



PMEA Communication / January Update

Deadline Approaching for PMEA 25 Year Teaching Award

Were you a first year teacher in 1984 or prior to 1984 Applications for PMEA's *25 Year Award* are due **February 1** to the PMEA Executive office by mail or email (msbauer@pmea.net). The award recognizes music teachers, elementary through college/university, who have taught 25 years (or more) with at least 15 years of teaching in PA. Applicants must be able to attend one of the Saturday All-State Concerts where they will be recognized in a ceremony during the concert. Honorees will also be recognized in the Summer issue of *PMEA News*. The [25 Year Award Form](#) can be found in the **Scholarships and Awards** section of the PMEA website under the **Documents** menu option.

MENC 2010 National Honor Ensemble Audition Deadline Almost Here

Submissions for the 2010 MENC National Honors Band, Choir, Jazz and Orchestra ensembles are due on Monday, February 1. The MENC National Honor Ensembles will rehearse and perform June 24-28, 2010 during MENC's Music Education Week in Washington, DC. 10th and 11th grade students of current PMEA/MENC members are eligible to audition. Complete information, audition music and application forms are online at www.mencevents.org. Any questions may be directed to Chris Meeker at chrism@mencevents.org or 800-479-8247.

**Note: current high school seniors are not eligible to apply because most high school graduations take place before the event dates of June 23-29, 2010 and only students associated with a high school may participate.

2010 PMEA Annual Conference in Pittsburgh Rapidly Approaching

This year's program includes more than 80 professional development sessions, more than 25 performances by auditioned groups throughout PA, an exhibit hall and will feature keynote speakers Peter Boonshaft, MENC President Barbara Geer and Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser. *Cello Fury* and *Straight No Chaser* will be providing the Thursday night entertainment. **Up to 17 hours of Act 48 credits will be available** so mark your calendars now for the 2010 PMEA Annual Conference, April 22-24, with a sneak peak of the exhibit hall on April 21 from 7-9 p.m. at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

Conference Hotel Information

PMEA has two main hotels this year: the Westin Pittsburgh, 412-281-3700 (which is connected to the David L. Lawrence Convention Center) and the Omni William Penn, 412-281-7100 (a few blocks up the street from the convention center). The rates at the Westin are: \$169 single/double, \$189 triple/quad. The rates at the Omni William Penn are \$159 single/double, \$169 triple, \$179 quad. The hotels are filling up quickly so after registering for the PMEA conference, be sure you have a place to stay in Pittsburgh!

Looking to Get Involved at the Conference Volunteer!

The conference would not run near as smoothly without the help from you, the members. If you are interested in helping out, presiders are needed for sessions on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The duties of a presider include: introducing the clinician and giving a brief biography, assisting the clinician with any pre-session set up or equipment needs, acknowledging and thanking the clinician at the end of the session. If you are interested, please send an email with the day and time of day you are available and type of session you would prefer to preside over to:

abiyoung@pmea.net

Other Deadlines to Keep in Mind (Listed on Page 2)

March 19 - Applications for the [Irene Christman Scholarship](#) are due. This scholarship is presented to an outstanding All-State student (who is a high school senior) who will be attending college to major in music education. Applications must be postmarked prior to March 19, 2010 and mailed to the PMEA Executive Office, 56 S. Third St., Hamburg PA. More information can be found in the Scholarships and Awards section of the PMEA website under the Documents menu option at www.pmea.net

March 19 - Applications are due for the [PMEA Jazz Scholarship](#), open to a senior high school student in the 2010 All-State Jazz or Vocal Jazz ensembles. Applications must be postmarked prior to March 19, 2010 and mailed to the PMEA Executive Office, 56 S. Third St., Hamburg PA. More information can be found in the Scholarships and Awards section of the PMEA website under the Documents menu option at www.pmea.net

March 25 - Applications for the 2010 PMEA Future Music Educators Honors Symposium are due. This program runs concurrently with the 2010 PMEA Annual In-service Conference, April 22-24 at the Pittsburgh Convention Center and is open to high school seniors who have been accepted at a college/university to major in music education. More information can be found in the Future Music Educators Honors Symposium section of the website under the Events menu option.