author, composer, conductor, consultant, and, above all, a trusted friend to anyone interested in working with young people in developing a desire for excellence. His career involves ten years of successful college band directing at Northern Michigan University, the University of Missouri, and New Mexico State University. During this time Tim developed highly acclaimed groups in all areas of the instrumental and vocal field.

He presently holds the Earl Dunn Distinguished Lecturer position at Ball State University. Tim also is the Executive Director of Education for Conn-Selmer, Inc.

His books, produced by G.I.A. Publications, *The Art of Successful Teaching*, *The Joy of Inspired Teaching*, and *Everyday Wisdom* are bestsellers in the educational world. He is also co-author of Hal Leonard's popular band method, *Essential Elements*. Tim is a graduate of Ball State University and the University of Alabama. He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree from VanderCook College of Music. Additional awards include the distinguished Sudler Order of Merit from the John Philip Sousa Foundation, Mr. Holland's Opus Award and the Music Industry Award from the Midwest Clinic Board of Directors.

## Directors Workshop in Pierre

SDMEA will again be offering a Directors Workshop in conjunction with the Middle School All-State Band in Pierre on March 5 and 6. Directors may choose to take the workshop for credit or no-credit. Dr. Boyd Perkins, Director of Bands at NSU will be the instructor. Joining Dr. Perkins will be Todd Carr who will lead a clinic on Digital Recording and Rolyn Beard of K&M Music who will lead a clinic on instrument repair and maintenance. Workshop participants will be able to attend some of the All-State rehearsal sessions as well as the Conductors Session on Saturday. For more information, see the Workshop Information on the SDMEA website at [www.SDMEA.net](http://www.SDMEA.net)

Gary Pederson  
SDMEA Band Chair

## Hotels in Aberdeen for the All State Chorus & Orchestra

During All State Chorus & Orchestra, Aberdeen will have 917 hotel rooms within city limits available. This is more than enough to accommodate teachers and students. The Aberdeen Hotel Alliance member properties have agreed that it is important to make sure that the All State Chorus and Orchestra participants have the number of rooms needed. Therefore, they have agreed to take room blocks from individual schools for their students and directors. Parents and spectators will need to call and book their own rooms.

Information above is from a letter written by Nancy Krumm, Executive Director of the Aberdeen Convention and Visitor's Bureau. For the complete letter, please go to [www.SDMEA.net](http://www.SDMEA.net).



## March Events



### March 1 Elementary Chorus Festival

This new event kicks off Music in Our Schools Month with 2 concerts being held in Madison and Sturgis. Elementary students from across the state will gather in these locations to sing wonderful literature under the guest direction of Sean Burton, (Madison site) and Linda Hall (Sturgis site). SDMEA Elementary Chair, Rebecca Rasmussen, and local chairs Jennifer Richards and Bart Torbert, worked to make this event a great success. The Madison concert is at the MHS Auditorium, 4 PM. The Sturgis concert is at the Sturgis Community Theater, 3:30 PM. There is a \$5.00 admission charge for all adults (except directors).

### March 5 and 6 Middle School All State Band

MS All State Band is in its 11th year! See information on attending the Directors Workshop listed above. Thanks to SDMEA chairs ReNae Jackson and Gary Pederson for coordinating this outstanding event.

## Elementary Honor Choir

Please watch the SDMEA website for the entry form and information!

- ~ Auditions for the 2010 Elementary Honor Choir in Aberdeen, SD are due April 9, 2010.
- ~ Results for the 2010 Elementary Honor Choir will be available by May 7, 2010.
- ~ Charlotte Morey will be the 2010 EHC guest director. (read her biography at [www.sdmea.net](http://www.sdmea.net).)

## SDMEA Sponsors Yearly Awards to Music Educators Across SD

Nominees are currently being sought for the 2010 Awards.  
Please check the SDMEA website at [www.sdmea.net](http://www.sdmea.net) for award criteria.

Read the current *Musician* for information on awards given  
this past October!

The awards include:

- ★ Meritorious Service Awards. These awards are presented as a teacher completes 25, 30, 35, 40 years of service. The awardees can be in any music teaching career field and do not have to be members of MENC/SDMEA.
- ★ Distinguished Service to Music Award
- ★ Distinguished Administrator Award
- ★ Outstanding HS Music Participation Recognition
- ★ Outstanding Young Music Educator



We are in the search for nominees for the “NEW” outstanding young music educator award. The SDMEA outstanding young music educator award is given in recognition of meritorious service and outstanding promise in music education. Nominees for this award should epitomize every facet of excellence in music teaching in South Dakota.

**Please visit the Awards portion of the SDMEA website for the nomination form.**

**The nominations are due May 15, 2010.**

