



South Dakota Music Education Association Winter Newsletter 2014

South Dakota Music Education Association Board of Directors
Meeting

Sioux Falls New Tech High School, Saturday, January 3

Middle School All-State Band

The 2015 MSASB is set to take place on March 6 - 7, 2015 in Huron, SD at the Huron High School. The audition deadline is at midnight December 12, 2014. An email was just sent statewide concerning audition information, tempo recommendations, payment information, username, & password needed. Visit sdmea.net for this info as well. All audition payments need to be made payable to SDMEA. The audition payment deadline is December 19. Please mail payment to Mellisa Vande Stroet, Watertown Middle School, 601 11th St NE, Watertown, SD 57201.

Guest directors will be Mr. Dave Bohnert, Wayne State College, for the honor band and Mr. Bob Goheen, Brandon Valley, for the festival band. Please remember to reserve hotel rooms as early as you can in Huron. You can always cancel if need be in January once the results are posted. Please reference the block of rooms under "South Dakota Middle School All-State Band" when calling hotels. Check out the website for a list of hotels & their phone numbers.

If you have any questions, please contact Mellisa Vande Stroet or Stephanie Wranek for more information. We look forward to seeing you in Huron!



This year the national Tri-M chair has made it even more affordable to have a Tri-M chapter at your school. Chapter fees are now assessed according to the number of students enrolled in either your high school or middle school. For enrollment less than 500 the fee is \$50, for enrollment of 500-999 the fee is \$75, for enrollment of 1000-1999 the fee is \$100, and for enrollment of 2000 or more the fee is \$125. For more information regarding starting a Tri-M chapter at your school, please contact Bethany Amundson at Bethany.amundson@usd.edu or visit the NAFME website www.nafme.org/tri-m.

Are you interested in getting involved with an SDMEA event committee or serving on the Board of Directors?
Email Lisa Zahn at Lisa.Zahn@k12.sd.us

Retired Music Educators

Notices in SDMEA newsletters, the SD Musician magazine, plus phone calls and emails remain an effective way to market what SDMEA offers retired music educators. This year was the second year of the free ticket offer. Retirees could request a complimentary ticket to attend the 2014 All-State Chorus and Orchestra Concert by contacting the RME Chair. Those who received tickets this year wish to thank SDMEA and James Weaver of the SDHSAA. The only qualification for being able to receive the ticket offer is to be retired from a career in any field or level of music education in South Dakota, and desire to attend the annual All-State Chorus and Orchestra event. This year it was held in Sioux Falls. Next year, Rapid City will host All-State.

Retired SDMEA/nafme members also receive a special registration rate to attend the SDMEA Conference, going on its 7th year, held in conjunction with All-State. Conference sessions and performances are consistently top quality, and allows one to focus on keeping up with what is current in music education. For retirees, it's about keeping informed, and renewing old acquaintances.

A challenge for the RME Chair is to maintain a current list of retired music educators. Please contact Char Cade wiltcharcade@sio.midco.net with information about recent retirees.

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A Letter From SDMEA President Rogene Brown

I'm sure this SDMEA newsletter is reaching just as the fever pitch of concert season is beginning! Whether it is a first concert for beginning string players, or a final holiday concert for a senior in high school choir; every event takes on a special meaning this time of year! I hope that all of your preparation, practice, rehearsals, blood sweat and tears is well worth the final performance! Please know that you are appreciated!

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the SDMEA Music Conference held in conjunction with the All State Chorus and Orchestra in Sioux Falls. Whether you were a conference attendee, concert attendee, clinician, exhibitor, or one of the SDMEA board members, you all created a great weekend of learning, sharing, and performing!

Some of my favorite highlights were; Kim Bruguier's session on Elementary Music! They were so raucous that the bankers lost their minds next door! Another favorite session was Shelbi Busche's clinic on using the ukulele with elementary kids; her enthusiasm is so infectious!

I hope that you were able to hear from our keynote speaker; Dr. Richard Cangro. His sessions on assessments in the music classroom were full of invaluable information! I heard great discussions after each of his sessions!

All three of the collegiate concerts were incredible! Dr. Paul Nesheim with the Augustana Choir, Dr. Clinton Desmond with the Dakota Wesleyan Highlanders, and Erin Desmond with the Dakota Wesleyan Handbells are to be commended for their professional and wonderfully entertaining performances!

Our Friday night headliner; An Octave Above, from Chicago, absolutely loved performing for everyone! In case you didn't know, the weather in Chicago almost prevented the entire group from performing. The final member of the group arrived at the Sioux Falls Regional airport at 8:41pm! Thanks to the incredible driving skills of Paul Schilf, he arrived safely at the door of the concert just in time! Their vocal jazz stylings left the audience in awe of their skills! What a fun group of teachers/singers/performers!

Again, if you have feedback about the conference, or anything else that you want to see happen for Music Education in the great state of South Dakota, please email me, or text me!! rogene.brown@k12.sd.us, 605-351-6746. I would love to hear from you!!

I hope that you find yourself surrounded with family and friends over the winter break, and come back to school in January, ready to teach your students and love what you do!

Rogene Brown
President, SDMEA
