



MSIC Newsletter

October 2013

President's Message

Welcome Back Everyone!

Another school year is here! I hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer, and are now back in the swing of things. The Music Council is busy planning some exciting events and initiatives for our members!

In the past few months, there have been many changes, and we are here to help our members through these transitional times. Please keep in touch with us about how we can assist and support you. Check out our Facebook page, our Twitter feed, and our NEW Pinterest page! Lots of great resources are being shared.

Best wishes for a happy and successful school year. **Thank you** for your hard work and dedication to music education and to our students.

Sincerely,

Kathy

Membership Renewal

Don't forget to renew your memberships!

The membership form can be found on our [website](#) and on our Facebook page. Please fill in, and return to Treasurer Ashley Sheppard. Her email is ashleysheppard@esdnl.ca. If you have a preferred method of payment, arrangements will be made. If you have inquiries about your membership, Ashley can help with that as well. Thank you for your support!

Facilities and Materials Survey Update

Thank you to all who participated in our Facilities and Materials Survey that was distributed in May. The results from this survey provides information on music teacher needs, and how we can help our members get better services.

MSIC will be sending out a follow-up survey in the near future to our members. As many people are in new positions and schools, we are looking for updated contact information. Please fill out this [teaching assignment form](#)—it's super quick and helps us keep in touch.

Thank you again for your support in this endeavor!

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Teacher Share Series

The Teacher Share Series is designed to bring teachers together in a small, casual setting to share ideas and resources and to support each other and our programs. If you have any suggestions or ideas for the teacher share series or would like to host one at your school please do not hesitate to contact a member of the executive in your area.

Canadian Music Educators' Association Information

From CMEA President Mark Reid:

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Pursuant to Section 7 of the By-Laws, all members are hereby notified of, and invited to, the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Music Educators' Association.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 3:30pm on Saturday, October 19th, 2013 in the Archibald Room at the Delta Prince Edward Hotel, 18 Queen Street, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

NL Music Council will be represented by President Kathy Conway-Ward at these meetings. If you have any issues you'd like addressed, please contact Kathy at catherineconway@esdnl.ca.



Music Monday Showcase Concert Video

From Holly Nimmons, Coalition for Music Education:

Check out this video! This is your advocacy tool. This 10-minute video highlights this year's Music Monday Showcase Concert AND provides great messaging for you to use at the local level to promote the importance of music education. Share with us how you use the video and the response.



Collaborate and Communicate

We want to hear from you!

- An exciting event coming up in your school?
- A colleague who is using innovative teaching methods?
- A great resource you'd like to share?
- An achievement you'd like to highlight?

Pass it on! Contact an MSIC executive member to share a good news story!

Become a Member!

As a registered member of the NLTA Music Special Interest Council you will:

- become a member of our national affiliate, the Canadian Music Educators Association (CMEA)
- receive CMEA and MSIC newsletters and journals
- have opportunities to attend MSIC workshops and provincial conferences
- have a voice provincially and nationally for addressing concerns unique to music educators

NLTA Music Special Interest Council 2013-2014

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Updates from Eastern Executive

Christmas Suite— Christmas Suite 2013 will be held **December 2nd—5th**. Applications are due Friday, October 25th. Please note: teachers who plan on having their ensembles participate in Christmas Suite must be members of MSIC. [**Christmas Suite application form**](#)

Heather McDonald Memorial Scholarship— The intent of this scholarship is to recognize the future of music education in Newfoundland and Labrador by offering financial assistance to an outstanding music education intern. Applications for this scholarship are due **Friday, November 22nd**. [**Heather McDonald Memorial Scholarship form**](#)

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