

# The Opus

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## President's Message

It's hard to believe it but yet another school year is drawing to a close. I hope it has been a rewarding one for you all. Thank you for all that you do for your students each and every day. I know many of you have put in many extra hours finding costumes, creating backdrops, doing score study and doing playing tests to ensure each and every student has the best possible experience in your program. You are all amazing!

Please take time this summer to relax and recharge. Unplug from your electronics and enjoy quality time with your families and loved ones. Before you unplug please take time to register for Resonate 2018! We have worked extremely hard to bring you a diverse variety of sessions so don't miss the early bird deadline.

*Have a wonderful summer!*



## NLTA Music Special Interest Council 2016-2018

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**Save the Date!!! Atlantic Regional Conference • October 19-20, Charlottetown, PEI**

## NLTA Music Special Interest Council announces the Jamie Wilkinson Memorial Award



Jamie Wilkinson was a passionate, dedicated teacher and a long-standing member of the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association. As a music educator he was loved by his students and teaching colleagues. Throughout his career Jamie demonstrated his passion for teaching young musicians by inspiring them to reach their fullest potential. Unfortunately, Jamie passed away in May of 2017. A strong advocate for the teaching profession, Jamie is best known for his quiet demeanour, passion for music education and commitment to providing his students with the best musical experiences imaginable.

In Jamie's memory, the NLTA Music Special Interest Council is pleased to announce an award which will be presented to a music teacher within the province of Newfoundland and Labrador who best exemplifies the qualities of Jamie Wilkinson, namely:

- a) who exhibits a passion for music;
- b) who demonstrates perseverance and musically inspires her/his music students;
- c) who takes great pride in her/his school music program and endeavors to encourage young musicians to enjoy all that music offers.

The NLTA Music Special Interest Council invites the submission of nominations for this award. Nominators may be students, colleagues, parents, or community members. The award recipient will be determined by a committee comprised of MSIC board members and other members of the teaching and music communities. A plaque and a \$500 Award will be presented to the successful recipient at the MSIC Annual Conference. The financial component of the award is to be used at the discretion of the recipient to support the music program(s) under her/his jurisdiction.

### **Nomination Deadline: September 30, 2018**

Applications and supporting documents can be emailed to [ashleyberesford@nlesd.ca](mailto:ashleyberesford@nlesd.ca) and submitted through the form on the MSIC website ([www.nlmsic.com](http://www.nlmsic.com))

## Teacher Tech Tip

### Google Song Maker

It's a simple way for anyone to make a song, then share it with a link – no need to log in or make an account. Anyone can instantly hear what you made, and even riff on it to make their own song. It lives on the web, so you don't need to install any apps to try it. And, it works across devices – phones, tablets, computers.

<https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/Song-Maker/>

## Call For Presenters

The Tech Ed and Math Science Special Interest Councils have opened a Call for Presenters for a PL event scheduled for next December. This will be a STEM themed event to be held at Memorial University on December 3 (K-6 educators) and December 4 (7-12 educators). If there is sufficient interest from presenters we may expand the conference to include an Arts component and become a full STEAM event.

To ensure we connect with potential presenters at this stage of planning, we are asking if you could recommend any individuals within your discipline who should consider presenting. We can contact them directly or you may wish to forward this information on our behalf.

Here's the link to the public Google Doc containing the Call for Presenters info and submission G Form:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/13qFu9UP93p197yu9PPF\\_CeRnnp3VkB5QaTty0CUeUm8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/13qFu9UP93p197yu9PPF_CeRnnp3VkB5QaTty0CUeUm8/edit?usp=sharing)

## Calendar of Events

**September 28:** Choral Reading Session, Welcome Social (hosted by Eastern Division)

**October 19-20:** Atlantic Regional Music Education Conference, Charlottetown, PEI

**November 1-2:** Resonate 2018

**January 2019:** Musical Theatre Professional Development with Leslie Hewlitt, Gander

**Please note:** *teachers are only eligible for MSIC travel funding (from either conference travel grants or PD travel grants) once per academic year.*

# Resonate 2018

Thursday, November 1, 2018, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Friday, November 2, 2018, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn Hotel St. John's

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! [www.nlmsic.com](http://www.nlmsic.com)**

## Costs:

\$65.00\* – Early Bird Registration (*open until September 30, 2018*)

\$90.00\* – Registration after September 30

\* *Must be a member in good standing to register.*

Full time students can attend **FREE** with an MSIC membership!

Sessions include *Bucket Drumming, Dalcroze, Contagious singing, Sound Systems for Beginners, Cultivating Self-Assessment and Self-Directed Learning Skills*, and *Ukulele*, just to name a few! Please note the schedule in the registration portal is tentative and still subject to change.

**Website – [www.nlmsic.com](http://www.nlmsic.com)**

## Registration Help

To register for the conference, you must first have your MSIC membership paid. You can access this through the "Membership" page on our website. Payment can be made directly to Deanna Higdon, or via credit card or Paypal on our website. You will not be able to register for the conference unless you have first paid your membership. As noted this fall, memberships now expire on August 31st of each year; they are **not** active one year from the date you pay your membership. A reminder of the membership costs:

**Full Member:** 1 year (\$50); 2 year (\$100)

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

**Associate Member:** 1 year (\$35); 2 year (\$70)

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

**Student Member:** 1 year (\$22.50); 2 year (\$45)

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

Once you are in good standing (your membership is paid), you can proceed to the conference registration. To register for the conference, go directly to our website and follow the link to register. From there you will fill out some information about yourself and then pick the sessions you would like to attend. **Note: registering for sessions is required.** Registration for sessions is first come, first served and there are a maximum number of delegates able to attend each session. You can always edit your choices before the conference if you change your mind. Due to attendance caps for each individual session, we will be checking our registration list at the door of each session. If you are not registered, you may not be able to attend the session.

The last step is payment. Payment can be made directly to Deanna Higdon, or via credit card or Paypal on our website.

**We strongly encourage sending your payment prior to the start of the conference.**

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If you have any issues with registration, please contact **Rebecca McDonald** or **Deanna Higdon**.