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Fostering Growth...

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WMEA works to enhance instruction and learning in Wisconsin's schools through its many projects and programs. Major initiatives include:

- **Wisconsin State Music Conference:** Brings together educators, students, music industry representatives, parents and other music education supporters to educate and promote music.
- **Wisconsin Advocates for Music Education:** A statewide coalition of music educators, music merchants, manufacturers, parents and other citizens working together to promote music education.
- **Assistance/Support Network:** Assistance to teachers, school leaders and policy makers on issues relating to music education, and networking opportunities through the Wisconsin Consortium for Music Education.
- **Workshops and Seminars:** Many opportunities for educators throughout the year, hosted at the Wisconsin Center for Music Education and other key locations.
- **Resources on School and Music Pedagogy**
- **Continuing Education Leadership:** Continuing education for music teachers including projects such as the Comprehensive Musicianship through Performance (CMP) project.
- **Student Activities:** Sponsorship of student activities, such as the Listening Project and Capitol Concerts.



WMEA Membership Services

- An active voice in the state and national professional organizations that represent music education.
- Professional development opportunities: state and national conferences, reduced fees; mentoring programs including professional development plan options; Comprehensive Musicianship through Performance (CMP); Listening Project; leadership retreat opportunities for newly licensed teachers.
- Advocacy materials, representation, public relations and statewide government relations network for music education in conjunction with the Wisconsin Advocates for Music Education (WAME).
- Position statements on important issues in music education.
- Special communications regarding in-service opportunities, resources, trends and national developments in music education.
- Opportunities to hold office and actively participate in WMEA.
- Eligibility for WMEA and NAfME distinguished service awards.
- Representation on divisional and national NAfME boards.
- Opportunities to represent WMEA and collaborate with other state professional organizations, such as Wisconsin School Music Association, Wisconsin Foundation for School Music and others through the Wisconsin Center for Music Education.
- Complimentary subscriptions to *Wisconsin School Musician* magazine and *Vice President District News/Soundwaves* newsletters.
- Access to online membership directory.

NAfME Membership Services

- National and division conferences.
- Complimentary subscription to *Music Educators Journal* and *Teaching Music*.
- Access to free online journals: *General Music Today*, *Journal of Teacher Music Education* and *UPDATE: Applications of Research in Music Education*.
- NAfME Collegiate Newslink.
- Membership discount on NAfME publications.
- Access to NAfME web site with information on membership, conference, events, programs and publications.
- Online professional development opportunities.
- NAfME member news updates.
- NAfME online job center.
- Performance rights from ASCAP and BMI.
- Nationwide public relations program, including radio and television spots.
- Representation on national organizations and government agencies.
- Special events, including "Music In Our Schools Month."
- Policy documents prepared by leaders in music education.
- Current information about people, materials and trends.
- Opportunities to hold office and actively participate in programs.
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