



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

**December 2022**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Janet Yochim**

President's Report:

December is here! Many of you will be getting ready for concerts – something we have missed for the past two years! I hope you take some time to enjoy the music you are creating with your students and the growth you have seen in them over the past three months!

A huge thank you to Liz Kristjanson and Karen Tole-Henderson and the Tempo committee. Tempo was outstanding! So many informative sessions! I particularly enjoyed being able to go back afterward and watch other sessions. We are excited to announce that Tempo 2023 will be back in person! Looking forward to seeing you all then!

As music educators, you have a unique connection to students. You are their social and emotional support. At times, this can be very tiring and trying on you as a teacher. Be sure to take some time during December break for yourself to rejuvenate so you can continue to share your love of music with your students.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Yochim  
MMEA President

## MMEA – Calendar of Events and Activities.

MBA events - <https://www.mbband.org>

MOC events – <https://manitobaorff.org/pd-events>

MCGA events - <https://www.manitobaguitar.ca>

MCA events - <https://www.mbchoralassociation.ca>

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
*****2022*****			
Dec. 3	Music Composition Weekend – Gr. 11/12		U. of M.
Dec. 10	MBA Annual General Meeting – 10:00 a.m. Zoom		MBA
Dec. 11	Christmas Tuba Festival		MBA
Dec. 13	Community Band Support Deadline		MBA
Dec. 15	Wpg Jazz Orchestra – Student Matinee “The Grinch”		WJO
*****2023*****			
Jan. 11	Listening Workshop – Adventures in Music		MOC/WSO
Jan. 14	Audition Preparation Workshop		U. of M.
Jan. 20-21	Wind Band Teaching Workshop		U. of M.
Jan. 21	Da Capo Conference - Brandon		BUSMEA
Jan. 25-26	Solo & Ensemble Festival		MBA
Jan. 27-29	MB Sings (Provincial Honour Choirs)		MCA
Feb. 21-24	Family of Festivals - Concert Band		MBA
Feb. TBD	Jazz 101 Workshop		MBA
March 3-4	Family of Festivals - Jazz Band		MBA

March 16-18	Brandon University Jazz Festival	BU
April 26	Children's Day – Winnipeg (English)	MOC
April 27	Children's Day – Winnipeg (French)	MOC
April 28	Children's Day – Brandon (English)	MOC
May 4-6	Manitoba Junior & Intermediate Honour Band	MBA
May 8-12	National Youth Band	CBA

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

## Tempo Manitoba Music Conference 2022

The excitement was palpable on Friday, October 21 as MMEA members connected virtually from across our province. The conference began with a Keynote address that encouraged each of us to intentionally create a vision for our classrooms that affirms the work of decolonization. It was a pleasure to “welcome home” Cynthia Peyson Wahl who was able to connect and inspire our community.

The conference continued throughout the day offering 6 concurrent streams with a total of 24 workshops. The online format allowed us to host clinicians from as far away as London, England and the USA, as well as from across Canada, from PEI to Vancouver. We were thrilled to feature amazing and inspiring clinicians from throughout Manitoba. The workshops with a wide variety of topics were very well received by our delegates.

Tempo 2022 was possible through the dedication and vision of our committee members. Many thanks to each of the committee members for all of their work:

Danessa Poiron, Conference Registrar  
 Kim Pelletier, Administrative Assistant  
 Dale Weevers, Conference Treasurer  
 Meaghan Graham, Industry and Advertising  
 Darryl Ferguson, MBA  
 Sharon Marshall and Philip Lapatha, MCA  
 Randy Haley and Patrick Lemoine, MCGA  
 Jewel Casselman, MOC  
 Anna Bond, String Teachers of Manitoba  
 Karen Tole-Henderson and Liz Kristjanson, Co-Chairpersons

Tempo 2022 is grateful to the ongoing support of our sponsors who recognize and support the value of high quality music education in Manitoba. Thanks to Brandon University, Camps with Meaning, Canadian Mennonite University, CounterPoint Musical Services, Ellison Travels, Long and McQuade, Manitoba Registered Music Teachers Association, St. John's Music/Yamaha Canada, University of Manitoba Desautels Faculty of Music, University of Saskatchewan, Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra.

Thanks as well to the boards of the Manitoba Music Educators' Association and the staff and board members of our partner organizations Manitoba Band Association, Manitoba Choral Association, Manitoba Classroom Guitar Association and the Manitoba Orff Chapter. All of these organizations have assisted to create a vision for a conference that provides multiple pathways to exciting music learning. Thanks to all volunteers who assisted as session presiders and hosts for our partner organization breakout rooms.

We are grateful to Kristine Tubiera and her team from LMVA consulting who provided the technological expertise required for an online conference. We were pleased to transition to a more interactive platform with the goal of connecting our community.

Congratulations to delegates who garnered the most gamification points to win prizes generously donated by some of our sponsors:

Grand Prize #1 (Remo Bahia Bass drum donated by St.Johns' Music) - Amanda Ciavarelli

Grand Prize #2 (Sonor Global Beat Metallophone donated by St. John's Music) - Jennifer Gillis

Basket #1 (Long & McQuade gift card, Sheila Scott's book *Music Education for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (BU)*, toque (CMU)) - Derek Klassen

Basket #2 (Cabasa from MMEA, toque (CMU), water bottle (U of M)) - Nikki Boylen

Basket #3 (Frog guiro from MMEA, toque(CMU), sticky notes & pencil (U of M)) - Jack Roeder

Thanks to all delegates who have submitted feedback through the post conference Survey Monkey questionnaire. Your feedback is important to us and assists us in planning future conferences. We have heard clearly that our delegates want to gather in person next year. We also recognize that many delegates appreciate the opportunity to connect from home. Please don't hesitate to email us at [tempommea@gmail.com](mailto:tempommea@gmail.com) if you have suggestions for future conferences.

Looking forward to Tempo 2023!

Liz Kristjanson and Karen Tole-Henderson  
Tempo Co-Chairs



# MANITOBA CHORAL ASSOCIATION

## MB Sings - Registration open!

We look forward to celebrating a return to in-person programming in 2023 for MB Sings (formerly Provincial Honour Choirs) on **January 27-29, 2023**.

Singers from across Manitoba come together for an inspiring weekend of music and community-building with accomplished guest conductors from across the country.

Registration is now open: check out our [website](#) for more information and to sign up today!



## RAISE YOUR VOICE

### Senior High Choir Workshop

WITH DR. MELISSA MORGAN

Join Dr. Melissa Morgan from the University of Regina for a morning workshop with grade 9-12 singers on January 27. The workshop will include time for sharing music with each other and learning a new piece of choral music with Melissa.

Registration is first-come, first-served with limited space. If you are not able to bring a full choir but would like to have a group of students participate in learning a new song or observe as a conductor or choral enthusiast, we are excited to offer an auditing rate this year as well.

Visit our [website](#) to register your choir today!





# MANITOBA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA



## SPRING MATINEES

March 22, 2023  
April 12, 2023

Order for your classroom  
before January 13th for the  
special workshop or music  
clinic offer!

School groups: Sign up using our  
online school order form for \$10  
student and chaperone tickets!



## ONLINE CONCERTS

The MCO's online concert series is available FREE of charge to all schools in Manitoba! For more information and to receive the sign up form, contact Suzu Enns, Director of Education and Community Engagement at [senns@themco.ca](mailto:senns@themco.ca) / 204-783-7377, ext. 106

For more information, please visit:  
[www.themco.ca](http://www.themco.ca)





## MANITOBA CLASSROOM GUITAR ASSOCIATION

Established in 1995, the MCGA supports music education and works to provide inclusive and authentic learning opportunities for all students in Manitoba. MCGA member services include:

- Professional Development
- E-News Updates
- Curricular Resources
- Creative Music Festival
- Jan/June Sharing Sessions
- April Guitar Celebration



### *Benefits of school guitar education:*

- Provides a comprehensive and progressive approach to music study and performance
- A music course for everyone, attracting a diverse student demographic
- Promotes lifelong musical engagement
- An appealing and novel approach to music education
- Students experience melody, harmony, and percussion: *all from a single instrument!*
- An instrument relevant to myriad cultures and historical periods
- Ability to access musical genres from around the globe, including solo *and* ensemble study
- An inexpensive way to add music to a school curriculum
- A simple, fun and easy instrument to learn that many families already own

### Winter concert season is upon us!

With the return to concerts comes much excitement, and no doubt anxiety as we all navigate this new return to so many activities we have missed but with extra layers and flavours to navigate.

At the WSO we have a full slate of holiday traditions including our annual presentation of [Handel's Messiah](#), a wonderful Sunday Kids Concert called [A Flicker of Light on a Winter's Night](#), and we are heading outside Winnipeg to spread holiday cheer in the communities of Steinbach, Portage la Prairie, and Brandon as part of our annual Manitoba Hydro Holiday Tour.

On Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> we present our first [Relaxed Experience Open Dress Rehearsal](#) which features [Brahms' Symphony No. 3](#), and that same evening we present [VIOLINS of HOPE](#) featuring Concertmaster Gwen Hoebig and First Violinist Sonia Lazar performing solo works on two instruments that were played in orchestras in the concentration camps during the Holocaust. In a moving and unforgettable program, you will experience in performance what the owners heard as they played these instruments in this musical journey from Holocaust to hope.



Best wishes to you all this season, and I hope you and yours have a joyful holiday season, however you celebrate.



Brent Johnson,  
Associate Director, Education & Community

## EDUCATION & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

Go to [wso.ca/education](https://wso.ca/education) for more!

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### MOC Listening Workshop

##### Adventures in Music

· Wed., Jan 11 [REGISTER NOW!](#)

#### Musical Discoveries (Gr. 1 - 3)

##### MELODIUS PRIME VS.

##### THE BOYZ OF NOISE

[wso.ca/musical-discoveries](https://wso.ca/musical-discoveries)

· ~~Fri, Jan 13 10:30AM~~ — SOLD OUT

· Fri, Jan 13 1:00PM

#### Adventures in Music (Gr. 4 – 6)

##### AVENGERS OF THE LOST ART

[wso.ca/adventures-in-music](https://wso.ca/adventures-in-music)

· ~~Wed, April 12 10:30 AM~~ — SOLD OUT

· ~~Wed, April 12 1:00 PM~~ — SOLD OUT

· ~~Wed, April 13 10:30 AM~~ — SOLD OUT

· Jeudi le 13 avril 13h00 (en Français)

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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# BUSMEA Update!

## What is BUSMEA?

BUSMEA is the **Brandon University Student Music Educators Association**. We are a student organization that seeks active participation in professional organizations and aims to provide professional development opportunities for our members. These opportunities increase our engagement, knowledge, and productivity in diverse aspects of music education.



## What have we been doing so far this year?

### Clinic on Clinics

Monday, October 3

Presented on Monday, September 26 by Brandon School Division Music Educator and School of Music alumna **Brooklyn Friesen**, this clinic was BUSMEA's kick off to professional development for the year! The Clinic on Clinics was planned to allow BU students to reflect on professional expectations, session content/methods, and organization as prospective mentors to young instrumentalists.

### Double Feature Clinics: Wednesday, October 12

#### Spring into Student Teaching & Job Interview Advice Session

The "Spring into Student Teaching" session was hosted by third year Joint Department of Music Education students. The session addressed what you might experience when student teaching, how you are evaluated as a student teacher, and what is expected of you as a professional. The session was well attended by first and second year School of Music students.

The "Job Interview Advice" Session was presented by Tyra Zander and Aurora Whitehead. Tyra and Aurora are recent graduates who are currently music educators in the Westman Area. Tyra and Aurora talked about how to prepare for an interview and how the interview process can work. The session concluded with a Q&A session.

### Tempo Watch Party

Friday, October 21

To engage with the online Tempo Conference, BUSMEA hosted a Tempo Watch Party for students, faculty, and Westman music educators. Attendees were required to present proof of conference registration to attend. Students hosted sessions in the Faculty of Education in four rooms, and attendees were encouraged to bring headphones to attend sessions that were not shown in those four venues. Elementary, choral, and instrumental educators spent time enjoying hospitality and discussing sessions during breaks and lunch. BUSMEA hosted this event to provide networking and social opportunities for attendees.

### 17th Annual Da Capo

January 21, 2023

We are currently finalizing the schedule for the **Da Capo Conference** and will be releasing a schedule for the conference in November. Registration is now open, and you can find the link to register [here](#).

E-transfers can be sent to [busmea@brandonu.ca](mailto:busmea@brandonu.ca). Please include your name and the phrase "Da Capo" in the message.

### BUSMEA Mini-Interviews

Keep an eye out! BUSMEA has been working hard behind the scenes for new content coming out on our [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#). Our new "Mini-Interviews" will be coming out in the next few weeks; these interviews feature Brandon University Music Education Alumni. The interviews will consist of different topics such as classroom management strategies, teaching strategies, book recommendations and more!

Contact us at [busmea@brandonu.ca](mailto:busmea@brandonu.ca)



### Da Capo 2023 Schedule

	<b>Da Capo 2023 Schedule</b>	
<b>8:00-8:45</b>	<b>Registration</b>	
<b>8:45-9:45</b>	<b>Keynote: Tackling the Challenges with Kevin Doell (LWRH)</b>	
<b>9:45-10:00</b>	<b>Nutrition Break</b>	
<b>10:00-11:15</b>	<b>Demonstrated Learning: A Festival Performance, Adjudication, and Workshop with Brandon Grade 8-9 Wind Ensemble, Erin Dodds, and Wendy Zander McCallum</b>	<b>Hands on Hand Drums with Dawn Muir</b>
<b>11:15-11:30</b>	<b>Nutrition Break</b>	
<b>11:30-12:30</b>	<b>Planning for Learning: Negotiating the Musical, Administrative and Logistical Elements of Festival Performance with Erin Dodds</b>	<b>Explorations on the Beach with Dawn Muir</b>
<b>12:30-1:15</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>1:15-2:15</b>	<b>New Teacher Roundtable with Carl Manuel, Shelby Nohr, and Amber Dyrda</b>	<b>Conducting FUN-damentals with Dr. Zander McCallum</b>
<b>2:15-2:30</b>	<b>Nutrition Break</b>	
<b>2:30-3:45</b>	<b>Introduction to Groove and Swing for Young Musicians with Ken Gold</b>	<b>Sol-Fun with Melissa Spraggs and Janelle Wilts</b>
<b>3:45-4:15</b>	<b>Closing Remarks and Conference Evaluations</b>	