

MANITOBA MUSIC EDUCATORS' ASSOCIATION L'ASSOCIATION MANITOBAINE DES ÉDUCATEURS DE MUSIQUE

May 2021

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LES CHALMERS

Hello all,

I hope that you are enjoying the spring weather as we move towards the end of another school year and navigate the concerns and challenges of this unprecedented year.

May is Music Month! The MMEA is once again hosting an online format with music teachers able to highlight a variety of recorded performances from their students. All Manitoba K-12 schools are invited to submit content for the showcase, which will then be shared on MMEA's social media platforms throughout May 2021.

This project comes at a great time as we are, once again, in the midst of another push for advocacy of music programs in schools. As we know, one of the best forms of advocacy is the demonstration of strong, vital, quality music education programs. Our goal is to continue to highlight teacher and student successes, providing a glimpse into the meaningful work music teachers continue to do throughout the province. Teachers can find more details about Music Month on the MMEA website. Thank you to Ginny Helmer, Amanda Ciavarelli, Pauline Courcelles-Chabot and Leanne Jensen for all their efforts in making this possible.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Ingrid Pedersen, Marie-Claude McDonald and the AMAM for their continued support and invaluable work in advocating for music education and music teachers in Manitoba. Their work was instrumental in bringing about the change in policy that opened the door for singing and playing in schools when it is safe to do so. The MMEA looks forward to continued work with them in the future.

Take care of yourselves and have a fantastic summer!

Les Chalmers, MMEA President

MMEA - Calendar of Events and Activities.

MBA events - https://www.mbband.org/calendar

MOC events - www.manitobaorff.org

MCGA events - http://www.manitobaguitar.ca
MCA events - https://www.manitobasings.org

Concerts and Other events — check each events website for updated information.

Due to COVID19 cancellations it is advised that members check with sponsoring organizations about the status of future events.

Date	Event Lo	ocation	Sponsor
*****2021****			
May 1	Honour Band @ WSO –	A virtual event for honour band members	MBA
May 3	Music Monday		CMEC
May 5	In Tune: Virtual Meet-u	7:00 p.m. – Silver Linings	MCA
May 6	Virtual Chat Night		МОС
May 7	Deadline for Internation	al Music Camp Scholarships.	IMC
May 26	A Time to Share: Expand	ling our Musical and Cultural Perspectives	СВА
May 31	Deadline for MCA Award	ds, Scholarships	MCA
May 31	Deadline for Frances Sea	aton Choral Composition Competition	MCA
June 1	Deadline for submission	s MCGA 11 th Annual Creative Music Festiv	al MCGA
August 3-13	Kodaly Inspired Pedagos in Elementary & Choral	•	UofM
October 21	TEMPO: Manitoba Musi	c Conference – Virtual event	MMEA
October 22	Fall Fiesta with Chris Jud	lah-Lauder	MOC

Please contact the sponsoring organization directly to confirm event times, locations and registration information.



- 1) Dr. Linklater has created a series of resources for band teachers. Check them out here: <u>Linklater Resources</u>
- 2) Registration for the 2021 Flexible Family of Festivals will remain open through May 2021. Choose an adjudication experience, or create a custom experience, for your students before the end of the school year. Visit Family of Festivals, or contact mbband@shaw.ca, for more information.
- 3) Join us for The Answer is in the Room on Thursdays at 7:00pm. For more information visit: <u>Answer in the Room</u>



Manitoba Choral Association has a few more exciting virtual programs to offer to the choral community before the year is over!

Yoga & Mindfulness for Choirs Workshop - April 29 @ 7:30pm

Facilitated by well-known professional singer, voice teacher, and now yoga and mindfulness instructor, Rose van der Hooft of Blue Rose Yoga & Voice, this workshop will explore the benefits of yoga and mindfulness for singers, both personally and collectively as a choir. This virtual workshop will allow participants to experience the impact of yoga and mindful practices on the preparation of body and mind as an expressive instrument, and to provide ways in which conductors can use these practices with their choirs. FREE for MCA members and singers from member choirs, \$10 for non-members.

Click here for more information and to register today

MCA Spring Virtual Concert - May 2021

During this time of year, our calendars are usually filled to the brim with choir concerts around our communities. Although choirs aren't able to perform for audiences this spring, MCA wants to **showcase performances from years past (and virtual choir performances from this year too!**). Spring is a time for new growth and renewal, so we are looking to share videos of **uplifting and joyful songs** that celebrate everything good there is about choir. The virtual concert will **kick off on Music Monday** (May 3) with the Manitoba Sings! Provincial Virtual Choir performance, and **run throughout the month of May**. **Send your videos to mca@manitobasings.org**.

Final In Tune: Virtual Meet-Up - May 5 @ 7:00pm

This choral season has been challenging for everyone, but we have all worked harder than ever, and we have made it through! So join us as we celebrate this feat together on **Wednesday**, **May 5 at 7:00pm**. All choral directors, administrators, music educators, and singers from Manitoba's school, community, and church choirs are invited to attend **MCA's final virtual meet-up** where we will discuss what went well, what challenges we have overcome, and maybe even some silver linings we have discovered along the way.

MCA Postsecondary Scholarships - May 31 deadline

Do you know a deserving student who is pursuing a career in the choral arts? If so, encourage them to apply for one of MCA's scholarships! The **Bert Kroeker Scholarship** is awarded annually to a deserving student who is actively pursuing a career in choral music education. This year's scholarship is valued at \$850. The **David G.H. Waters Hymn Sing Memorial Award** is valued at \$1,000 and will be given to a student pursuing studies leading to a music degree with a major in voice. Click here for more details and to apply! **Deadline for both is May 31, 2021.**

Tried & True – June 2021

Plans are in the works for another **virtual edition of Tried & True** to take place throughout the month of June. Stay tuned for more details about how you can get involved!

Keep up-to-date on all of our upcoming activities at www.manitobasings.org



MCGA 11th Annual Creative Music Festival

The Creative Music Festival is a free, non-competitive event open to all students, K-12 of registered MMEA affiliate organizations (MCA, MOC, MCGA MBA). The CMF encourages creativity in the classroom and provides a valuable showcase for original student composed music. This year the event will be prerecorded and shared via YouTube.

Creative Music Festival Guidelines

- All works must be original, student compositions
- Instrumental, vocal, and music tech submissions accepted
- One composition per student or group
- Students must create a video or audio performance of their composition and submit to:

manitobaguitar@gmail.com

Compositions may be submitted anytime on or before June 1, with the online reveal scheduled for mid-June, 2021. Please checkout highlights from the 2020 CMF: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Od-Vo9jLh6k&list=PLa38u7TdSzl9dU-88tW5iw8XSf89FyB24&index=9

Please click on the link below to complete the online registration:

https://form.jotform.com/61494950106254



Manitoba Orff Chapter







MOC "Tuesday Tips"

MOC now has an official YouTube channel! Click here to find all the helpful Tuesday Tips that are posted weekly for music teachers. You will find lesson ideas, advice for outdoor teaching, pandemic friendly music activities, tips for teaching off a cart, and much more! All this contributed weekly by music teachers who are adapting and surviving. We are all in this together! Don't forget to SUBSCRIBE!

Play!

We are excited to present Play! Celebrating Elementary Music Education in Manitoba on social media and on our website from May 31 - June 11. Tune in to see advocacy messages from community members, a look back at past Play! events, information about the Orff process, and a premier of our virtual Orff ensemble that will include video submissions from 15 schools across

Manitoba!



Call for Volunteers

The Manitoba Orff Chapter is seeking volunteers to join the **2021-2023 Board of Directors**, as well as the **MOC Children's Day Committee**.

If you would like to join one of these teams, contact us!

MOC Board of Directors- <u>aciavarelli@pembinatrails.ca</u> MOC Children's Day Committee- <u>shannon.moses@hotmail.com</u>





Our final Zoom Chat Night will be held on Thursday, May 6, 2021. Our discussion will focus on End of Year Celebrations. All COC members are invited to join us.

Register at http://www.manitobaorff.org/chat-night-registration.html

MANITOBA CHORAL ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

In Tune:

Virtual Meet-Up SILVER LININGS

- share ideas & experiences
- connect with other Manitoba choral leaders
- build and strengthen our community



MAY 5 @ 7PM

REGISTER TODAY!









Deadline May 31, 2021

Visit manitobasings.org for more details & to apply!



Manitoba Education is pleased to announce the release of the 2nd edition of the Kindergarten to Grade 8 curriculum frameworks for dance, dramatic arts, music, and visual arts, revised to align them more closely with the Grades 9 to 12 arts education curriculum frameworks. The revised curriculum frameworks and accompanying posters are available online at

www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/arts/index.html (English Program)

Le ministère de l'Éducation du Manitoba est heureux d'annoncer la publication d'une deuxième édition des cadres d'arts dramatiques, d'arts visuels, de danse et de musique de la maternelle à la 8ºannée qui ont été révisés afin de s'harmoniser avec les cadres de la 9º à la 12º année. Les cadres révisés et les

affiches correspondantes sont disponibles à

www.edu.gov.mb.ca/m12/progetu/arts/fl2/index.html (Immersion française)

www.edu.gov.mb.ca/m12/progetu/arts/fl1/index.html (Français)

If you have any questions related to the arts education curriculum frameworks, please contact Julie Mongeon-Ferré, Arts Education Consultant, by phone at 204-945-8797, or toll-free at 1-800-282-8069, extension 8797, or by email at julie.mongeon-ferre@gov.mb.ca.

Si vous avez des questions au sujet des cadres, veuillez communiquer avec Julie Mongeon-Ferré, conseillère en éducation artistique, au 204 945-8797, ou sans frais au 1 800 282-8069, poste 8797, ou par courriel à julie.mongeon-ferre@gov.mb.ca.



The Brandon University Student Music Educators Association is pleased to provide a summary of our 2020-2021 academic year to members of the Manitoba music education community.

This year, BUSMEA was able to successfully host several clinics and sessions online, including a "Teaching Music Amidst a Pandemic" series.

- "Teaching Music Amidst a Pandemic" Clinic with Shelby Nohr (elementary), Chloé Plamondon (instrumental/band), and Melanie Urichuk (choral), Tuesday, November 24th
- <u>"Teaching Music Amidst a Pandemic": The First Week of Student Teaching</u> with Alexis Silver, John Hodges and Angie Tester Weisgerber, *Tuesday, February 23rd*
- "Hit the Road Jack: Planning a Music Trip" with Kyle Whitehead, Tuesday, March 23rd
- <u>"Teaching Music Amidst a Pandemic": Student Teaching Edition</u> with 4th/5th year music education majors, *Tuesday, April 20th*

In January BUSMEA hosted its' <u>fifteenth annual</u> full day conference, *Da Capo*, entirely online with over 70 attendees, the highest attendance in BUSMEA history. The virtual conference presented sessions on self-care, COVID-19 classroom strategies, technology and music production, diversity in music, conducting fundamentals, as well as mock interviews and new perspectives. We heard from some of Canada's master music educators such as Roger Mantie, Erik Leung, Wendy McCallum, Sarah Hall, Zoltan Virag, Kevin Doell, Doug Friesen, Michelle Chyzyk, Janet Yochim, and Mary Lynn Berti. Our attendees included music educators, music education and students, administrators, education students, performance majors, and high-school students!

BUSMEA is committed to sharing access to resources and information. They have created a **YouTube channel** that features videos by School of Music students; these videos are designed to introduce musicians to individual instruments of the band. Check out https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=De5c5Qr6Mgw to see Abby Peterson, subcommittee chair on her video and consider incorporating these for upcoming recruitment and retention activities.

BUSMEA subcommittees have helped to organize this year's *Music Makes Us* project by constructing full lesson plans and interview guides (Kaylynne MacDiarmid and Aurora Whitehead). School of Music performers were organized (Avery Walker and Mackenzie Dunseath) to volunteer tutoring and group lessons for the young musicians from the Westman region who recorded Peter Meechan's *Song of Hope* for the virtual *#musicmakesus* recording that will be released on *Music Monday 2021*.

Council successfully offered a monthly virtual "Coffeehouse" where colleagues and young educators connected with one another to explore more of what music education has to offer. Finally, BUSMEA now posts **e-newsletters** to share information on events in the School of Music as well as professional development opportunities, concerts, resources, and more from around North America. The newsletter is released on Friday morning, and if you are interested in joining our mailing list, contact us at **busmea@brandonu.ca** and check out our website and Instagram page to be updated on our next event! https://www.brandonu.ca/busmea Instagram: @bu_busmea

BUSMEA is very excited to keep sharing information, resources, knowledge, focused sessions, and incredible events, and we hope to see you soon – virtually or in person!

Sincerely,
Aurora Whitehead, Corresponding Officer (she/her)

Thanks to the 2020-2021 Council and WELCOME to our 2021-2022 council!

2020-2021 BUSMEA Council **Incoming BUSMEA Council for 2021/22** Dr. Wendy Zander McCallum, Faculty Advisor Dr. Wendy Zander McCallum, Faculty Advisor President, Kathleen Servidad President, Mackenzie Dunseath Vice President, Mackenzie Dunseath *Vice-President,* Abby Peterson Secretary, Robert Maningas *Treasurer*, Rylee Jabusch and Jayna Butler Treasurer, Rylee Jabusch Fundraising, Corresponding Officer, Aurora Whitehead Tyra Zander and Janina Macalalad Events Coordinator, Nick Johnson Media Relations Officer, Faith Colobong Media Relations, Faith Colobong Representatives Corresponding Officer, Aurora Whitehead Representatives Will Powers – Second Year Annabelle Dragicevic –Fifth Year Janina Macalalad – Third Year Alyssa Alambra – Fourth Year Abby Petersen – Second Year



NEW Summer course: Kodaly-Inspired Pedagogy for Skill Development in Elementary & Choral Contexts. August 3-13, 2021 (**Please note revised date**) This course offers strategies for teaching for musical skill development in socially-distanced, online, and in-person choral and elementary contexts. For info: https://umanitoba.ca/music/community-and-partners/professional-development-programs

Artist in the Schools

(unofficial summary provided by African drumming artist Jay Stoller) This Manitoba Arts Council program continues to operate with some changes and under new leadership.

As per the last few years, there is no guide book which lists all participating artists being sent to schools. Educators may access an artist listing on the MAC website which includes professional artists, arts organizations, traditional knowledge keepers and arts/cultural professionals. It is the responsibility of the artist to submit the application for the residency, although collaboration with the school on the application is encouraged. Also encouraged, is a financial contribution from the school equivalent to 20% of the total residency budget. Schools must provide a written explanation if they are not able to contribute that amount. Schools must submit a signed commitment form as part of the application process. There is an application deadline on June 5 for the next school year, and a subsequent deadline on October 5 for residencies taking place between January and June of the next school year.

Complete program details are available at: <u>Learn – Artists in Schools –</u> Manitoba Arts Council



WSO News | Spring, 2021

Well, spring is in the air, or at least it should be, even if mother nature can't seem to make up her mind. BUT, if there is one thing that life seems to revolve around in Manitoba, it is our seasons! We look forward to the change, and sometimes we are ready to be done with one season and move on to the next. Regardless of our attitude towards the seasons, they define life her in Manitoba, and we have learned not only to cope, but to thrive in and celebrate each season as they come.



That is the inspiration for MANITOBA MOSAIC, our completely FREE, 4-episode symphonic web odyssey for young audiences. Not only do we celebrate the seasons (and yes, there is some Vivaldi for good measure), but we celebrate the people, the places and the arts & culture that make Manitoba the incredible place that we call home.

I invite you and your students to take a journey across Manitoba with RBC Assistant Conductor Naomi Woo and your very own WSO as she explores many of Manitoba's finest aspects, from people, to places, to music and more.

The story begins in Autumn with Naomi's arrival in Manitoba as she starts her new job as Assistant Conductor of the WSO, and her swift acclimatization to some of Manitoba's quirks - the weather, modes of transportation, and how the land and the people share a story that can be told through music and art.

From there we venture on through Winter, Spring, and conclude with Summer. Each 17 – 25-minute episode stands on its own, but they are best viewed in order, but do not need to be viewed all at the same time.

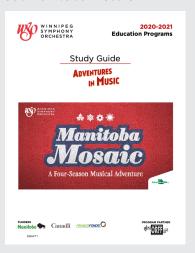
Be sure to hop on our journey before it ends on June 30th. All four episodes AND a study guide (French version available soon!) are available FOR FREE until ten. Simply register here:

https://wso.ca/in-our-schools/adventures-in-music/

EDUCATION & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

Go to wso.ca/digital for more!

Make sure you check out the FREE Digital Study Guide! Developed in partnership with the Manitoba Orff Chapter, students of all ages will get to know the orchestra, the music, the composers and the performers throughout Manitoba Mosaic.



All four episodes will be available until June 30th. As soon as you register, you will receive an e-mail with the links to the episodes and to the study guide (check your spam/junk if you don't see it). Enjoy!



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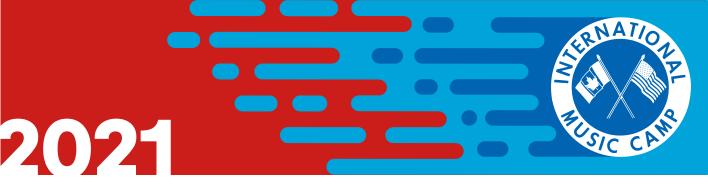
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IMC @ Home

Students can register for sessions with IMC's world-class faculty in June & July, and participate from the comfort and safety of their own homes:

- Masterclasses (instrumental & voice)
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Manitoba Music Educators' Association Virtual Tempo Conference October 22nd, 2021

Last year we were so glad that you had the opportunity to attend the first virtual Tempo: Manitoba Music Conference on Friday, October 23rd, 2020 or that you were able to access the replays that were offered. Our virtual Conference offered a venue for you as music educators from across the province and beyond to meet, to share areas of common interest and to expand your own professional learning.

Entering into 2021 we were hopeful that we would be back to somewhat normal pre COVID Tempo Conference planning...that is not the case. For the second year we will not be able to offer an "in person" Conference but will be inviting you to attend our second virtual Tempo Conference on October 22nd, 2021.

As your Conference Chairperson, both my committee and I have been working diligently to put together a well "orchestrated" October 22nd, 2021 virtual Tempo: Manitoba Music Conference. This Conference will provide 24 sessions with presenters of National and International calibre along with a Keynote Address. We are finalizing the session topics and we know that you will each be provided with a wonderful day of professional learning.

For the second year we have invited Elisa Janson Jones, Senior Manager of Online Learning, Conn-Selmer Inc., to provide the technical expertise and the online music education experience. Once again all registrants will have access to replays of each of the sessions, providing you with an opportunity to visit and revisit the presentations.

The success of this Conference is not possible without the support from you, our music community. As a united voice during these very different and difficult times, we have to stand as strong advocates for the value of music education within our province. Thank you for giving of yourself each and every day to create musical opportunities for your students.

Judy Giesbrecht

Tempo: Manitoba Music Conference Chairperson

