

OKLAHOMA MUSIC

EXTRA: OCTOBER, 2009

UPDATE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS TODAY!

Nearly 250 members of OMEA either have NO e-mail address registered with MENC, or the address is incorrect. Please log on to MENC today, using the instructions on the next page, and bring your membership information up to date.

OCTOBER CONFERENCE OF THE OKLAHOMA MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION
OCTOBER 15, 2009, OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY, OKLAHOMA CITY

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

	-----REGISTER IN THE ATRIUM OF THE MUSIC BUILDING -----				
8:00 AM	COFFEE & DONUTS REGISTER-ATRIUM	COFFEE & DONUTS REGISTER-ATRIUM	COFFEE & DONUTS REGISTER-ATRIUM	COFFEE & DONUTS REGISTER-ATRIUM	COFFEE & DONUTS REGISTER-ATRIUM
	-----ALL DIVISIONS BEGIN IN PETREE AUDITORIUM -----				
9:00 AM	General Session: Petree Auditorium Performance: BARTLESVILLE HS STEEL DRUM ENSEMBLE, Steve Craft Cond.				
9:30 AM	---- SPECIAL SESSION FOR ALL MUSIC EDUCATORS REMAIN IN PETREE -----				
10:15 AM	Break				
	BAND ROOM 101	CHORUS ROOM 105	ELEMENTARY ROOM 110	ORCHESTRA "THE BLACK BOX"	COLLEGIATE PETREE AUD
10:30 AM	CURBING YOUR BAND'S SAX APPEAL Jeramy & Dawn Haas Charles Beard & Toya Harris	READING SESSION JH/MS/HS Suggested titles for PML 11:20 AM PROJECT RUNWAY Choral Directors' Edition	WORLD MUSIC DRUMMING SESSION Holly McKinney 11:00 AM A+ SCHOOLS Holly McKinney	READING SESSION Grades 1 - 3 Reading & Discussion	Alan Johnson Interactive Musical Motivation
11:30 AM	MISSION IsPossible (The Beginning Band) Panel Discussion Lead by: Jeramy & Dawn Haas Rusty Chevalier, Kevin Speakman, Charles Beard, and Toya Harris	11:30 AM (Break) 11:40 AM OMEA ALL-STATE CHORUS JUDGES WORKSHOP Brenda Mechling, Chair 2010 OMEA All-State Chorus	<i>CIRCLE THE STATE WITH SONG</i> READING SESSION Sandra Knudson, Conductor	Grades 4 - 6 Reading & Discussion Moderators: Dan Larson Paula Macpherson	Alan Johnson Interactive Musical Motivation
CONFERENCE ENDS AT 12:30 PM					

DON'T MISS THE FIRST STATEWIDE EVENT OF THE OMEA YEAR!
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15: OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY, OKLAHOMA CITY



Cristi Miller, President
Oklahoma Music Educators Association

WE NEED EACH OTHER

There is a quote by Henry Ford that speaks to me. He said, "Why should I clutter my mind with general information when I have men around me who can supply any knowledge I need?" I can't think of a better passage that represents what being a member of the Oklahoma Music Education Association represents. As a part of this organization, I constantly find myself surrounded by a network of information, support and motivation that has helped me to become a better teacher. I don't know where I would be without this group.

OMEA is your professional association, and a state affiliate of MENC: The National Association of Music Education. It recognizes Oklahoma's finest music students through its All-OMEA Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Jazz Ensemble, and Children's Chorus, as well as the "Circle the State with Song" statewide vocal festivals. It provides outstanding in-service workshops in the fall and winter, bringing in nationally known clinicians for presentation. The OMEA web site (<http://www.okmea.org>) offers links to other professional music organizations, in addition to supplying a link to the MENC web site where you will find a wealth of information including lesson plans, advocacy links and social networking connections. But the best part of OMEA is the members. Through your association with them, you will find that you have a family of friends that will provide continuous reinforcement, understanding and wisdom.

For those of you who are already affiliates, there are many changes coming your way. For example, take a look at our new web site. We hope that this design will make it easier for you to locate information, download forms and answer your questions.

If you're a new teacher, OMEA is initiating a new plan to help you through your first year. It's a mentorship program

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UPDATE WITH MENC/OkMEA!!

Every year it becomes more important that OkMEA have a correct e-mail for correspondence with you. At the present time about 15% of our members either list NO e-mail address or the address is incorrect or obsolete

Last year OkMEA was able to influence the modification of a bill that would have had a disastrous effect on Elementary and Junior High music. That was accomplished through e-mail correspondence.

PLEASE take time today to log on to the MENC web site. (Have your membership number ready.) Then update ALL information, including mailing address, e-mail address, school address, and phone numbers. It will make a great difference in the manner OkMEA/MENC can serve you. E-mail addresses are NEVER sold or given to others.

1. Go to www.MENC.org
2. In the upper left corner click *Sign in*
3. Log on with the e-mail address MENC has on record for you, plus your NINE digit membership number, (with leading zeros).

Even if you believe your information is current, it is a good idea to check it periodically.

FIRST-YEAR TEACHERS and COLLEGIATE MEMBERS

You will be admitted to the October In-Service for NO fee.
Thursday, October 15, 2008
Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City

MOVED?

It is important to give your new address AND NEW E-MAILS to OMEA and to MENC immediately. Go to www.MENC.org and update your member file. You will need your membership number to access the file.

Membership Applications

<http://www.okmea.org>, (in Adobe PDF format)
or go directly to the MENC web site and join on-line with credit card.
www.menc.org/about/view/menc-membership-applications

January In-Service Conference

January 20 - 23, 2010
Tulsa, Oklahoma Convention Center.
Information: <http://www.okmea.org>

REGISTRATION FEES FOR THE OCTOBER CONFERENCE

MEMBERS OF OkMEA: \$10.00
NON-MEMBER ADULTS: \$25.00
COLLEGE STUDENTS: Free
FIRST-YEAR TEACHERS: Free

President Miller, continued

that will connect you with experienced teachers who can answer your questions and guide you through your beginning steps as a music specialist. And here's another important change—

This year the site for our Fall In-Service Conference will be at **Oklahoma City University**. Please mark your calendars for October 15. Registration will begin at 8:00 AM and sessions will run through 12:30 PM.

I invite you all to become a part of an elite group of people who are committed to providing Oklahoma's students with an outlet for creativity, self-expression and music excellence.

ELEMENTARY DIVISION SESSIONS AT OCTOBER WORKSHOP

Connie Baker, Elementary VP

The Elementary Division will offer three sessions in October. Following the General Session and special session, at 10:30 AM, in Room 110, Holly McKinney will lead the **World Drumming Session**.

At 11:00 AM (after a short break) McKinney will continue with a presentation dealing with the **A+ Schools Program**.

At 11:30 AM Sandra Knudson will lead the teachers in a reading session for the **Circle the State with Song** music, along with rehearsal notes. The day will end at 12:30 PM.

McKinney was a band director in Norman for several years, taught elementary music in Yukon, and is now an Assistant Elementary Principal in Mustang. She is a frequent presenter for **A+ Schools**, using the **World Music Drumming** curriculum.

BAND DIVISION IN OCTOBER

Alex Claussen, Band VP

The Band Division will present two workshops at the October Conference at Oklahoma City University.

Session 1 is titled *Curbing Your Band's Sax Appeal: Organizing Your Beginning Band Instrumentation*. Jeremy Haas, Dawn Haas, Charles Beard, and Toya Harris will lead a panel discussion about ways to balance your beginning bands.

Session 2 is called, *Mission Is Possible: Beginning band dos — and don'ts*.

The panelists named above will be joined by Rusty Chevalier and Kevin Speakman for this session.

See you at Oklahoma City University (NOT Western Heights!)

SPECIAL MEETING FOR ALL TEACHERS

Michael Raiber, VP Higher Education

The Higher Education Division is sponsoring a special meeting, held just after the General Session, which will focus on opening lines of communication between public school and higher education. The hope is to develop more effective partnerships to recruit and retain music educators of high quality.

This will be an open discussion, led by a panel of college music educators.

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Updates/Corrections = Web Site

Updates and changes in material printed in the fall, 2009, issue of OKLAHOMA MUSIC are continually corrected and updated on the OkMEA web site at <http://www.okmea.org>

ORCHESTRA DIVISION IN OCTOBER

Molly Baugh, Orchestra VP

Bring Your Instruments! Orchestra Reading Session and Prescribed Music List Discussion

As is our tradition, the two orchestra sessions will consist of reading new music graciously provided by Pender's Music Company. The first session will concern music of grades 1-3 and the second session will concert music of grades 4-6. At the conclusion of each session Dan Larson and Paula Macpherson, Co-Chairs of the Prescribed Music List Committee, will moderate a discussion concerning revisions to the PML. Directors are encouraged to bring their instruments for the reading session and to consider the following questions regarding the PML: (1) What pieces should be added to the PML? (2) What pieces should be removed from the PML? and (3) What pieces should be reclassified under a different grade?

OMEA BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Executive Board is set for **October 14, 2009, at Oklahoma City University.**

DIRECTIONS TO THE MEETING

Oklahoma City University's campus lies on the north side of NW 23rd street, between Blackwelder and Pennsylvania streets in the central part of Oklahoma city. It is surrounded by I-44 on the north and west, by I-40 on the south, and by I-235 on the east. None of these highways articulate with the campus, however.

Going north on Pennsylvania Ave, turn right (east) onto 23rd, then left (north) on Blackwelder.

Going north on Classen Blvd., turn left (west) onto 23rd, then right (north) on Blackwelder.

We are allowed to park anywhere on campus not marked "reserved." There is a parking lot at the corner of NW 25th and Blackwelder, and a larger one at the corner of NW 26th and Blackwelder. OCU classes are in session, so parking may be difficult to find. Come early!

The link to a campus map is: www.okcu.edu/map/map.asp

The address of the campus is 2501 N Blackwelder.

GPS: Latitude: 35°29'42.20"N

Longitude: 97°32'20.95"W

PICTURES OF 2010 HONOR GROUPS

Clearly identified pictures of groups chosen to perform at the 2010 Conference in January are due **November 1**. Electronic format preferred, send to editor@oklamus.org. Mail hard copy pics directly to the Editor of OKLAHOMA MUSIC; PO BOX 1070; Wagoner OK 74477.

<http://www.okmea.org>

COLLEGIATE STUDENT SESSIONS IN OCTOBER

Diane Goldsmith, COMEA President

Hello COMEA!

Alan Johnson, who spoke at last January's OMEA luncheon, will speak to both collegiate members and teachers at two sessions.

The first will begin at 10:30 AM in Petree Auditorium.

The second session is set for 11:30 AM in the same place.

His presentation will deal with college life and the transition to becoming a teacher.

Higher Education Session, continued

This is a chance for public school music teachers to voice their hopes, fears, and wishes about educating music students for professions in music education at all levels.

The meeting immediately follow the General Session.

The panel would like to know what current, practicing music educators think young teachers need to know to (1) be effective in the classroom, and (2) manage the day-to-day realities of teaching in today's schools.

While most sessions seek to give information, this session is really looking to gain information.

We will form smaller groups so that everyone will have an opportunity to be heard. We will compile and share this information with all interested parties. Come help educate the next generations of great Oklahoma music educators.

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CHORAL DIVISION

Stephanie Abell, Choral VP

The Choral Division will offer three sessions to those attending the October 15 conference at Oklahoma City University.

At 10:30 AM there will be a reading session for JH, MH, and HS. These are PML numbers or proposed.

At 11:20 AM There will be a **Project Runway** presentation.

The OMEA All-State Choruses meeting is schedule for 11:40, and will end at 12:30 PM.

We hope to see everyone there.

OMEA CARES

Send the names of our members who are ill, bereaved, or who otherwise need our moral support to:

Jan Smith: Jan Smith@Edmondschools.net

OMEA REMEMBERS

Send the names of members of OMEA who have died since January 30, 2009 or who were not recognized at the last January convention, along with the date of their death (and birth, if possible) to Janis Dawson: jdi12sing1@cox.net

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