



# *Tempo!*

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## **Upcoming Events and Deadlines**

January 18 | Musical Theatre Honors Ensemble Rehearsal at MMC

January 19 | 6-7-8-9 Honors Choir Rehearsal & Performance

January 19 | HS State Honors Choir Rehearsal at MMC

January 20 | HS State Honors Choir Rehearsal at MMC

January 20 | MSVMA Reception & Annual Meeting in the Pantlind Ballroom

January 21 | All-State Jazz Choir Rehearsal, Activities & Performance

January 21 | HS State Honors Choir Rehearsal & Performance at MMC

January 28 | Solo Adjudication Inservice

February 6 | All-State Honors Choir Selection Announced



## **Making Connections at MMC 2023**

Attending the Michigan Music Conference is an inspiring experience because of all the wonderful interest sessions and performances. It's not too late to register to attend. [MMC 2023 Registration Link](#). The MMC program app will be available in the near future. Use it to find interest sessions and concerts you wish to attend. Registrants will receive notification when the app is available to use.

MMC is also an amazing opportunity to network and connect with colleagues from across the state. Here are other activities that will give MSVMA members an opportunity to connect with colleagues and old friends as well as make new friends through the world of choral music education.

**Thursday, January 19**

**Interest Sessions and Networking for  
MSVMA College and Practicing Members  
Imperial Ballroom**

**There is no additional fee for this activity**

**Student Teaching - Tips and Ideas for a Successful Experience**

**4 PM- 4:45 PM**

Student Teaching Panel: Claire Kaiser, Kara Treadway,  
Kelli Falls and Matthew Snell

This session will include a panel discussion regarding student teaching from both the "student" and "mentor" teacher perspectives. Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions about how to prepare for and what to expect in their student teaching experience.

**Meet and Greet - Networking with current and future  
choral music educators**

**5 PM - 5:45 PM**

Round Robin Conversations with MSVMA Student Members  
and MSVMA Executive Board

This session will provide an opportunity for current choral music education students and practicing educators to have conversations about the world of choral music education and MSVMA.

**The Search for a Song Worth Singing**

**6 PM - 6:45 PM**

Presenters: Ginny Kerwin, MSVMA Emeritus; Wendee Wolf-Schlarf,  
Traverse City Area Public Schools

This interactive session will focus on choosing repertoire that reaches the body, mind, spirit and voice. Strategies on how to select repertoire for ensembles from different grade and ability levels as well as how to engage students beyond the notes and rhythms.

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**Thursday, January 19**

**All Conference College Fair**

**5:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

**Ambassador Ballroom**

**There is no additional fee for this activity**

High school students participating in the MSVMA Honors Choirs and MSBOA All-State ensembles will have an opportunity to learn more about how to be involved in music at college 5:30 - 6:30 PM - Ambassador Ballroom. Parents/families are welcome to attend this as well.

There will be a general information session at 5:30 pm presented by Colleen Conway with the opportunities to visit with various colleges/universities representatives following the presentation.

**All Conference Exhibit Hall "Welcome Back" Celebration**

**7 PM - 10 PM**

**Exhibit Hall**

***There is no additional fee for this reception***

**Impromptu MSVMA Beer Choir**

**Atwater Brewing**

**201 Michigan St., NW**

**8 PM - 9 PM**

**Beer Choir Hymnal will be provided; attendees will be responsible for their own beverages and food**

Don't miss the first MSVMA Beer Choir. MSVMA members never pass up an opportunity to join together in song and our first MMC Beer Choir provides just that opportunity. Erin Colwitz will lead us in song. Plan to join colleagues from 8:00 - 10:00 PM at Atwater Brewing. *\*Note: Because this was a recent addition, you won't find this listed in the MMC Program book.*

**Submitted by Wendee Wolf-Schlarf**



**Friday, January 20**

**MSVMA Celebration Reception**

**Pantlind Ballroom**

**5 PM**

We are so excited for another year at the Michigan Music Conference and we look forward to connecting with new colleagues and old friends from around the state next week. Join us for our annual reception on Friday evening as we honor the new Emeritus class, thank 2022 volunteers for their incredible service, and announce the results of board of directors and Teacher of the Year voting. We will be joined by Brandon Johnson's new ensemble, Beyond, and the hors d'oeuvres are always a reason enough to attend.

Erik Jacobson & the MSVMA Board of Directors and Staff

**See you in Grand Rapids!**

## Solo Adjudication Inservice

Have you thought about becoming an adjudicator for solos? Join us for the Solo Adjudication Inservice and gain insights about this opportunity to help students and their teachers advance their knowledge of solo performance.

Eaton Rapids High School

January 28, 2023

7:30 a.m. – 5 pm.

Please register for this free learning opportunity at Solo Adjudication Inservice

For questions, please contact Kelli Falls at [kellifalls@msvma.org](mailto:kellifalls@msvma.org).

## Meet your District Managers



### Katie Mcinnis DISTRICT 1 MANAGER

#### About Me

**Favorite Food:** Salted caramel is so delicious as a frozen dessert

**Fun Fact:** My husband and I were attacked by an alligator while kayaking in Florida.

**Hobbies:** I enjoy kayaking (but not in Florida!), hiking, and puppy snuggling

**Favorite TV Show:** Ted Lasso

**Favorite Book:** All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

**Your #1 song that gets replayed (or song that you'll sing your heart out too):** This Christmastide



The deadline for entering the competition is February 18th!

For more information, go to [www.verdioperatheatre.com](http://www.verdioperatheatre.com)



### The Deadline for Entering the 29th Annual Italian Songs & Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan High School Students is February 18, 2023.

Have you reviewed the information printed in the November 2022 MSVMA Tempo, announcing the competition and our website access information at [www.verdioperatheatre.com](http://www.verdioperatheatre.com)?

Are you preparing and encouraging your students to participate in the competition?

**PRIZES TOTALING \$2500 WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TEN FINALISTS. FIRST PRIZE IS \$1000!**

Please ensure that your student's entry MP3 recording is of GOOD QUALITY and is mailed to us by the February 18th DEADLINE.

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### \$1000 First Prize





# Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan

## 29th Annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition

The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan is pleased to announce its 2023 Annual Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition for Michigan high school students is open and accepting entries. Information for students to participate in this exciting event can be accessed through the Verdi Opera's website at Verdi Opera Theatre

Advance information is being sent to Michigan high school vocal music teachers, as well as to private music teachers and other related entities to encourage participation in this prestigious competition which has earned a reputation as the oldest and one of the top vocal competitions for young student vocalists in our state.

The deadline to submit student entries is February 18, 2023. Ten finalists will be selected, and will perform live at the Concert of the Finalists, to be held at the Italian American Club of Livonia, on Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 4 p.m.

The winner of the Competition will receive \$1,000, and all the finalists will receive a monetary prize and other valued support. Most importantly, every participant in the competition will be able to explore the wonderful world of classical Italian songs and opera arias to test their talent in this challenging art form.

The Verdi Opera's commitment is to encourage and assist the development of young vocal music students through our annual vocal competition, by awarding scholarship prizes, and by providing opportunities for these emerging young talents to perform at our concerts. This has resulted in the rewarding experience of several of these young singers being engaged to perform with major opera companies, including New York's Metropolitan Opera and Milan's La Scala, as well as with the Detroit Opera and other prominent opera companies.

**Bravissimi!**

**Submitted by John Zaretti, President and Co-founder of Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan**

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