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MANITOBA MUSIC EDUCATORS' ASSOCIATION  
L'ASSOCIATION MANITOBAINE DES ÉDUCATEURS DE  
MUSIQUE



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE KAREN TOLE-HENDERSON

Hello All

The Manitoba Music Educators' Association values **Relationship** and **Community**. We believe music education helps students create meaningful relationships with others. Music education has the potential to build a sense of community within a school as well as create connections in the wider community. *MMEA Values Statement*

**MMEA Board and Portfolio Positions**

The MMEA has hard working and dedicated volunteers who believe that working together as a community strengthens music education in Manitoba. The Board and Portfolio chairs meet five times annually to ensure that the important work of the MMEA is moving forward.

At a recent meeting, the MMEA executive confirmed the following Board and Portfolio positions:

**BOARD**

Past President – Eric Marshall

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MB Band Association - Jennifer Shead

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MB Orff Chapter – Stephanie Davis

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**PORTFOLIOS**

Music Month: Leanne Jensen/Helen Litz

Newsletter: Meaghan Walker

Membership Secretary: Danessa Poiron

Music Monday: Vacant

Conference Chairperson – Judy Giesbrecht

Archives: Francine Morin

AMAM liaison: Bill Kristjanson

SAGE Representative: Rebecca Brown

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Bookkeeper: Dale Weevers

Arts Steering Committee: Karen Tole-Henderson

Many thanks to Les Chalmers, Sean Fitzmaurice, Cheri Foster and Sonya Williams who have recently stepped down from their roles on the MMEA Board as Partner Organization representatives. Your time and dedication to MMEA are greatly valued.

## **TEMPO**

Our annual music education conference, TEMPO, is the main yearly gathering of our music education community. We are proud to report that we had a record high number of delegates with 587 registrants. The TEMPO conference comes together as a result of many hours of planning. Thank you once again to our conference chairperson, Judy Giesbrecht and her fabulous committee for all of their time and dedication that resulted in an excellent conference for all of us!

Many thanks to:

Judy Giesbrecht- Tempo Chairperson  
Danessa Poiron- Conference Registrar  
Karly Epp- Admin. Assistant  
Dale Weevers- Conference Treasurer  
Victoria Ross- Industry and Advertising  
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Darryl Ferguson- MBA  
Jenna-lynn Fraser- MOC  
Randy Haley- MCGA  
Erin Lees- MOC  
Rebecca Brown and Eric Marshall – MMEA

## **Concerts and Community**

As we head into the holiday season, music teachers lead the way in creating a sense of community in schools across Manitoba. Many of us plan concerts that provide our students with the opportunity to publicly share their music learning. Students can learn how it feels to have an entire room wait in anticipation for a performance and to hear the applause of an audience. Everyone experiencing the performance, from the students on the stage to the audience of proud parents, grandparents, friends and family, have the occasion to connect as a community. What a special gift!

Happy Holidays to each and every one of you. I hope that December brings sweet music and time with family and friends. I look forward to working together with our wonderful music education community in 2016!

Musically yours,

Karen Tole-Henderson  
President,  
Manitoba Music Educators' Association

## **MMEA – Calendar of Events and Activities.**

MBA events - <http://www.mbband.org/?page=calendar>

MOC events – [www.manitobaorff.org](http://www.manitobaorff.org)

MCGA events - <http://www.manitobaguitar.ca>

MCA events - <http://www.manitobasings.org>

Concerts and Other events – check each events website for updated information.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
<b>****2015****</b>			
December 13	Tuba Christmas Festival		MBA
<b>****2016****</b>			
January 15	Solo & Ensemble Festival		MBA
January 16	Da Capo Conference	Brandon University	BU
February	Westman Honour Band		MBA
February 5-7	Provincial Honour Choirs		MCA
February 6	King's Singers – Concert Event		MCA
February 6	Winter Workshop featuring Sue Harvey		MOC
February 7	Provincial Honour Choirs Concert		MCA
February 23 - 26	Optimist CB Festival		MBA
March 2 – 5	Optimist JB Festival		MBA
March 10-11	Guitar Ensembles at the Winnipeg Music Festival		MCGA
March	Parkland/Norman Honour Band		MBA
March	Central Honour Band		MBA
March 17 – 19	Brandon Jazz Festival		MBA
April 12 - 15	Level One Festival - Winnipeg		MBA
April	Eastman/Interlake Honour Band		MBA
April 20	Children's Day (Winnipeg) Manitoba Orff		MOC
April 21	Journee pour enfants (Winnipeg) Manitoba Orff		MOC
April 25	Children's Day (Brandon) Manitob Orff		MOC

April 26	Level One Festival - Brandon	MBA
Apr. 30 and May 5-7	Manitoba Junior Honour Concert Band	MBA
	Manitoba Intermediate Honour Concert Band	MBA
April 28 – May 1	Bridges 2016 – COC National Conference (Saskatoon)	MOC
May	Manitoba Music Month	MMEA
May 2	Music Monday	MMEA – All
May 8 – 14	CBA National Youth Band (Saskatoon)	MBA
May 19 – 22	Podium – National Choral Conference (Edmonton)	MCA
June	Manitoba Honour Jazz Bands	MBA – WJO
June	Creative Music Festival	MCGA
June 4-5	Community Band Festival – The Forks	MBA
August	Prairie Percussion Workshop	MBA
August	Summer Band Camps	MBA

**Please contact the sponsoring organization directly to confirm event times, locations and registration information.**



# TEMPO

## **Manitoba Music Conference, October 23rd, 2015**

Well I'm sure that by now the October Music Conference is a bit of a blur to most of you and that you are well into the hustle and bustle of Christmas and Winter Concert preparations.

We are so glad that you had the opportunity to attend the Tempo: Manitoba Music Conference on Friday, October 23rd, 2015. Our conference offered a venue for music educators from across the province to meet, to share areas of common interest and to expand one's own learning.

The success of this conference and the excitement it brought would not have been possible without the support from our music community, the many volunteers, sponsors, the music industry, as well as the executives and members of MMEA, MBA, MCA, MOC, and MCGA. As a united voice, we are strong advocates for the value of music education within our province.

I want to personally thank the members of my committee. With excellence, each member worked very hard to put this conference together to offer something special just for you. I was so fortunate to work with each of them.

Now the planning begins for Friday, October 21st, 2016. Thank you to those who filled out the survey. I have gone through each one and was impressed with the quality of comments and suggestions. We do want to provide a conference that will offer each of you a variety of learning opportunities and your input is valued. If you are interested in being considered as a presenter for Conference 2016, please check the MMEA website at [mymmea.ca](http://mymmea.ca) for a Tempo 2016 Session Proposal Application form.

May I take this time to wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and a restful holiday season.

Judy Giesbrecht  
Conference Chairperson

# Da Capo Conference

Presented by Brandon University Student Music Educators Association

Brandon University Queen Elizabeth II Music Building

The Da Capo conference is a one day professional development event that includes workshops and seminars designed to enrich the learning of music educators. Past topics have included working with vocal jazz ensembles, creating a pit band for your musical, preparing and directing an elementary musical, selecting junior high band repertoire, starting a jazz band rhythm section, accessing programs and services of the Manitoba Band Association (MBA), negotiating a successful job interview, reinforcing conducting fundamentals, and much more!

The tenth annual Da Capo Conference will be held on January 16th, 2016 at the Brandon University School Of Music. This year, we will have presentations by Taylor Schmidt, Kevin Doell, Graydon Cramer, Sandra Town, Sharon Marshall, Beryl Peters, Marcel Hapel, and our keynote address being delivered by Past-President of the Manitoba Music Educators Association, Eric Marshall. Topics will include administration of your school year, preparing for interviews, teaching tunes by ear, movement in the elementary classroom, engaging with the new 9-12 curriculum, and much more! We will also be continuing our tradition of having a round-table discussion on the habits of successful new teachers. Our goal for the conference is to have it function as a place for student networking among surrounding universities and with music educators.

Registration will take place in the Brandon University School of Music on January 7 and 11! OR send in a registration form by January 8! Visit our website for registration forms and more information! Also check out our BUSMEA YouTube channel for Da Capo promotional videos!

<https://www.brandonu.ca/busmea/da-capo-conference/>  
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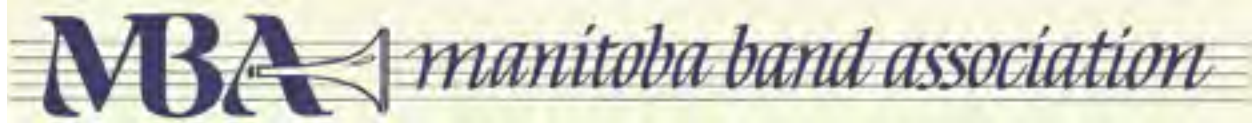
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<https://wso.ca/adventures-in-music/>





2015 Prelude Conference Report:

“Prelude...an event that sets the stage for the main event.”

The Prelude Conference is organized by the MBA Mentorship Committee and is dedicated to helping teachers at the beginning of their career.

The third annual Prelude was held at Fort Richmond Collegiate on October 3rd, 2015. There were sixteen attendees, including nine beginning teachers plus the mentors and the Mentorship Committee members.

It was an informal afternoon of great discussion led by Eric Marshall, Bill Kristjanson, Cheryl Ferguson, and Janet Yochim. New teachers were mixed with more experienced teachers to help with discussion. Topics included building community and relationships, classroom management and classroom routines, warm-ups, repertoire selection, assessment, meaningful assignments, working with administration, and communication, to name a few.

Attendees were interested in having a sharing space such as a Google Doc for lesson ideas, repertoire, warm-up ideas, great homework assignments, and other helpful documents. The Mentorship Committee will be setting this up for the first and second year teachers who are interested in joining and sharing ideas.

If you are interested in learning more about Prelude or other events put on by the MBA Mentorship Committee, please contact Barb Dowsett, committee chair, at 867-7172 or [bdowsett@mymts.net](mailto:bdowsett@mymts.net).





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Sunday Jan 17 7:30 p.m.	Chamber Winds Eva Clare Hall U of M Campus
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