



Tempo!

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MAY 2023

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

July 26 & 27 | Summer Conference

Register Today for Summer Conference



MSVMA Conference Registration

Registration includes: Entrance to all sessions, music for your interest sessions, and select meals onsite.

- 1 Day Conference Pass | \$110
- 2 Day Conference Pass | \$220
- 1 Day Non-Member Conference Pass | \$205
- 2 Day Non-Member Conference Pass | \$290
- First Year Teacher | \$100
- Full-Time Student | \$100
- Emeriti/Retiree | \$100

2023 Summer Conference Sessions

Choose from breakout sessions that enhance your knowledge and your students' learning environment. Here is a detailed [conference schedule](#) with titles, presenters and descriptions to help you decide which to attend.

[Register Now](#)

Discounted rooms are available until June 24.

To make reservations visit www.porthuron.doubletree.com. In the field provided, enter group code: **MSV** or call the hotel at 810-984-8000 and mention the group code MSV.

"MSVMA Teacher Choir"
National Anthem at Detroit Tigers
June 9, 2023





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Choral Student Leadership Conference

The 3rd annual MSVMA Choral Student Leadership Conference was a huge success with 140 students representing 23 choral programs gathering at Eastern Michigan University on June 21. "Being Human Together - Inside Out" was the conference theme and was led by Coty Raven Morris from Portland State University.

Thank you to:

- MSVMA members who sent your students and special thanks to those who spent the day at the conference.
- Brandon Johnson for hosting the conference at Eastern Michigan University.
- Eric Cadena for being the wonderful master of all things technology.
- Debra Jacks and Emileigh Hartung in the MSVMA office for all their behind the scenes work.
- Coty Raven Morris for your inspirational, creative, engaging and insightful leadership, friendship and for just being you!





Submitted by Wendee Wolf-Schlarf, MSVMA Choral Student Leadership Conference Coordinator

2024 Michigan Music Conference Choral Hour

Congratulations and thank you to the directors who submitted recordings for the 2024 Michigan Music Conference Choral Hour.

Four choirs have been selected for the 2024 Michigan Music Conference Friday Choral Hour:

DeWitt High School Chamber Choir, Meghan Eldred-Woolsey
Haslett High School Chorale, Matthew Callaghan
Northwest Middle School Honors Choir, James Cumings
West Ottawa High School Select Women's Ensemble, Erin Stier

Additionally, two specialized ensembles were selected by a separate listening panel to perform at the Saturday Specialized Choral Hour, along with the Musical Theater soloists and All-State Jazz:

Ann Arbor Skyline Blues, Lindsay CieChanski
Forest Hills Northern Singers, Michael Wheaton

Congratulations!

Submitted by Sarah Stockton, President-Elect

Proposals

MSVMA has a dedicated proposal process to ensure that the organization is representing the needs and interests of students, teachers, and MSVMA members. Proposals may be submitted at any time, however, please keep in mind that they will be addressed by the Board of Directors at the next Board Meeting. Policy changes may not take place until the following school year.

Suggestions for events or committees that do not require policy change or budget impact may be made directly to the applicable Supervisor or Coordinator.

The Proposal Submission Form and list of Pending Proposals can be found on the MSVMA website under "Resources" and "Documents" found [here](#). You may check on the status of submitted proposals and can contact any of the Board of Directors with questions or concerns.

[Proposal Flow Chart PDF](#)

[Proposal Submission Form](#)

[Pending Proposals](#)

Submitted by Sarah Stockton, President-Elect



Sign-Up for the MSVMA Partner Program is open through August 15!

Visit the MSVMA website for more information: [Partner Program](#) or by clicking on the Professional Development tab. [Click here](#) to sign up for a Fall Partnership.

Submitted by Sarah Stockton, President-Elect



MSVMA leadership would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our amazing volunteers this year. This organization could not function without all of you, especially our District Managers, Supervisors, Coordinators, Committee members, and Board of Directors. Every single person plays a pivotal role in the success of this organization. THANK YOU!

At this time we want to especially recognize the following Board members who are completing their term on the Board of Directors:

- Matt Callaghan, Secretary
- Lyn CieChanski, Director of Specialized Festivals
- Kathy Cunningham, Director of State Events
- Angel Gippert, Past-President

Between them, they represent over 35 years of Board experience and dedication, as well as other volunteer duties. Thank you for your commitment and service to MSVMA!

Submitted by Sarah Stockton, President-Elect, Gail Worden, President and Erik Jacobson, Executive Director

Thank you Sarah Price and Max Trombley!

MSVMA expresses its sincere appreciation to Sarah Price, Supervisor, All-State Honors Choir and Max Trombley, Coordinator, State Solo & Ensemble Festival - South who have completed their service in leadership volunteer roles.

Sarah has been a true joy to work with throughout our involvement in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival and for our All-State Festival in her role as All-State Honors Choir Supervisor. She took initiative in our first conversations with Michigan State University connecting us with the College of Music and continued to be an integral collaborative member of our planning team as we facilitated our move to the new location.

Sarah possesses the ability to analyze big picture items and is extremely competent at managing and delivering the details in a clear and concise manner to students and families. She is passionate and dedicated to provide outstanding experiences for students in the All-State Honors Choir program. This devotion is clear and evident throughout the planning process and noticed in particular at the three-day event.

She will truly be missed in her volunteer role and she is appreciated by many students and directors.

All the best to you, Sarah!

Eric Cadena
Board of Directors
All-State Festival and Summer Conference

MSVMA is grateful for the many ways that Max Trombley has served the organization. I have been able to work with Max as coordinator for the south site of our State Solo and Ensemble Festivals. Max brought his incredible organizational skills, people skills and problem-solving skills to this position and did an outstanding job. Max even taught me new secrets about using Google sheets! He always has a smile on his face and his calm demeanor, even in the occasional stressful festival situation, was always evident.

Students, directors and adjudicators alike benefited greatly from their festival experience thanks in great part to Max's leadership. MSVMA will miss you, Max, and wish you well as you begin your graduate studies in Florida this fall.

Cindy Hunter
Supervisor
State Solo and Ensemble Festivals

Volunteer Spotlight



Anna Bolton

ALL-STATE COORDINATOR

How long have you volunteered for MSVMA?

I have been volunteering for MSVMA for four years.

What is your favorite memory surrounding an MSVMA event?

I enjoy coordinating All-State Honors Choir every year. It is a joy to work with passionate choral students from all over Michigan! I also enjoy observing rehearsals led by talented conductors from across the country.

Who has been your musical or professional inspiration?

My teachers Professor Richard Fracker, Dr. Charles Norris, and Dr. Sandra Snow have been my biggest source of musical inspiration. I wouldn't be where I am without them. My hope is that I inspire my students in the same way they have inspired me!

What do you like to do with your free time outside of changing lives through music education?

I am passionate about health and wellness. I enjoy running, yoga and cooking plant based foods! I am also a big fan of traveling. This spring I went on a 12 day tour of London, Paris and Amsterdam with my sister!

Meet your District Managers



Natalie Smith

DISTRICT 9 MANAGER

Favorite Food: My favorite food is sushi, which is not readily available in our small town.

Fun Fact: Although I didn't start out my teaching career this way, I am now teaching in the school that I graduated from.

Hobbies: My hobbies are reading and watching tv and cuddling with my three boys!

Favorite TV Show/Movie: I don't have a favorite movie but I love just about anything Marvel Cinematic Universe.

Favorite Book: I love to read historical fiction and two books I would consider my favorite are "The Light Between Oceans" by M.L. Stedman and "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah.

Your #1 song that gets replayed (or song that you'll sing your

heart out too): I don't really have a go-to song. It really depends on what I'm doing and what kind of mood I'm in.

Announcements



Blue Lake Now Enrolling Choir students in All Sessions

Rising 9th – 12th graders and graduating seniors: June 21 - July 2 & July 5 - July 16

Rising 7th – 9th graders: July 19 - July 30 & August 2 - August 13

What is happening at [Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp](#) this summer? You'll find the same great arts opportunities that have defined our instructional program since its earliest years, and a two-week dance intensive is the perfect way to boost enthusiasm in your students before returning to the classroom next fall. With programs in Choir, Dance, Jazz, Piano, Harp, Art, Creative Writing, and Theater, Band, and Orchestra, offering 11 majors, 30 minors, 4 sessions, and many great options for students from beginning and advanced, there's something for everyone.

Blue Lake's Choir Program is designed to challenge students of all proficiency levels. Our highly regarded faculty provide a wide range of instructional and performance opportunities. Students explore repertoire from a variety of musical styles and historical periods while refining fundamental skills in sight singing, breath management, tone production, stage presence, diction, solo and ensemble singing, and basic musicianship. Vocalists will be grouped by ability in either the SATB Choir or one of two SSA(A) Choirs based upon audition. Advanced students will also be placed in the Chamber Choir led by: Dr. Erin Colwitz, Northern Michigan University; Dr. Amon Eady, Central Michigan University; and Dr. Steven Hankle, University of Dayton.

Choir Scholarships remain available!

Help us distribute our remaining scholarship funds. Do you have a student who is interested in camp but cannot be able to afford the tuition? A Blue Lake scholarship may be able to help. 2023 funds remain available for enthusiastic students who apply through the Merit, Financial Need applications.

Students Can Apply Independently: Students can apply independently for all **Scholarships**, including Merit and Financial Need.

Nominate a Student: You may nominate a student for an Arts Educator Award valued at \$415 toward Blue Lake's camp tuition for all arts areas and instruments. Visit [Arts Educator Nomination](#) to complete the application. These introductory scholarships are only available to new-to-Blue Lake students who are not currently enrolled.

Schedule a Scholarship Representative: Our representatives are available through early June! Contact the Scholarship Office at scholarships@bluelake.org or 800.221.3796 x202 to request a visit from a Representative in your area. Presentations are also available via Zoom.

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