



OPUS DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello colleagues and friends. I think we can all agree that this has been one of the most difficult school years to date. As you finish year-end celebrations, take a moment to pat yourselves on the back for all you have accomplished during these trying times.

Over the past several months, the NLMEA has been working diligently to advocate for music educators in our province. We recently submitted a report to the Teacher Allocation Committee underscoring the need for equity in music education province wide. Together with the NLTA, we met with the Director of Human Resources for the NLESD to discuss issues surrounding music job postings. We are pleased to see some positive changes in this regard! Lastly, it was my honour to be invited as a panelist by the Dean of Memorial University School of Music, Ms. Karen Bulmer, to discuss **Key Changes - Music Education in Post-Pandemic Newfoundland and Labrador**. The event was received positively among key stakeholders in Music Education. In the months to come, we are looking forward to new partnerships and the formation of a **Coalition for Music Education in NL!**

As you peruse the newsletter, pay close attention to some exciting upcoming events. After two years of virtual conferences, Resonate 2022 will be in-person this year. The NLMEA is thrilled that **Ms. Kellie Walsh**, artistic director of Shallaway Youth Choir and Lady Cove Women's Choir, has agreed to be our keynote speaker. We also hope you will join us for a traditional **Newfoundland Kitchen Party** social to kick off the event. Stay tuned for more announcements on featured presenters! This summer, the NLMEA, in conjunction with Orff Nova Scotia, will be hosting an **Orff Workshop** on August 22nd, 2022. If you plan on attending, please ensure that you register, using the link contained in this newsletter, before June 30th, 2022.

This summer, please take time to relax and be with family and friends. I hope you all enjoy a well deserved break. I look forward to seeing you all at Resonate in October!

Together in music education,
Michelle



Kind Regards,
Michelle Collins
NLMEA President

SAVE THE DATE

**This year's Resonate Conference will take place IN PERSON
at the Holiday Inn in St. John's on October 27-28, 2022!
More information will be circulated as it becomes available.
For now, make sure you save the date!**



EDUCATOR SHOUT OUT

Andrea Lane-Gardner (Elizabeth Park Elementary and Beachy Cove)

Andrea Lane-Gardner created a truly unique learning experience for her students at Elizabeth Park Elementary this year with the help of singer/songwriter Damian Follett. While working with Damian, Andrea's students explored the compositional process and created their own tune along the way. If you have not already listened to the final product, you should check it out here: [Just Be You!](#) Great work Andrea!

Submission for next edition:

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Orff Blaster Workshop



On August 22, 2022, the NLMEA, in conjunction with Orff Nova Scotia, will host a daylong Orff professional learning session in St. John's. The workshop will run for five hours and will explore varied applications of Orff pedagogy. The cost to attend is \$50. In order to register, simply complete the attached form. Registrants will be contacted with further information/instruction as it becomes available. We hope to see you there!

www.nlmea.ca



REGISTER TODAY:

[Orff Blaster Workshop](#)



WHO WE'RE FOLLOWING...

Ms. Jenkins
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Rachel Rambach
Music Therapist (YouTube)

Kim Maloney
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The NLMEA is looking for contributions for our digital Newsletters! Use the link on the next slide to share resources and inspirations with fellow music educators. Contributors will be entered to win 1 of 5 Teachers Pay Teachers Gift Cards!





NLMEA Newsletter Submissions

To try and create a more collaborative newsletter we need your help! Please use this form to make any submissions for:

- Educator Shout Outs
- What You're Reading
- What You're Listening To
- What You're Watching
- Who You Follow

[Newsletter Submissions!](#)

MUSIC TEACHER SHARING SPACE

- If you would like to join this shared drive, please complete this Google Form - <https://forms.gle/b2uJBKwZFJ88GNTN6>
- To contribute to the Drive, just complete this simple Google Form - <https://forms.gle/yB8A2DA11WCJ5XWo9>
- Because it uses our GSuite for Education platform, it will only allow NLESD email addresses to join.



MEMBERSHIP

Full Member

- a person who is currently a member of the NLTA and who is a supervisor or director of music.
- \$50 annually

Associate Member

- a person who is a music teacher or who is interested and involved in music education, and who is not a member of NLTA.
- \$35.00 annually

Student Member

- a person who is enrolled in full-time post-secondary studies in music and/or music education.
- \$22.50 annually

Fee includes membership into Canadian Music Educators' Association.

<https://nlmea.ca/pages/membership>

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