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President's Message

Welcome back! It's hard to believe summer is over and we are back into the swing of things for another wonderful year of music making. During this busy time make sure you are taking care of yourself. Take time to rest and recharge on the weekends. You'll be the best teacher when you are at your best!

We are thrilled to be offering our annual conference. Again, building on feedback, this year's format will feature registration, a keynote speaker and our social on Thursday evening, and (longer!) sessions running during the day on Friday. Everything takes place at the Holiday Inn in St. John's on November 1 and 2, 2018. Please take time to register and pick from the amazing sessions we are pleased to be offering. Early bird registration ends on September 30th.

In addition to the conference we are again focusing on offering PD sessions throughout the province, so keep your ears open for something in your area. Please don't hesitate to drop us an email with a request for a PD location or topic, or with any other questions or concerns you may have.

I wish you all the best for a wonderful and successful year!



NLTA Music Special Interest Council 2016-2018

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NOMINATIONS FOR 2018-2020 EXECUTIVE SELECTION ON NOVEMBER 2, 2018 NOW OPEN

REMINDER: Atlantic Regional Conference • October 19-20, Charlottetown, PEI

NLTA Music Special Interest Council 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:

- who exhibits a passion for music;
- who demonstrates perseverance and musically inspires her/his music students;
- 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**

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The CBC Music Class Challenge

The CBC Music Class Challenge is back! It's time to show Canadians the great work that music educators do for music programming



in the education system year round. Enter your class into the 2018 CBC Music Class Challenge. Registration opens on August 28. Record your music students performing a song live from our list of all-Canadian music and submit a video of it to CBC Music. In association with MusiCounts, winning classes will receive \$5000 each to purchase instruments of their choice. The deadline to submit a video is November 27. For more information, please visit CBC Music's FAQs page.

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 Hewlett, Gander

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

Music at The Rooms with the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra

(Kindergarten – Grade 12)

Join the musicians of the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra at The Rooms in a new and exciting session to explore the world of music and sound. Afterward, enjoy some time in the *Here We Made A Home* exhibition to learn about musical traditions of the past. **Be sure to confirm your spot early for this innovative session as bookings are limited.**

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm or 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Tuesday - Friday

October 2 – November 30

Maximum 60 students

If you wish to book a program, please contact Visitor Services at 757-8090. There is no fee for the program, however schools are responsible for own transportation and adequate supervision.

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

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

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 last 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**.

NSO Chevron Symphony Goes To School and... Beyond Program!!!

For **FREE** and **READY** to use 2018/2019 teaching and learning resources go now to nsomusic.ca and check out the K-12 Educational Resources page. For all grade levels, we have instrumental and choral arrangements, power points, listening and viewing activities and reproducibles, all matched to the NL Curriculum Outcomes for Music. Be sure to check out our Archived Educational Resources!!

Our popular Matinée "Play-In and Sing-in Jams" with the NSO musicians and conductor will take place on **January 30, 2019** and **February 11, 2019**. The Play-In and Sing-In Jam offers your students the opportunity to perform live with the NSO and collaborate with other schools in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Registration opens on Monday, December 10, 2018.

NEW!!! NSO GOES TO THE ROOMS!!! Thinking about a student field trip to The Rooms? We have now partnered with The Rooms and will be offering a "Music at The Rooms" K-12 innovative educational program. Why not book your Rooms session with the NSO by calling The Rooms Visitors Services at **757-8090**.

NOTE: We can arrange school/grade level /studio visits and/or performances from NSO conductor, Atlantic String Quartet, and/or NSO Musicians. Select guest artists may be available for school visits. We offer performance opportunities for your students including pre-concert cameo performances. You can also attend live masterclasses at MUN or view select masterclasses on livestream.

Email: Jennifer Brennan at jb@nsomusic.ca or call 722-4441 to arrange any of the above. Bonus: we can customize to suit your particular needs!



Atlantic Regional Conference for Music Education Charlottetown, PEI

We are thrilled to be working with our colleagues across Atlantic Canada to offer the first ever Atlantic Regional Conference for Music Education. Registration will be open soon, so watch your email and the MSIC Facebook/Twitter for details!

In the meantime, the cost of the conference will be **\$125⁰⁰**, which will include both days of PD and two lunches. The conference committee has also reserved rooms at the Rodd West Royalty hotel for **\$116⁰⁰/night** for the conference which will be held at a school about a 5-minute drive from the hotel. Please call to reserve your room and mention the conference name to get this rate.



NLTA Music Special Interest Council Biennial General Meeting
• Friday, November 2, 2018
• 4:00 p.m. • Holiday Inn • St. John's, NL

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The NLTA Music Special Interest Council now opens nominations for roles on both the full board and the provincial executive. To nominate yourself or a colleague, or if you have questions, please contact Ashley Beresford at ashleyberesford@nlesd.ca.

Nominees must be present at the elections at the BGM, November 2, 2018.