


OKLAHOMA MUSIC

CONFERENCE EXTRA: OCTOBER 20, 2011

UPDATE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS TODAY!

Nearly 200 members of OMEA either have NO e-mail address registered with NafME, or the address is incorrect. Please log on to www.nafme.org 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 20, 2011, OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY, OKLAHOMA CITY SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

8:00 AM	-----REGISTER IN THE ATRIUM OF THE MUSIC BUILDING ----- COFFEE AND DONUTS -----ALL DIVISIONS BEGIN IN PETREE AUDITORIUM -----					
9:00 AM	General Session: Petree Auditorium Performance: VERDIGRIS HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ ENSEMBLE (Euell Hanna, Dir.)					
9:30 AM	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
9:45 AM	BAND DIVISION ROOM A101 BUILDING A SUPERIOR SMALL SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM FROM THE BOTTOM UP Steve Workman and James Morrison	CHORAL DIVISION ROOM A105 GREAT IDEAS I'VE STOLEN FROM FRIENDS, MENTORS AND RIVALS! Panel includes Wes Singleton, Connie Coleman, Stephanie Abel, and Angie McKenna	ELEMENTARY DIV ROOM A110 MORE TRIED AND TRUE IDEAS	ORCHESTRA DIV "THE BLACK BOX" HEALTHFUL PRACTICE AND PERFORMANCE HABITS Laura Talbot	HIGHER ED DIV BL01 THE SKYPE'S THE LIMIT Matt Mailman	COLLEGIATE OMEA COMEA members will attend morning sessions of their choices. The Fall Kickoff is set for the afternoon. Lunch provided. See page four for the afternoon schedule.
10:45 AM	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11:00 AM	HELP! ALL MY BEGINNERS ARE HERE. NOW WHAT!? Steve Workman and James Morrison	DO I HAVE TO HEAR THOSE SAME OLD SONGS AGAIN THIS YEAR?? NEW CONTEST LITERATURE Janis Dawson, Annie Duggan, and students	<i>CIRCLE THE STATE WITH SONG</i> READING SESSION Sandra Knudson, Conductor	ORCHESTRA READING SESSION Sponsored by Pender's Music	HOW TO ENTER AN OSSAA CONTEST Mike Plunkett OSSAA Music Division	All COMEA activities will be held in the Great Hall of the OCU Student Center
12:00 Noon	All-State Chorus meeting for judges & teachers A101		<i>Circle the State with Song</i> Judges' Luncheon Atrium of Bass Hall			COMEA Luncheon and Meeting
THE CONFERENCE ENDS IMMEDIATELY AFTER INDIVIDUAL DIVISION FINAL SESSIONS						

DON'T MISS THE FIRST STATEWIDE EVENT OF THE OMEA YEAR!
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20: OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY, OKLAHOMA CITY



*Joe Wilhelm, President
Oklahoma Music Educators Association*

Welcome Back!

I hope everyone has survived the heat and the beginning of the new school year. Let your OMEA organization help recharge your batteries and get your year started off with a bang. You can do this by attending our annual OMEA Fall Workshop, held again at Oklahoma City University on Thursday, October 20. You can find sessions and times in this newsletter.

The opening session will begin with the award winning Verdigris High School jazz ensemble directed by Euell Hanna. Along with the jazz ensemble, there will be cash door prizes.

Overall, I am so proud of our OMEA Executive Board. They have worked diligently to bring you the best presenters and clinicians, not only for this workshop but also for our coming Winter In-Service Conference. I find them to be an inspiration and feel truly blessed to have them serving as leaders in Oklahoma music education.

See you at OCU!

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.nafme.org/about/view/menc-membership-applications

January In-Service Conference

January 18-21, 2012 Tulsa, Oklahoma Convention Center.
Information: http://www.okmea.org/january_convention_information.html

UPDATE WITH NAFME/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.

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 way OkMEA/NAfME 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 NAFME 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

OMEA will admit you to the October In-Service meeting for NO fee.

BAND DIVISION IN OCTOBER

Kirby Swinney, Band VP

Help!

The Band Division has scheduled two sessions at the October Conference. Both feature master teachers Steve Workman and James Morrison.

The first session is titled, **Building a Superior Small School Band Program from the Bottom Up**, and will be of special interest to directors working in smaller school, which offer unique challenges to the music teacher.

The second session is **Help! All My Beginners are Here. Now What!?** "Getting the year started" is still in force, and it's not too late to pick up some pointers for teaching beginners.

We hope to see a large turnout of band directors for these sessions.

PICTURES OF 2012 HONOR GROUPS

Clearly identified pictures of groups chosen to perform at the 2012 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.

OMEA BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Executive Board is set for October 19, 2011, at Oklahoma City University.



*Sandra Knudson
Presenter for the Elementary Division in October*

ELEMENTARY DIVISION SESSIONS AT OCTOBER WORKSHOP

Mary Beth Singleton, Elementary VP

Now is the time to make plans to attend our October In-Service meeting! This year we will have two elementary sessions to connect with fellow teachers and find new inspirations to take home to our classrooms!

The first session will be **More Tried and True Ideas**, which is a continuation of previous fall workshops, where great minds bring their great ideas to share with the rest of us! Many areas will be highlighted, such as tried and true games, songs, teaching resources, classroom procedures, useful web sites, lessons plan formats, and many more. There will be something for everyone!

We will also have our traditional **Circle the State with Song Reading Session**, led by Sandy Knudson, who always brings such meaningful insight and well planned detail to each piece of music.

REMINDER: The CTSWS registration fee is now \$30.00—check all information carefully to make sure you are following current guidelines, including deadlines.

CHORAL DIVISION

Jeanine Gully, Choral VP

We have a great October lineup of clinic sessions for members of the Choral Division.

Great Ideas I've Stolen from Friends, Mentors and Rivals! This session features a panel of teachers sharing their best "stolen" ideas. The panel includes Wes Singleton, Connie Coleman and Stephania Abel. We will also have a time for audience members to share their own "stolen" ideas! (9:45–A105)

Do I Have to Hear Those Same Old Songs Again This Year?? Janis Dawson will present the second session, which will review examples of new solo literature published in the last 5 years. She will use students from her voice studio to perform the selections. Music will be available to browse and purchase from Pender's Music. (10:45–A105)

At Noon, Tracy Watson, 2012 All-State Chorus Chair, will present the **Judges/Participant** meeting with information about auditions and selection. This meeting will move to Room A101(A101)

ORCHESTRA DIVISION IN OCTOBER

Scott Jackson, Orchestra VP

Hello to you all! I hope to see you in the Orchestra Sessions at the Fall In-Service Conference this year. Laura Talbott (OSU) will present a clinic on **Healthful Practice and Performance Habits** for string players and teachers.

During our second hour we will hold a **New Music Reading Session**, sponsored by *Pender's Music*. Please bring your instrument (primary or secondary) because, as always, WE are the orchestra for this session!

One more reminder—Pender's will have a wide assortment of new music and old favorites for browsing and purchase during this event. Please plan your purchase orders accordingly!

Call for Research Presentation and Posters

Mark Belcik, OMEA Higher Ed VP

Call for Papers

The Oklahoma Music Educators Association will sponsor a research and poster session at the 2012 OMEA in-service workshop and convention in Tulsa, January 18-21, 2012. Qualitative or quantitative research that is either completed or in-progress on any topic relating to music teaching/learning will be considered.

Deadline for submissions: October 15, 2011.

Submission procedures: All submissions should not have been published prior to the conference, and must meet the Code of Ethics published in the Journal of Research in Music Education. Electronic submissions are encouraged (in pdf or MS Word format). E-mail the abstract (150-250 words) and report (if complete) to: Mark Belcik, OMEA Vice President, Higher Education mbelcik@okcu.edu. For those unable to send electronic copies, required materials may be mailed to: Dr. Mark Belcik, OMEA Vice President, Higher Ed; 251 N Blackwelder; Oklahoma City; 73106-1493 Notification will be e-mailed by December 15, 2011.

If accepted, at least one author must be prepared to present the research at the research/poster session, and provide ten copies of the complete paper and forty copies of the abstract for session attendees.

MOVED?

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

REGISTRATION FEES FOR THE OCTOBER CONFERENCE

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

<http://www.okmea.org>

OMEA CARES

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

Janis Dawson: Janis Dawson: jdi12sing1@gmail.com

OMEA REMEMBERS

Send the names of members of OMEA who have died since January 30, 2010 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

**FREE REGISTRATION IN OCTOBER
FOR FIRST-YEAR TEACHERS AND
COLLEGE MUSIC ED STUDENTS**

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 articulates 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

COLLEGE STUDENT SESSIONS IN OCTOBER

Alyssa Baker, COMEA President

Fellow COMEAians

Welcome back to school! COMEA's Fall Kickoff is again this year scheduled during the Fall In-Service Conference on October 20, at Oklahoma City University, in OKC.

Students will attend the morning sessions of their major divisions, joining teachers, then stay for a luncheon, meet and greet their peers.

This means free food!

Following the luncheon there will be session specific to the needs of college students.

The first session will use a panel of teachers, giving advice and resources about **How to Put on a Musical**.

During the second session COMEA members will choose between sessions on **How to Survive being a Music Ed Major**, or a session on the **OMEA Young Teacher Mentorship Program**.

Younger students are encouraged to go to the "survival" session, while students looking at student teaching or are currently student teaching should attend the latter choice.

COMEA is currently looking for older student representatives from each school to be on a panel during the survival session. We will also be taking your questions for the "Musical" session.

COMEA OFFICES FOR 2012: If you would like to nominate a representative or submit a question, please e-mail **Levi Dobrinski at ldobrinski@uco.edu**. We look forward to seeing all of you at the Fall Workshop!

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