

Why be a member of the

TENNESSEE MUSIC EDUCATION ASSOCIATION?

TMEA is THE state association of music educators. When you join TMEA you become part of a state-wide network of music educators as well as part the national organization (MENC) that includes over 75,000 active, retired, and pre-service music teachers. By joining TMEA, you are also a member of MENC.

MENC, the National Association for Music Education, is among the world's largest arts education organizations and the only association that addresses all aspects of music education. Since its establishment in 1907, MENC has worked to ensure that every student has access to a well-balanced, comprehensive, and high-quality program of music instruction taught by qualified teachers. MENC provides a vast collection of resources in music education including monthly magazines, publications, and an active website that provide in-depth information on policies, rules, standards, and law. At menc.org, members will find links to online mentors, music education products and services, the MENC store, and resource guide – just to mention a few. The link to “Tour of MENC Membership” on the website would be of particular interest to those considering joining.

The Tennessee Music Education Association has been in existence since 1945 and currently provides:

- An **annual professional in-service conference** in April each year – the TMEA State Music Conference
- Contact with local and regional **mentors**
- A quarterly magazine – *The Tennessee Musician* – that includes news, reports, and articles about Tennessee music education
- An annual **State Instrumental Concert Festival**
- The annual **Tennessee All-State** program with six select ensembles under the direction of nationally-known conductors
- The **Tennessee Honor Treble Chorus** of select elementary school singers that rehearse and perform during the State Music Conference
- The **Tennessee All-Collegiate Ensemble** program involves select collegiate musicians participating in choir, band, and orchestra on an annual rotating basis. Those groups rehearse and perform during the State Music Conference.
- The **TMEA Special Awards** program pays homage to those TMEA members and others who have gone above and beyond in serving music education in Tennessee. Awards include: Hall of Fame, Outstanding Young Music

Educator, Outstanding Administrator, Friend of Music Education and Service Awards.

- The active **TMEA website** (www.tnmea.org) provides a wealth of information that includes special sections for teachers new to Tennessee and a list of contacts with Mentor Teachers.
- Special support and programs for pre-professionals through the Tennessee **Collegiate MENC chapters** on most college campuses
- Most important is that **members of TMEA speak as a combined voice** with over 1,200 teachers in Tennessee. By being united, members can have a far greater impact on pending legislation, on local and regional issues, and on the quality level of music education in Tennessee.

HOW TO JOIN? That's very easy. You can join as a new member or renew your membership on line by going to www.mencnet.org/eweb/.

QUOTES FROM TMEA MEMBERS:

"I know that my students will have an outstanding all-state experience because the dedicated teachers ensure that the event will be of the highest quality."

Andrew Palmer, State Orchestra Chair and Orchestra Director at White Station High School

"The TMEA State Music Conference, including all-state and the Tennessee Treble Honor Chorus, provides an invaluable resource for the director and an unforgettable experience for the student." Valerie DeHoff, President Middle Tennessee Vocal Association and Choral Teacher at Middle Tennessee Christian School

"Belonging to TMEA means networking with teachers at all levels." Dr. Judith A. Sullivan, Music Education Professor at Tennessee Tech University

"My membership in TMEA gives me the opportunity to have an active voice in local professional development as well as an active role in developing advocacy and support for general music educators regionally." Ronda Armstrong, President-Elect of Middle Tennessee General Music Education Association

"TMEA membership provides me with the best source of first-hand information about music education issues at both the state and national level and an invaluable network of professional music educators from which to draw wisdom, inspiration, and support." Gerald Jerome Souther, President of the East Tennessee General Music Education Association.

"TMEA provides every member with connections to outstanding music educators across the state - people who can point them to great ideas, innovative

techniques and materials, as well as the finest music for study and performance level.” Randal W. Box, President of Middle Tennessee State Band and Orchestra Association and Band Director at Brentwood High School.

“By being a member of TMEA, I am able to stay in touch with current trends and issues in our state. Membership allows me to participate in professional development, send students to special events, and become a better education.” Christine Bock, State General Music Chair and Music Teacher at Cedar Bluff Elementary School in Knoxville.

“Advocacy is supporting something you believe in. Be an advocate for your profession by joining TMEA.” Joel Denton, President of East Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association and Band Director at Ooltewah High School.

“TMEA is a wonderful way to be involved in an organization where you can associate and share with mentors and friends with mutual respect. We have the chance to work together with character and the vision to serve every music educator and vicariously every music student in Tennessee!” Dian Eddleman, ETVMEA President-Elect and TMEA Choral Chair