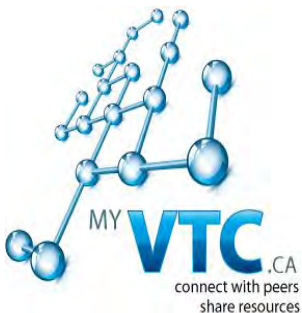


MyVTC

MyVTC.ca is an online teacher community connecting educators across the province. The VTC hosts a number of communities where teachers can go for resources, find a colleague or share ideas. To become a member simply go to www.myvtc.ca click the join button in the top right corner and complete the profile information.



President's Message

Welcome back music educators!

It's hard to believe that only a month has passed since we basked in the summer sun and time seemed to stand still. I hope you are all well rested because with the start of a new school year comes a number of exciting new initiatives and ways to keep energized.

2008-2009 was a busy year for the provincial executive of the MSIC as we focused our efforts primarily on increasing communication to our membership. These initiatives include our mailing list, regular newsletters, and the launch of our web community through the Virtual Teacher Centre. 2008-2009 also saw the revival of our annual publication, the OPUS, and the start of the Teacher Share Series, an initiative which invites music educators to sit face to face to share and create resources that they can take away and use



in their music rooms. The MSIC were first time delegates at the NLTA BGM 2009 where we were pleased to see a number of our motions passed and our Provincial Conference, Soundwaves 2008, was a great success.

Now it's your turn. Your hard work, ideas and expertise are important to us. We need your feedback and your articles to publish, your schools to spotlight and your resources to share with educators across the province. I ask that you take the time this year to contact the MSIC representative in your area, post a resource on the VTC or submit an article for our next newsletter. Communication is the key. Let's celebrate what we have to offer each other as educators and help promote a community of sharing and interaction.

Keep in touch,

Sarah

Why 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 access to teaching resources and province-wide communication through the Virtual Teachers Centre (VTC)
- have opportunities to attend MSIC workshops and provincial conferences
- have a voice provincially and nationally for addressing concerns unique to music educators



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.

Eastern Executive News

The NLTA Christmas Suite

The annual NLTA Christmas Suite will run from Monday, November 30th through to Thursday, December 3rd at the Arts Culture Centre, St. John's.

Deadline for application is Friday, October 23rd

The Heather McDonald Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is available to MUN Music Education students who are currently doing their internship.

Deadline for applications is Friday, October 23rd at 5pm

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PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE 2010

The MSIC executives are busy planning our next provincial conference for fall 2010. If you have recommendations or suggestions with regards to presenters or sessions that you would like to have at our conference please do not hesitate to contact us. Your input is important to us. Hope to see you all there.



MUSIC SPECIAL INTEREST COUNCIL

MEMBERSHIP FORM

New Membership Renewal

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

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Membership Type:

Full \$50.00

Available to all members of the NLTA and supervisors or directors of music.
Includes voting privileges, MSIC Publications, CMEA journals and newsletters.
\$25.00 CMEA, \$25.00 MSIC

Associate \$35.00

Available to private music teachers or any person interested in music education. Includes voting privileges, NLTA Music Council Publications, CMEA newsletters only. \$12.50 CMEA, \$22.50 MSIC

Student Membership, \$20.50

Available only to full-time students. Includes all privileges of full membership, except voting privileges. \$12.50 CMEA, \$8.00 MSIC

Areas of Interest:

Primary (K-3) Elementary (4-6) Intermediate (7-8) High School (9-12)

General Music

Orff

Instrumental-Band

Guitar

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This Membership form and fees can be submitted to:

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Your continued membership is very important to us! You may not be aware that funding for councils from the NLTA is based directly on paid membership. Note also that your membership fees are completely deductible for income tax.

Please note that all memberships will expire next September