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PRESIDENT'S NOTES...

Dear Colleagues,



As I write this letter the 2008 New England Music Festival Concert Festival is just some eight weeks away! I am excited about not only the excellent conductors that we have procured for our three performing groups, but also the exciting programs that have been selected. The managers of each of the performing groups have been an integral part of this process, working on all the aspects of the Festival, hiring conductors and giving their input into the programming. And all this since last March at the completion of the 2007 Concert Festival! They should be congratulated on all their efforts as they prepare for the most challenging and gratifying part of

their work; the three days of festival rehearsals and performances. James Tapia is the Orchestra Conductor, coming to us from Syracuse University where he is the Director of Orchestral Activities and Chair of the String Department. Richard Clary is the Band Conductor, coming to us from Florida State University where he is the Senior Band Director and Director of the University Wind Orchestra and Chamber Winds. Daniel Gordon is the Director of Fine Arts Ministries at the First Presbyterian Church in Lakeland, Florida, where he oversees an extensive music and arts program. Prior to his present position, he was Director of Choral Activities at the Crane School of Music in Potsdam, New York. He joins us this year as our Choral Conductor.

Thanks are also in order to Steffen Parker and Rob Gattie for their excellent organization of the Solo & Ensemble Festival this year. And kudos are also in order to all our adjudicators that worked so diligently during this festival. It seems to be the consensus that our judging staff continues to improve in quality and consistency. All of us on the Executive Board are committed to further refining the Solo & Ensemble Festival into an experience that will be valuable for the students involved, and not considered just a task that they must go through in order to qualify for the Concert Festival.

Marjorie Rooen and her staff at Mount Anthony Union High School in Bennington, Vermont, are well organized and preparing for our arrival on March 13th. I was able to speak with Marjorie for a bit at our own recent Vermont All State Southern Auditions weekend this past week, and she is positive and upbeat, feels that preparations are going well and excited about hosting this years Festival. We all well know what a time intensive task this indeed is, and yet the rewards are great. Please make sure to check the website for comprehensive information about the festival, hotel and lodging, restaurants, meals, etc. as we approach the festival in March.

I have been a part of the New England Music Festival Association in some capacity since 1975, and I continue to be touched by the commitment of the Executive Board to administering these two festivals, to dealing with situations when they come up, and to the amount of time they give in so many capacities so that the students we serve receive an exceptional and rewarding musical experience. I would encourage our membership to become involved in our organization; we want to involve you, and we have many ways in which you might be able to serve. If you are interested in finding a place in our organization, please contact me and let me
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know. I am always open to suggestions, concerns and constructive criticism that will help us evolve into the organization that we need to be.

March will soon be upon us, and I look forward to meeting all of you in Bennington. I encourage you all to enjoy the beautiful state of Vermont while you are here, and to take advantage of all that Bennington has to offer. I also invite you to attend the rehearsals of all three performing groups and directly watch these ensembles grow and excel. If you are so inclined, volunteer to help Laura Hilton with the Chorus, Ed Owens with the Orchestra, and Jay Wilson with the Band. Attend the General Meeting on Friday at 2:00 and the Director's Forum on Thursday evening from 7:00-8:30. Join us all during the Friday afternoon Social

Hour at 4:30, sponsored by the Executive Board for all members,

and become involved with the organization. The New England Music Festival Association is a unique grouping of music educators with a rich history and an exciting future. I look forward to serving you and the Association in the years to come.

Frank Whitcomb



Concert Festival Registrations in 2005.

SECRETARY'S REPORT...

MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE BOARD
MEETING 7 DEC 2007
Glastonbury, CT

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 pm by President Whitcomb. Also present were: John Kuhner, Rob Gattie, Bill Sittard, Jay Wilson, Tom
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Reynolds, Laura Hilton, Steffen Parker, and Ed Owens.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended.

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented. Cash on hand was \$13,679.

Bill Sittard recommended that the Association use Hartford High School keyboards for the Northern Site of the Soto and Ensemble Festival. It was suggested that new amplifiers might be needed. He will investigate this matter.

The subject of stands for the keyboards was discussed, particularly since the current stands are not only cumbersome, but suffering damage from the moving process, and also the need for pedals. Rob Gattie offered to check out the problems and the proposed remedies.

Jay Wilson, Band Manager, announced that needs for the Concert Band have been fulfilled. The amount of seating for the 112-student band was discussed, as was the question of the availability of harpists (or substitute pianists). More information about this will be available after the performances the next day.

Ed Owens, Orchestra Manager, reported that all was going well with plans for the Concert Festival.

Laura Hilton, Chorus Manager, reported that Kathleen Bartkowski has been hired as the accompanist. She questioned the type of pianos available at the concert site, as well as the concert times. The possibility of rehearsal CD's being available online, and the matter of possible copyright infringement were discussed at

length, as was the matter of ticket prices.

Motion by Bill Sittard: That there be identical tickets for the choral and instrumental concerts at a flat fee of \$10.00. Motion passed unanimously

President Whitcomb reported that work is progressing for the cataloguing of Concert Festival music,

It was decided that a hard copy of the Concert Festival Bulletin would not be necessary. Tom Reynolds proposed that the Association revert to the 3-column style utilized in the Bulletins of the '40's for printing the present ones. President Whitcomb recommended sending Bulletins to prospective members..

Rob Gattie, Co-Coordinator of the Solo and Ensemble Festival reported that good adjudicators were proving difficult to find, and that thus far there had been no positive or adverse comments regarding the performances of the current adjudicators.

Steffen Parker, Co-coordinator of the Solo and Ensemble Festival, reported that things were basically going well, and commented on several minor problems. He also noted that only two schools participated at the Northern Site in Belfast, but felt that there was promise of more participation in the future. Tom Reynolds remarked that he had contact 150 schools about the Association, but felt it was too late in the year to effect new memberships.

Motion by Steffen Parker: That the Association continue with the recruiting program for another two years. Motion passed unanimously.

Under old business, Tom Reynolds, Website Coordinator, reported that the site is getting about 80 contacts per day and librarian Frank Whitcomb reported that the library is now completed and shelved.

President Whitcomb commented that, for the June meeting, the concept of charging a fee for non-members for borrowing music from the Association library be discussed.

Bill Sittard requested information for housing dates for the Concert Festival.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted;

Donald L Hermance
Recording Secretary

EDITOR'S NOTE...

This Edition of the NEMFA News-Bulletin is based upon a format used in the 1940's and 1950's. I was struck by the professional appearance of these Bulletins while cataloguing them in our Archive in Harvard, Massachusetts. I hope that you like the appearance of this Bulletin and that you will make suggestions about future issues. For that matter, if you would like to submit an article for this Bulletin regarding NEMFA-related or music education-related topics, please feel free to send it to me via e-mail at treynold@worldpath.net or via snail mail at NEMFA News-Bulletin, PO Box 102, Templeton, MA 01468.

Cordially,

Thomas E. Reynolds
Editor, NEMFA News-Bulletin

2007 - 2008 NEMFA CALENDAR

January 14, 2008

Electronic Confirm. Deadline

Log in. Confirm participation of each student. Print out the Acceptance/ Invoice Form. Amt. due auto adjusts.

January 22, 2008

POSTMARK DEADLINE

\$100.00 Late Fee per school/sponsor
After 2/1/08 no forms accepted
student participation denied.
*Incomplete forms incur \$10.00
Reprocessing Fee.

Mail (Certified) Completed*
Conc. Fest. Material to Bill Sittard
& Include:
1. Pymt. of Fees or School P.O.
guaranteeing payment
2. Acceptance-Invoice Form
3. Student Agreement/Health Forms
4. Permission Forms
5. Return unused music

March 13-15, 2008

Concert Festival

Marjorie Rooen, Lynn Sweet, Hosts

Mt. Anthony Union High School

Bennington, VT

June 7, 2008

Meeting, 10:00 A.M.

Holiday Inn, Boxborough, MA

Managers Must Present:

1. Conductors to be hired
2. Programs finalized for ordering music

81st Annual New England Music Festival

On behalf of the Bennington Public Schools and the New England Music Festival Association we wish to welcome you to the 2008 New England Music Festival, our 81st anniversary year. For our 81st anniversary year, we bring the festival to Vermont, a state that has played a pivotal role in the development of the NEMFA since it all began in 1927. The last time that NEMFA visited Mt. Anthony Union High School in Bennington was at the Annual Concert Festival held in March, 1974!

It is our hope that this Festival will provide you with an opportunity to demonstrate your artistry and to create new friendships. We hope that this experience will help you to discover the rich heritage of the

New England Music Festival Association and how it's student members have contributed richly to society in general and music in particular. In 2008, the tradition goes on...you are now a living part of this heritage!

We hope that you will be excited to be a part of this special event. Please let us know if we can do anything to make your stay more comfortable. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to ask any Festival Staff Member.

As hosts, we have been working hard developing a strategy for success for our upcoming 81st anniversary Festival. We are confident that you and your students will enjoy the festival very much!

Most of all, we hope that you will enjoy the 2008 New England Music Festival!!

Sincerely,

Marjorie Rooen
Lynn Sweet

2008 NEMFA Concert Festival
Co-Hosts

Mount Anthony Union High
School, Bennington, Vermont

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LOOKING BACK IN HISTORY

Quoted from:
NEMFA NEWS-BULLETIN
Vol. 8, No. 1, February, 1942:

Festivals to Continue During Present Emergency

At a recent meeting of the New England Music Festival Association, members present voiced their hope that the Association's activities will continue during the present emergency. (Editor's Note-World War II) Music certainly is a vital factor at the present time and the following message, sent to the

Association, by Mr. H. D. Pearl, secretary-treasurer of the Council of New England Secondary School Principals Associations, voices the sentiments of continued activity:-

"I hope the Festival Association will continue its plans for the year and will not be forced to curtail them because of war hysteria. Personally, I feel the need for your program is even greater than in normal times. We must bring to our boys and girls more of the cultural and beautiful things in life to offset the stresses of the war. When this emergency is over I fear we will have a terrible depression and they will appreciate then the training which they have received and the ability to participate in musical

organizations. We need to discover how to live together in this world and I know of no better way of bringing people together than through programs like our state and New England Music Festivals."

During a recent "Treasury Hour" broadcast, the following was stated:

"Where there is music, there is love,
 Where there is love, there is faith,
 Where there is faith, there is the ability to win."

Looking Back...



The 1941 New England Music Festival Symphonic Band, 14th Annual Concert Festival, New London, Connecticut, Paul E. Wiggin, Conductor. (Photo courtesy of Richard Whitmarsh, East Bridgewater, Massachusetts)



2008 New England Music Festival Mount Anthony Union High School – Bennington, Vermont

TICKET ORDER FORM

TICKET ORDERING INFORMATION

March 15th Band/Orchestra Concert 2:00 pm MAUHS Gym

March 15th Chorus Concert 4:00 pm MAUHS Gym

Band/Orchestra Concert

Chorus Concert

Both Concerts

Total # of tickets _____

X \$10.00 each

\$ _____

Make check payable to MAUHS

Name: _____

School: _____

Address: _____

Town/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Send check, order form & self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Christina Gabrus
MAUHS
301 Park Street
Bennington, Vermont 05201



2008 New England Music Festival Mount Anthony Union High School – Bennington, Vermont

T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

You may pick up your shirt(s) during the Festival. T-shirts may be pre-ordered now at \$12.00 each. Additional t-shirts will be available to purchase at the Festival for \$15.00 each (\$17.00 for XXL).

Complete order form below and mail to:

Christina Gabrus
Mount Anthony High School
301 Park Street
Bennington, Vt. 05201

(Make checks payable to: MAUHS)

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2008 New England Music Festival Order Form

#_____ Size - S M L XL (\$12.00 each) \$_____
(circle)

#_____ Size - XXL (\$14.00 each) \$_____

Total Amount Enclosed \$_____

Student's Name (please print) _____

School Name _____ Ensemble _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State and Zip _____

Telephone # (____) _____ or e-mail _____



81st Annual NEW ENGLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL –

Mount Anthony Union High School

Bennington, Vermont 05201

March 13-15, 2008

CONCERT RECORDING FORM

Concerts: Saturday, March 15, 2008, 2:00PM - Band & Orchestra,
4:00PM - Chorus

Location: Mount Anthony Union High School, Bennington, Vermont

Compact Disc - \$20.00 (75 + minutes of Concert) (\$18.00 + \$2.00
mailing)

**PLEASE FILL IN YOUR REQUEST BELOW:
FOR COMPACT DISC:**

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PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "JOHN BROOKS"

81st NEW ENGLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL**2008 SUPERVISOR HOTEL RESERVATION FORM – HAMPTON INN, BENNINGTON****March 13 - 15, 2008****Mount Anthony Union High School, Bennington, Vermont (Rehearsal & Concert Site)****Concert: Saturday, March 15, 2008, 2:00PM – Band & Orchestra, 4:00PM - Chorus****NEMFA Headquarters Hotel: HAMPTON INN - BENNINGTON, 51 Hannaford Square, Bennington, Vermont 05201.****Tel.: 802.440.9862 (Main hotel switchboard); 802.440.9862 (Fax)****30 rooms are blocked for NEMFA. You must say that you are with the New England Music Festival when calling. (See below for Paradise Motor Inn, the back-up hotel with 20 rooms blocked for NEMFA.)***PLEASE NOTE: ATTENTION SUPERVISORS!!! MAKE YOUR CONCERT FESTIVAL ROOM RESERVATIONS NOW!!***Please print the following form on your computer. There is NO option to send this via e-mail. This will be your hard copy to send with your credit card number or check, payable to the "Hampton Inn – Bennington".**

THE HAMPTON INN - BENNINGTON is currently holding 30 sleeping rooms for your function at a discount rate of \$129.00 single/double occupancy plus Vermont State room occupancy tax. THE HAMPTON INN - BENNINGTON will hold this block of rooms until February 13, 2008. After this date, all remaining hotel rooms will be released, and any reservations made after this date will be on a rate and date availability basis. Please fill out the following information and mail it back to the hotel. Thank you for choosing the Hampton Inn - Bennington!

PLEASE FILL IN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BELOW:**PERSONAL DATA:**

NAME:

First: M.I.: Last:

Home Mailing Address:

Town/City: State: Zip:

Home Telephone Number (with Area Code):

Daytime Telephone Number (with Area Code):

Arrival Date:

Departure Date:

CREDIT CARD CHECK

Credit Card Number:

Expiration Date:

Credit Card Type:

If available, would you prefer a: Smoking Room Non-Smoking Room Handicap Access Room

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2008 New England Music Festival Mount Anthony Union High School – Bennington, Vermont

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS INFORMATION - BENNINGTON

Headquarters: Hampton Inn – Bennington, Vermont (30 rooms blocked for NEMFA)

Must say you are with the New England Music Festival when calling.

Please make reservations before February 13, 2006. They will start booking these rooms to other guests after this date.

51 Hannaford Square
Bennington, Vermont 05201
(802) 440-9862
(802) 440-9862 Fax

Rate: 129.00 + tax per room

Includes:

Complementary Breakfast (hot and cold choices)

High speed Internet

Pool, whirlpool, Sauna, Exercise Facility, Business center, Guest Laundry, and Coffee makers.

Paradise Motor Inn (20 rooms blocked for NEMFA)

Must say you are with the New England Music Festival when calling.

W. Main Street
Bennington, Vermont 05201
(802) 442-8351

Rate: \$70.00 – 110.00 per room

High Speed Internet

Coffee maker, Exercise Facility, and Pool.

Other Hotels

Bennington Motor Inn - 442-5479
Best Western New England – 442-0325
Catamount Hotel – 442-5977
Fife & Drum Motel – 442-4074

Bed and Breakfast

Four Chimney's Inn – 447-3500

FOR MORE CHOICES, PLEASE GO TO WWW.BENNINGTON.COM (Bennington, VT Chamber of Commerce)



2008 New England Music Festival Mount Anthony Union High School – Bennington, Vermont

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<i>McDonald's</i>	<i>112 Northside Drive, Bennington</i>	<i>442-8803</i>
<u><i>Fine Dining -</i></u>		
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<i>Tally's (formerly the Bennington Station)</i>	<i>150 Depot St. Bennington</i>	<i>442-4700</i>

Directions to Mount Anthony Union High School

From the North: (Burlington area) Head to Route 7 South all the way to Bennington. You will have a traffic light at the end of the highway and the street is Kocher Drive. Take a left at the light (there is a Burger King in the strip mall there). Go to the next light, which is Park Street, and take a right turn. Approximately .5 miles on the left hand side is Mt. Anthony Union High School. Your vehicle can pull up to the circle to drop off students, and then you will be directed where to park.

From the East: Take Route 9 west to Bennington. When you get into town take a right at the first light (Henry's Market is on the southwest corner) on to Branch Street. Follow the road curving left. The next light is Park Street and the school is on the right side. Turn right onto Park Street and pull into the circle to drop students off. You will be directed where to park.

From the South: (Rhode Island and Connecticut) Follow Interstate 91 North to Brattleboro, Vermont. Exit on the Route 9 west exit in Brattleboro. Follow Route 9 west to Bennington. Follow the directions listed above "From the East".

Teacher Cars: Please park in the North Parking Lot on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. We have in-service days for Thursday and Friday so parking will not be an issue those days. Saturday will be a little congested with all of the parents coming for the concert.

To the Middle School: The orchestra will be rehearsing in our new middle school. It is one mile north on Park Street from the high school on the right hand side. From the high school, take a right out of the parking lot. Go through one light up the hill. The middle school is on the right where the flashing light is.

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