

IMEA District 3 Spring Newsletter May 2009

Greetings!! Now is the time to begin planning for the 2009 IMEA auditions and festivals. Please read through this information carefully. If you are planning to change jobs, please print this information and leave for the new director.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **SPECIFIC DIVISION INFORMATION** including conductors, repertoire, audition procedures, etc. can be found on our District 3 web page under "Junior Level" and "Senior Level" at the bottom of the page and as an attachment with this email.
- ◆ **ONLINE REGISTRATION:**
 - Every director must update their profile annually after April 1st. Once you update, you will get a check next to your name on my Director List. Don't forget to click the buttons for Bands, Chorus, Orchestra, Jazz Band, Vocal Jazz, and General Music. The reps will not even see your name unless you do this. It is very important to check all that apply so you get specific emails from the reps in each area.
 - Your school must pay the state registration fee (\$25 for each level of Junior or Senior participation, free for Elementary) and be activated by the state office before you may begin nominating students. Make sure you have this done by Sept. 1 or you cannot enter students!!!
 - All Jazz Band and Vocal Jazz Directors: Please check the box for vocal jazz or jazz band on your profile when you register even if you don't currently do jazz. This way you will get informational emails from the reps.
- ◆ **ELEMENTARY SIGN-UP:** Although our district does not offer an elementary festival, we do host a JEM session at our district festival, covering topics of interest to elementary-level teachers. We would like for all of these teachers to sign up on the online system so I can contact them with information regarding these sessions and other important announcements. Elementary participation is free. If you are not an elementary teacher, please notify those in your district about signing up.
- ◆ **COMPOSITION CONTEST:** Did you know that IMEA sponsors a composition contest every year? Enter your budding young composers (and improvisation specialists) into this year's competition! You can find information under the Division Information section of the IMEA web page.
- ◆ **FMES:** If you have a student planning on majoring in music education, encourage them to sign up for the Future Music Educators Seminar (FMES). Students selected will spend the weekend at All-State learning from a wide variety of music education professionals about what it takes to do our job. Students also have time to attend sessions and exhibits. I have had two students participate in FMES, and they both have really enjoyed it and learned a lot from it. FMES entries are done online from your "Forms" page...just look for FMES.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

September 1, 2009	Deadline for school participation form (sent to state office)
September 24, 2009	Deadline for student nominations for auditions
October 12, 2009	District auditions at Bloomington Junior and Senior High Schools
November 7, 2009	District Jazz Festival at Illinois Wesleyan University
November 21, 2009	District Concert Festival at Illinois State University
Jan. 27-30, 2010	IMEA All-State Conference, Peoria

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