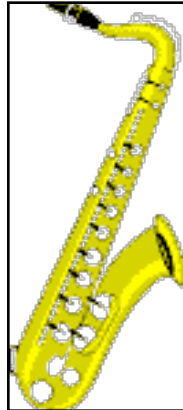


NEWSLETTER

The 10th Annual Middle School All-State Band Concert was a Great Success!



The Middle School All-State Band Concert celebrated its 10th Anniversary this year. The anniversary was celebrated by the premier performance of the commissioned piece, "Tangleridge" by guest conductor William Owens. Students enjoyed working with both guest directors, Chris Hahn and William Owens. 425 students auditioned this year. In addition to the event for students, there were some wonderful professional development opportunities for directors. Pierre will host the event again next year on March 5-6, 2010. The audition information was slightly

revised for 2010 and everything is already posted online at www.sdmea.net/ms-all-state-band for next year. Band Directors, please note that there will be no cassette recording auditions accepted next year.

The past ten years have presented the opportunity to grow in our service to young musicians across the state. Through sponsorship by the South Dakota Music Educators Association (SDMEA), an avenue of excellence is provided for the students who thrive on challenge and expertise. SDMEA takes great pride in this event.

OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE!

Barb Myers, Middle School Vocal Chair, is looking for committee members to help create a Middle School Vocal Contest, divided into regions across the state. Please email her at barbara.myers@k12.sd.us if interested or if you know someone who might be interested!

DID YOU KNOW?

Do you know that you can read the current issue of the SD Musician online? Check it out on the website. The SDMEA website also contains nomination information for various awards and information on how to be an advocate for music education. Check the website often to see what is new.

Upcoming Events

Register now for the fall conference held in conjunction with All State Chorus and Orchestra in Rapid City. Check out conference opportunities on the SDMEA website at www.sdmea.net. The All State Chorus and Orchestra Concert is 8 PM on Saturday, October 31.

Conference Chair, Paul Schilf, is thrilled at the number of presenters wanting to participate in the conference. Also, look for the panel discussion with new music teachers.

The Elementary Honor's Choir will be performing on Saturday, October 31, at 3:30 PM. Honor's Choir members will be announced June 15 via the SDMEA website.

Plan to attend the SDMEA Banquet at 7 PM on October 30 and the General Membership Meeting at 10:10 AM on Saturday, October 31. See Conference schedule for more details.

