



Tempo!

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JULY 2023

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

July 26 & 27 | Summer Conference

August 15 | MSVMA Partner Program sign up closes

September 15 | Membership fees due

The 23-24 MSVMA Event Calendar is available on the MSVMA website in the Documents and Events section, and on the front page.

Register today for Summer Conference!

JULY 26 & 27, 2023
SUMMER
CONFERENCE
BLUE WATER CONVENTION CENTER

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 session descriptions.

[Register Now](#)

Top Ten Reasons I Love the MSVMA Summer Conference

- Cate Windelborn

10. It helps to get my mind ready to go back to school.
9. I get insight into the honors choir repertoire and directors for the coming year.
8. Enjoying meals and conversations with friends - new and old!
7. So many great memories from 28 years of Summer Conferences!
6. Reading sessions help to fill in my repertoire lists for the coming year.
5. It's like a little working vacation to wrap up my summer.
4. I get to learn from and work with great headliners.
3. The Teacher of the Year speeches are always so inspiring.
2. I learn so much from the smart and creative Michigan choir teachers!
1. Getting to spend time with my MSVMA family!



Membership Renewal Reminder

**Renew your membership
BY SEPTEMBER 15.**

Board of Directors Update 23-24

Sarah Stockton, President

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Eric Cadena, President-Elect

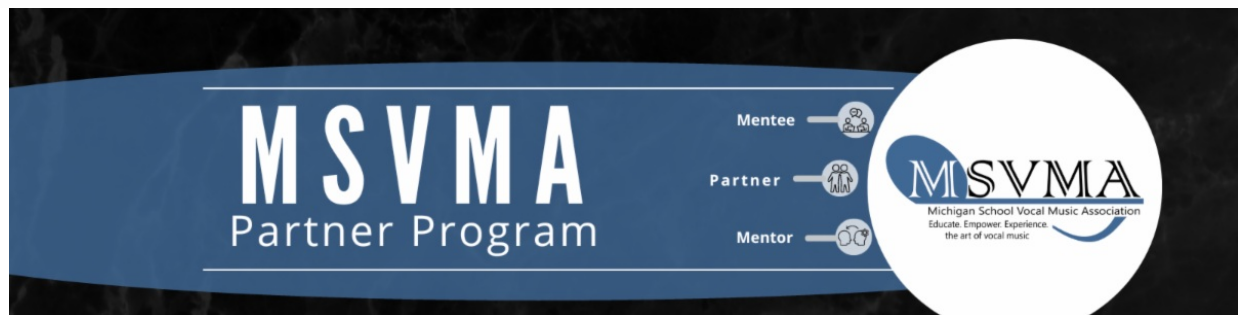
Zach Everly, Secretary

Matt Snell, Director, State Events

Amy Schroeder, Director, All-State Festival

Brian Leduc, Member-at-Large

Partner Program Established



Sign up for the MSVMA Partner Program is open through August 15.

The purpose of the MSVMA Partner Program is to connect and support not only all teachers, but especially those new to the field or to their role. In a collaborative effort, we utilize the expertise of seasoned teachers who have a desire to work alongside an assigned mentee. We are here to connect both mentees and mentors alike. The MSVMA Partner Program is designed to match participants based on grade level, specialty, and/or specific needs.

I think I echo the sentiments of many MSVMA members when I say that the help and encouragement I feel from other members helps me get through the school year. Bouncing ideas off of each other, listening and comparing successes and opportunities, sharing resources...all of these things (and more) truly help make me feel part of a collaborative community. The Partner Program is designed to encourage this type of collaboration between members; we have a robust and diverse community in our state and this program is intended to help facilitate the exchange of ideas and support that are so incredibly valuable to our profession and our well-being!

If you'd like to learn more, visit the webpage at [MSVMA Partner Program](#).
If you are ready to sign up, you can use this direct link to [register](#).

Registration for this enrollment period is open through August 15. We would love to get this program off to a strong start. Feel free to contact Brian Leduc, Member-at-Large or Sarah Stockton, President with any questions.

Submitted by Brian Leduc, Member-at-Large

Collaborative Pianist Registry Announced

MSVMA is excited to announce the addition of a Collaborative Pianist Registry to connect the amazing

COLLABORATIVE PIANIST REGISTRY

Register Now



pianists of Michigan with our vocal music educators. This list will serve as a reference for vocal music educators, who are members of Michigan School Vocal Music Association. Being listed as a collaborative pianist does not guarantee employment, but allows for exposure amongst the membership. Interested in being listed in our registry? Sign up [here!](#)

MSVMA has created a directory of collaborative pianists around the state that are separated by district. You must be logged in to view the directory. Click [here](#) to find collaborative pianists in your area.

With questions or feedback, please contact Zach Everly at zacheverly@msvma.org

Submitted by
Zach Everly, Secretary
Brian Leduc, Member-at-Large
Megan Sinclair, Director, Specialized Festivals

Volunteer Spotlight



Les Rowsey

COORDINATOR, ALL-STATE FESTIVAL

How long have you volunteered for MSVMA?

I've volunteered in one capacity or another almost since the beginning of my teaching career. I started teaching in the fall of 1977, and I think I was District 6 Manager before I left for Graduate School in 1982. I was adjudicating before I went to Grad School at WMU.

What is your favorite choral piece that you've directed or sung?

That's a REALLY hard question, but let's give it a whirl! Benjamin Britten's "Rejoice in the Lamb" is my favorite "traditional" piece that I have conducted, especially the multi-meter section. As for popular/jazz pieces, Gene Puerling's arrangement of "London by Night" is brilliant, and the kids at Jenison did a tremendous job with it, too.

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

I am a coin collector. My dad started me at age four by giving me an 1889-O Morgan Silver Dollar that I still have. I love my classic Ford car, and I collect records, starting with "45s" when I was nine, and I now have close to 1,400 of them from the 50's, 60's, 70's, and 80's. Everything from my mom's "Chanson D'amour" in 1958 to "Everybody Wants to Rule the World." #Eclectic!

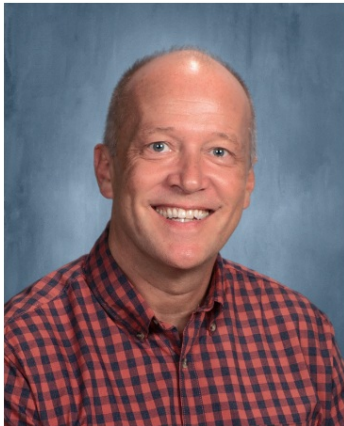
What advice would you give to a young teacher?

Three things:

1. Teach voice and musicianship. Have your kids leave your classroom with singing and musicianship skills to last them a lifetime!
2. Don't be afraid to ask questions. There is a collective wealth of knowledge in MSVMA. If I can ever help, please ask!
3. Be (appropriately!) transparent, but love on your students!

Challenge them to work hard, and let them see that in you! And know that the vast majority of us are cheering you on and celebrating your successes!

Meet your District Managers



Todd Schreiber DISTRICT 12 MANAGER

Favorite Food: My favorite food is a tie between pot roast, bacon double cheeseburger, french fries or pizza.

Fun Fact: I'm in the 1994 Barbra Streisand "The Concert" video!

Hobbies: My hobbies are playing volleyball, collecting Broadway music and CD's.

Favorite TV Show/Movie: My favorite movie is Yentl and I have too many favorite TV shows to name.

Favorite Book: I love to read the book Wicked.

Your #1 song that gets replayed (or song that you'll sing your heart out too): "Potato's In The Paddy Wagon" from A Mighty Wind.

Announcements

A promotional graphic for a concert. It features a central text area with a logo for 'BEYOND' at the top, followed by the title 'A New Dawning' in a large, bold font. Below the title, it says 'PREMIERE PERFORMANCE BY BEYOND CHOIR'. The event details are listed on the left: 'Saturday, August 26, 2023', '7:00 PM', and 'Eastern Michigan University Honors College'. On the right, it says 'Limited seating. Reserve your free ticket at www.beyondchoir.com'. The entire graphic is framed by decorative, hand-drawn leaf and branch illustrations in a golden-brown color.

Introducing Beyond, A new choral organization for professional musicians based in Ypsilanti, Michigan, to present its Inaugural concert, A New Dawning.

Ypsilanti Michigan - Beyond, Is proud to announce its much-anticipated concert debut on August 26. Beyond invites music lovers, community members, and supporters of the Arts to join them on the first step of their remarkable musical journey.

This extraordinary ensemble will delight audiences with a diverse repertoire featuring renowned choral composers such as Brahms, Faure, Howells, Mendelson, Mozart, Rachmaninoff, and Stanford, and introduce the audience to two talented living choral composers, Ily Matthew Maniano & Laura Jēkabsone.

For more information about Beyond or to purchase tickets for the concert, please visit www.beyondchoir.com. Don't miss the chance to be a part of an extraordinary musical event that will leave a lasting impression.

Submitted by Brandon Johnson

Want to submit a story for Tempo!

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