

COLORADO'S MUSIC EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

(Editor's Note: On December 4, 2007, the Colorado High School Activities Association hosted a state-wide Music Summit for any music organization wishing to attend. At that meeting, it was suggested that a flyer be developed to help the music educators in the state learn more about the various music organizations that offer participatory programs within the state. This is the first publication of that flyer. – published by CHSAA 1/18/08)



COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

The CHSAA is an association of 332 member schools created to promote participation, provide for fair and safe play in athletic and non-athletic programs, and to support the academic mission of its member schools. Its music activities are conducted in solo & ensemble and large group festivals at sites across Colorado. The solo & ensemble festivals take place from February 1 through the first weekend in May, while its large group events are held over 20-plus days at 19 regional sites across the state. Last year, nearly 25,000 students participated in music events sponsored by the CHSAA. Overall, nearly 37,000 Students participate in music programs, both vocal and instrumental, across the state making it the largest activity sanctioned by the CHSAA. The Association has been an active participant and supporter of the music community with support in the area of educationally-based performance events and legislative initiatives. Websites for more information: www.chsaa.org; www.festivalmanager.com/chsaa.



COLORADO MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

The CMEA mission is to serve the educational needs of its members and to provide growth opportunities to music educators regardless of their experience in the profession. Each year its annual music clinic/conference is packed with sessions that benefit new teacher as well as those finishing their college experience as they prepare for that first job. The clinicians and presenters at the conference are nationally and, often, internationally known providing top-level strategies, techniques, and inspiration for veteran teachers and educators looking for that next step. Many retired teachers are in attendance at the convention each January remaining active and renewing meaningful friendships. The CMEA strives to be a cutting edge organization. It values new teachers and provides outreach assistance to assure a positive future. The CMEA keeps a close eye on government relations and informs the membership of legislative news pertaining to the arts. CMEA is more than just the annual convention. The CMEA is an integral resource that members can turn to when help is needed. The CMEA is the umbrella organization for Colorado's All-State groups. There is a governing board for each All State organization. We continue to try and find ways to improve the future for music education. Its board is composed of educators from across the state, including band, orchestra, choir and general music. This assures equity to all music organizations and music educators.



COLORADO BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION

The Colorado Bandmasters Association is a member-driven organization dedicated to Colorado school bands at all levels. Members include elementary, middle school, high school, and college band directors. The CBA exists to: 1. promote comprehensive music education through participation and performance in band; 2. provide support, leadership and educational opportunities to students and directors; 3. provide outstanding educational and performance events and venues that encourage, recognize, and reward musical artistry and excellence; 4. work with other organizations to encourage and promote lifelong love of music among students, teachers, and the community.

CBA-sponsored festivals include Marching Band Regional Qualifying Events, the Colorado State Marching Band Championships, Regional Concert Band Festivals (for middle and high schools), and the State Concert Band Festival. The CBA also runs a summer convention for band directors. For information, visit the website at: www.coloradobandmasters.org





COLORADO AMERICAN STRING TEACHERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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- National High School Honors and Orchestra Festivals
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String teachers, the CASTA professional membership service can assist your professional needs in music education.

For more information: www.coloro-asta.org



COLORADO AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1959, the American Choral Directors Association’s purpose is to promote excellence in choral music through performance, composition, publication, research, and teaching. In addition, ACDA strives through arts advocacy to elevate choral music's position in American society. ACDA membership consists of choral directors who represent more than one million singers across the United States. ACDA members teach choral music in public and private schools - kindergarten through senior high school - and at the college and university levels. They conduct a variety of choral groups, including boys’ choirs, children's choirs, men's and women's choruses, junior and senior high school choirs, college and university choruses, ethnic choirs, vocal-jazz ensembles, and symphony choruses. They also conduct choirs in their communities and in their places of worship. ACDA offers conventions at the state, division, and national levels. National conventions are offered in March of odd-numbered years; the seven division conventions take place in February and March of even-numbered years. Through concert performances by accomplished choirs, educational clinics by leading experts, and exhibits by music-industry representatives, ACDA offers its members a diverse and practical forum in which to develop their skills and professional knowledge. Colorado ACDA hosts the Summer Workshop at the end of July each year. The Summer Workshop is full of education sessions, honor choirs, and choral music reading sessions. In addition to the national and division choral festivals, Colorado ACDA provides two choral festivals each year: CACDA Middle School Choral Festival and CACDA Collegiate Choral Festival. For more information visit www.coloradoacda.org



IMPORTANT MUSIC EDUCATION WEBSITES:

Colorado High School Activities Association - www.chsaa.org

Colorado Music Educators Association - www.cmeaonline.org

Colorado Bandmasters Association - www.coloradobandmasters.org

Colorado American String Teachers Association - www.coloro-asta.org

Colorado American Choral Directors Association - www.coloradoacda.org

Advocates for a Balanced Education (ABE) - www.balancededucation.com