MMEA CENTRAL DISTRICT
MASSACHUSETTS MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, October 4
General Meeting at O'Connor's Restaurant - 5:15pm

Wednesday, October 19
Senior High Audition Registrations due

WELCOME!
CDMMEA welcomes everyone back to a shiny new school year! It is shaping up to be an exciting year with lots of events and opportunities, both new and old, for everyone. This email is periodically being sent out to everyone to help our members keep up with the latest developments, new announcements and opportunities for you and your students. Feel free to check our website (cdmmea.org), for details and links. The CDMMEA Board is listed and is always ready to answer your questions or clarify information. We are here to help you and your students. Use us as a resource!

FALL DINNER MEETING
Join us for our CDMMEA Fall Dinner meeting at O'Connors in Worcester on Oct. 4th. It is **"free"** for all members (cash bar). Festival Managers and staff are meeting at 4:30 and our Membership meeting is @ 5:15pm, free dinner @ 6pm. Come to network, discuss your concerns, volunteer or just ask questions.

HANDBOOK/WEBSITE UPDATES

Lots of information on our website has been updated.
* Our Handbook has been revised to include new dates, locations and info.
* Senior and Junior Festival Audition information and files are available.
* Be sure to check out the "**new"** Jazz Double Audition Policy.
* We have adopted a new Jazz Drum book/solo.

* We are in need of a Pianist!

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations and a huge round-of-applause for Future Symphony Hall Scholar Grant winners Deborah Cole & Lisa Leach (Burncoat MS), and Johnetta Smith (South High Community School). They are benefiting from MMEA's Symphony Hall Scholars fund raising campaign. Please consider donating today. For more information about this program use the link on our website (cdmmea.org).

ALL-STATE HARP AND PIANO AUDITIONS
All-State is in need of a Harpist. This year's CDMMEA programs do not require a Harpist but protocol requires all Harpists to register and audition at their Senior Festival auditions in order to receive an All State recommendation.

All-State is also in need of two (2), pianists. There is no requirement to participate in our Senior Festival. It is a video taped audition and details will be listed on the MMEA website (massmmea.org).

MMEA CONFERENCE
This year's MMEA All-State Conference & Festival will be held March 9-11, at the new Sheraton Boston Hotel. Conference registrations begin soon. Everything will be in one (1), building.

MMEA now has a twitter account! (@MAMusicEd).

EVENTS HAPPENING AROUND US
American Young Voices is hosting the "Biggest School Chorus in the World". It is open to students from grade 2 thru 8, and will occur at the Tsongas Center in Lowell on May 31st. There is a link on our website with info and details.

WPI is hosting two free and unique opportunities this fall. The Ramallah School from Palestine is presenting a free concert, Saturday, September 17 at 7pm. On November 20, WPI will perform a free concert at Mechanic's Hall featuring "Katahdin: The Greatest Mountain" by local composer Tom Myron with a German soloist performing Mozart's Clarinet Concerto. Email Doug Weeks (dweeks@WPI.EDU) for details.

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