

# **WHO WE ARE**

As innovative leaders in vocal music education, we provide experiences that inspire our diverse community. Michigan School Vocation Music Association is a non-profit that supports and encourages the expression of vocal talent and musical creativity. Our vision is to reach the hearts of all people through song.

### **MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

#### Networking

Our membership includes choral directors, private teachers, university professors and retired music teachers who share your passion for vocal music. Access the latest in developments from early career teachers and learn from the wisdom of seasoned educators. Weekly Notes e-newsletter enables members to connect on issues important to everyone and make announcements to the membership. Job listings allow members to post position openings and seek employment, performance and auditions opportunities.

### **Educational opportunities**

MSVMA is committed to offering the finest professional development opportunities to its members in affordable and accessible ways. Sessions at the Michigan Music Conference, the Summer Conference and the Student Leadership Conference offer diverse learning options for choir directors and high school and college students in a supportive environment. State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECH) are available. Clinics help you gain the knowledge and skills to become a festival adjudicator. The Carolyn Leep Scholarship offer individualized learning options. High school seniors enrolled at member schools and pursuing a degree in vocal music education may apply for a four-year scholarship to attend a Michigan college or university. Recipients will receive \$10,000 over their four years of undergraduate coursework.

#### Program enrichment

The Clinician Consultant Program enables you to choose a professional from our vetted list of choral experts to help you and your students enhance your knowledge and performance. Grants are available to support your choral program including such items as music, transportation, technology and uniforms. The MSVMA Choral Residency Partnership with the VOCES8 Foundation provides member schools access to workshops and collaborative concerts that offer students the opportunity to interact and learn from some of the top choral ensembles in the world.

#### Literature

A literature database categorized by voice, level of difficulty, suggested performing age group and publisher/octavo information is available to you for choral repertoire and solo repertoire and collections. An extensive sight reading library enables your students to have new music every day.

#### **Festivals**

Adjudicated festivals, either for a rating or for comments only, enable you and your students to benefit from assessments and suggestions by our qualified adjudicators. District and state solo and ensemble festivals, choral festivals, chamber festivals, mass choir festivals, musical theatre festivals and Michigan Youth Arts Festival provide unique and meaningful learning environments for participants.

#### **Honors Choirs**

Opportunities to be part of exceptional musical performances are provided through our Honors Choir program offered to students 6th through 12th grades.

# **BECOME A MEMBER**

To become a member of MSVMA, register online at msvma.org. We offer a discounted membership fee, for the first year, to any school that has not joined MSVMA before or schools that have not been a member for 5+ years.