

IMEA District 3 Spring Newsletter May 2010

Greetings!! Now is the time to begin planning for the 2010 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. Please delete teachers that are no longer in your school district.
 - 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 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.
- ◆ Any suggestions for Professional Development activities should be sent to our new professional development reps., Justin Lee and Brenda Underwood. Remember, sessions do not have to be held at our festivals. We can do them anytime. Your feedback is needed and welcome!!!

- ◆ IMEA will be providing CPDU credit at Choral Workshops this summer sponsored by Kidder Music and JW Pepper. They may visit jwpepper.com/events or www.kiddermusic.com to find more information about these events.

Wind and Percussion All-State Orchestra Audition Policy Change

*revised April 10, 2010 following an advisory meeting
with IMEA Division VPs + Pres & Pres elect.*

7 A. ORCHESTRA WOODWIND AND BRASS SEATING ASSIGNMENTS

Placement of students into the two orchestras and chair assignments within each orchestra will be based on the performance of:

1. the IMEA required scales;
2. one of the IMEA required etudes;
3. sight reading;
4. prepared excerpts from the current performance repertoire.

Students will be sent applicable excerpts (not complete parts) along with the All State invitation.

The complete excerpt list will be posted on the ILMEA web site after the selection meeting at the end of November.

Please note: If the orchestra division leadership does not identify and distribute audition excerpts with the acceptance letters then the state audition for winds will be identical to the district audition.

7 B. SOLO PASSAGE ASSIGNMENTS

Solo passages in any part are assigned to the player who earns that chair. However, if needed to assure a quality performance, parts may be reassigned among the players in that section. Audition judges and orchestra division leadership may suggest changes of solo assignments. The final decision regarding assignment of solo passages for any instrument rests with the conductor.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

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| September 1, 2010 | Deadline for school participation form (sent to state office) |
| September 28, 2010 | Deadline for student nominations for auditions |
| October 11, 2010 | District auditions at Bloomington Jr. & Sr. High Schools |
| November 6, 2010 | District Jazz Festival at Illinois Wesleyan University |
| November 20, 2010 | District Concert Festival at ISU |
| Jan. 26 – 29, 2011 | IMEA All-State Festival, Peoria |

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