



# MSIC Newsletter

February 2013

## President's Message

Hello Everyone!

2013: a brand new year with new opportunities, new possibilities, new ideas —and a new Executive! As the year progresses, we are working on some events and initiatives that will be very exciting!

On behalf of the MSIC, I would like to thank the outgoing Executive for their hard work the past few years. Thank you for your tireless efforts and your en-

ergy in providing support and development in music education in our province. You are awesome!

Currently, the MSIC is continuing to promote the communication and sharing of ideas and resources amongst music teachers across the province.

Through our website, email mailing lists, Facebook pages, Twitter feed, Teacher Sharing Sessions, and the OPUS, we will continue to create, collaborate, and

celebrate the great work of the music educators in Newfoundland and Labrador.

We would love to hear any of your ideas, comments, suggestions, or feedback. Looking forward to connecting with you all!

Sincerely,

Kathy Conway-Ward  
President  
Music Special Interest  
Council

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## Resonate 2012

The MSIC held its biennial Provincial Music Educators' Conference on September 28th/29th at the Holiday Inn and MUN Music School. Attendees were offered the opportunity to participate in various sessions, covering a wide variety of topics: traditional and world music, assessment strategies, songwriting, musical theatre, and restorative justice, to name a few.

As a part of the conference events, MSIC hosted a luncheon at the Holiday Inn. The BGM was held at this time, where new executive were elected for both the Provincial Council and Eastern Branch.

The MSIC would like to thank everyone who was able to attend Resonate 2012 and we look forward to providing more PD opportunities to our members in the future.



*Concert Band reading session with Jason Caslor and MUN Wind Ensemble*



## 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.

## 2013 CMEA Elections Notice

Our Communications Officer, **Krista Brown**, is running for the position of Member-at-Large in the upcoming Canadian Music Educators' Association election. The voting period is from March 1–April 1, and can be completed online by all members.

Details and candidates' resumes will be posted on the website <http://www.cmea.ca> after February 1. Also, in February each CMEA/ACME member will receive an email with their new PIN and voting instructions.

Please help support Krista in her campaign—let's get representation from Newfoundland and Labrador!



## OPUS Submissions

We are now accepting submissions for the upcoming issue of the OPUS, which will be distributed in the Spring.

If you have any articles, essays, professional development opportunities, technology tips, CD or book reviews, etc., that you would like to share with your colleagues—please pass them on!

The deadline for submissions for OPUS is March 1, 2013. Material can be forwarded to any member of MSIC Executive (contact info on p. 3).

## Upcoming PD

We are in the process of planning PD sessions for the fall. If you have any ideas or suggestions for sessions, please forward them on!

## 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

# NLTA Music Special Interest Council 2013-2014

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## News from Eastern MSIC

**St. John's Northwest Rotary Music Festival and the NLTA Eastern Music Special Interest Council present:**

**SCOTT LEITHEAD**



**Traditional Choral Music of Southern Africa**

This exciting session is open to everyone!

Teachers, students, anyone who loves choral music!

Admission is free!

*Sunday, April 21  
7:30 p.m.  
Choral Room, MUN  
School of Music*



**CONGRATULATIONS to Bethany Saunders, recipient of the Heather McDonald Memorial Scholarship in December 2012!**

**UPCOMING PD: Original Song Series written by Lisa Gillam—details to be announced!**