



MANITOBA MUSIC EDUCATORS' ASSOCIATION
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Janet Yochim

Greetings everyone!

A whole month of music making has gone by! Everyone is rebuilding. Rebuilding connections with our students and in some cases rebuilding programs. I am always amazed at the way music educators have continued to strengthen their communities and share ideas or reach out to help each other as everyone struggles throughout these times. My hope is that the connections made through MMEA and our partner organizations will provide all members with a source of support.

Tempo this year will again be virtual. Although we have missed seeing everyone in person, Judy Giesbrecht and her committee have worked diligently to build an exciting program for all of us. From Peter Boonshaft, our Keynote speaker, to presenters from across North America, Australia and our local gems, this online conference is rich with expertise. As always, this proves to be an exciting day filled with P.D. opportunities as well as social get togethers! Yes – social get togethers! Be sure to check out the new “hang out times” built into the Tempo program so that all our partner groups can get together! As you register for Tempo, be sure to update your membership to MBA, MCGA, MCA, MOC and CMEA.

This is Judy's last year as our Tempo Chairperson. We would like to thank her for consistently building and strengthening our music communities through first class professional development! Her dedication to music education shines through every time you talk to her and in her work! Judy, you will be missed but we wish you all the best on your new journey – wherever it may take you!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Karen Tole-Henderson and Liz Kristjanson as Tempo Co-chairs. We look forward to working with Karen and Liz as they transition into their new roles!

The MMEA AGM will also be virtual this year. As mentioned in our last email, members will receive the agenda, reports and information via email Oct. 12. You will have one week to submit questions regarding the information shared in the report. Voting will

take place via Google Forms from Oct. 19 – 21. Results of the online AGM will be sent to members Oct. 22–24 (the weekend of TEMPO).

MMEA ADVOCACY Initiatives (Submitted by Past President Virginia Helmner)

Members of MMEA and AMAM boards met with a committee from Manitoba Education and Shared Health on August 6 to discuss back to school guidelines. Concerns related to restrictions on singing and wind instruments and risk mitigation strategies were raised, and clarification was requested. Recent research was shared. We have been told that an updated Guidelines for Vocalists and Instrumentalists document is in the works. Our revised Returning to Manitoba Music Classrooms document has not been released at this point because we are reluctant to publish something that is not in line with public health recommendations and require further clarity before proceeding.

Members of the MMEA board met with Manitoba Education and Training personnel on August 10 to discuss music education under the BEST strategy. We expressed concerns about the lack of reference to music and arts education in the document. It was agreed that Arts education is an important part of K-12 education. Further discussions will take place in the coming months.

MMEA will once again request a meeting with the Minister of Education once the cabinet is settled after the October 30 leadership election.

MMEA continues to communicate with MTS on issues related to music education.

Thank you to all our partner organizations for their continued advocacy efforts. We look forward to meeting as a group in the coming weeks to discuss next steps for making our voices heard.

Throughout this pandemic, we have been forced to focus on the mental health of our students as well as our own mental health. Music education is an integral part of student emotional learning as well as our own mental well-being. The following is a website that show how SEL's are intertwined in the arts: <https://selarts.org/> As we move forward through these next months, know that what you do has a deep and lasting impact on all our students in so many ways!

Take Care!

Janet Yochim
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	Location	Sponsor
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*****2021*****

October 13	A Time to Share (CBA) – Rebooting and Revitalizing Band Programs		MBA
October 15	Final Submissions for National Youth Choir (Choral Canada)		MCA
Oct. 19-21	Voting on MMEA Annual General Meeting Motions		MMEA
October 19	Community Band Town Hall		MBA
October 22	TEMPO: Manitoba Music Conference (Virtual)		MMEA
October 22	Manitoba Band Association Virtual Annual General Meeting 4:00pm		MBA
October 22	Brandon University School of Music Open House		BU
October 23	Fall Fiesta with Chris Judah Lauder		MOC
October 23	Manitoba Orff Chapter Virtual Annual General Meeting 10:00am		MOC
October 23	Manitoba Choral Association Virtual Annual General Meeting 11:00am		MCA
November 2	Manitoba Senior Honour Band Auditions Due		MBA
November 9	Brandon University Advancing Musicianship		BU
Nov. 15-30	Virtual ChoralFest		MCA
November 15	Canadian Band Association Awards Due		MBA
November 22	Final Day to Access TEMPO Sessions		MMEA

*****2022*****

April 28-30	Carl Orff Canada Intersections 2022 National Conference	MOC
May 1-30	Manitoba Music Month	MMEA
May 6-23	National Youth Choir – Choral Canada	MCA
May 19-23	Podium 22 – National Choral Conference	MCA

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

The Virtual Tempo Manitoba Music Conference October 22nd, 2021

Well here we are just a few weeks away from the October 22nd, 2021 Virtual Tempo: Manitoba Music Conference.

The Virtual Tempo Conference is the result of the hard work and dedication of many people. It would not have happened without the support of the MMEA Board and my Tempo committee-
Kim Pelletier, Admin. Assistant
Danessa Poiron, Conference Registrar
Meaghan Graham, Industry and Advertising
Dale Weevers, Conference Treasurer
Darryl Ferguson, MBA
Jewel Casselman, MOC
Randy Haley, MCGA
Sharon Marshall, MCA
Anna Bond, String Teachers of Manitoba
Janet Yochim and Ginny Helmer, MMEA

A very special mention to Bill Kristjanson who once again became my “right hand” for Zoom calls, organizing the Perspective sessions, room monitors and a mentor to me re the terminology that goes with putting together a Virtual Conference. Thus he is deemed “Assistant to the Chairperson”. Also a “shout out” to the folks at Conn-Selmer Institute for their support and corporate sponsorship.

By now you will have had a chance to read through the SAGE Brochure online at mymmea.ca. There are many different sessions for you to choose from and it is our hope that you will find topics that will be relevant to your learning needs and to the times you are working in.

I have included in my report the information that Danessa Poiron, Conference registrar emailed out to all MMEA members-

Hello!

Welcome to the 2021 Tempo: Manitoba Music Conference. This year's conference will be entirely online.

Program information can be viewed at

<https://www.flipsnack.com/connselmer/paid-registrants-only-manitoba-2021-conference-program/full-view.html>

- 1) If you would like step-by-step assistance on how to register *whether you are an MTS member, student, retired, or a non-MTS member*, please follow the steps listed in the attached document.
- 2) **Online registration will start on September 1st, 2021** and can be accessed using the following link. You will need your MTS number. If you have forgotten your number, please use the “forgot your username” option or contact Danessa Poiron. If you are new to the registration process or do not have an MTS number, please use the “sign up now” option.
<https://memberlink.mbteach.org/>
- 3) **Online registration will close on October 22nd, 2021 at 4:00pm.** Note: You MUST have your registration and payment completed before this time. If you are planning to send a cheque, it needs to be mailed by **October 15th** for us to receive it on time. Any registrations without payment will not be considered as being registered and those members will not receive the URL's to the sessions.
- 4) **All registered participants will receive an email with the URL's to the sessions for the day on October 21st at 11pm to ensure you are ready for the start of the conference the next day.** If you do not register until **October 22nd**, you will receive your URL's within a few minutes of completing your registration. If you do not receive this email, please call Danessa at (204) 471-1226. Registration will include replay sessions for one month, ending **Monday, November 22nd, 2021**. There will be no extension on the replay end date.
- 5) **Receipts:** Online payment will be accepted by credit card or PayPal at the time of registration. You will immediately receive a receipt after you have completed your payment using the email you have provided to MTS and will not receive another receipt.

Check your “other” and “junk” folders. You also have the option of sending a cheque* or calling Danessa to process your credit card over the phone any day until 11pm. These receipts will be processed and emailed within one week of the end of the conference.

*See note in number 3 re: sending cheques

Phone: (204) 471-1226

Address: Danessa Poiron, 14 Haddon Road, Winnipeg, MB, R2R2E7

If you need assistance, please contact Danessa Poiron at manitobamusicconference@gmail.com or (204) 471-1226.

We are very pleased to offer each of you this diversity of topics and clinicians who will be providing wonderful professional learning opportunities. It is our hope that this virtual conference will provide you with the opportunity to grow in your craft and be inspired and energized as music educators during these very different and difficult times.

I will miss seeing each of you in person on Friday, October 22nd, 2021.

Judy Giesbrecht
Conference Chairperson



Virtual ChoralFest 2021: November 15-30, 2021

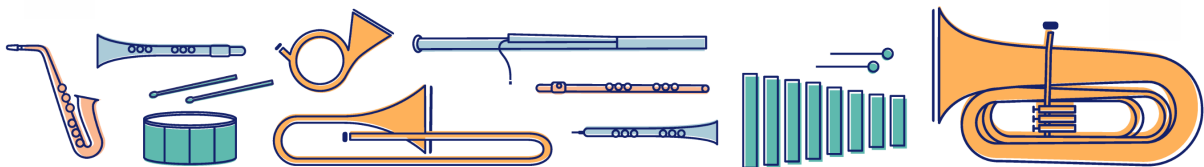
Manitoba ChoralFest is going virtual again this year, so be sure to save the dates! From **November 15 to 30**, choirs will have exclusive access to **video workshops and virtual adjudications** with choral specialists from around the continent. Choirs must be MCA members to participate, so be sure to [renew your membership today](#). Signing your school choir up for an MCA membership also means you will have access to: borrowing music from **nearly 5,000 titles from the MCA choral library**, **promoting your ensemble's programs and events** to the Manitoba choral community, **accessing online choral resources**, and more!



Membership Benefits

- Connection with a community of more than 300 band enthusiasts
- Access to outstanding MBA programs and resources
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- Manitoba Music Educators Association & Canadian Band Association Membership

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BU School of Music Virtual Open House

Friday, October 22, 2021

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Tuesday, November 9, 2021
Free Registration