



PMEA Communication / November Update

The latest PMEA happenings are listed below as we head into the 2010 holiday season. PMEA wishes you all a safe and happy Thanksgiving next week.

2011 PMEA Annual In-service Conference Information Online

Mark your calendars now for the 2011 PMEA Annual Conference, April 14-16, at the Hershey Lodge & Convention Center. The conference registration form and housing information are now available at www.pmea.net in the [PMEA Annual Conference Section](#) by selecting the **Events** menu option. Online conference registration is also available by logging into the PMEA website at www.pmea.net and selecting the Online Event Registration menu option. Keep your eyes out for the Winter issue of *PMEA News*, due out in mid-December, as this will also include a variety of conference information, including a pull-out insert that can be submitted with your request to attend.

More Deadlines Rapidly Approaching

December 1 - Nominations for the *Citation of Excellence*, *James R. Stewart Distinguished Service* and *Outstanding Superintendent* awards are due. Descriptions of each award are listed below. *Citation of Excellence* award nominations are due to your PMEA District President. Contact information can be found on the PMEA website under the **About** menu option in the "Districts" section. [Further Details and Forms](#) can be found by scrolling over the **Documents** menu option and selecting the **Scholarships/Awards** menu option.

Citation of Excellence Award is given to up to twelve teachers, one from each district, at the **college/university level** this year. Each awardee will be cited with pictures and other appropriate information. They will be honored guests at the Awards Luncheon during the in-service conference.

James R. Stewart Distinguished Service Award was established to honor PMEA members who have served the organization in an outstanding way, reflecting the dedication and commitment demonstrated by Jim Stewart, president of PMEA in 1974-76 and again in 1990-92.

Outstanding Superintendent Award is given to a superintendent who has demonstrated active and continuing support for an outstanding and well balanced music program in his/her school district. It is given in recognition of that support and the importance PMEA places on the cooperation necessary between administration and faculty for successful educational program in the public schools of Pennsylvania.

December 10 - All-State Jazz and Vocal Jazz audition DVD's are due. Submissions should postmarked by this date and sent, **along with \$10 application fee** and [a passport size photo](#), to: PMEA All-State Coordinator, Dave Cree, 206 Limestone Dr., Bellefonte, PA 16823. Complete information, along with the application, can be found in [the All-State Information section](#) of the PMEA website under the **Festivals** menu option.

December 17 - Deadline for submissions for the 2011 MENC All-National Honor Ensembles. Audition materials are available at www.mencevents.org. Questions may be directed to Chris Meeker: chrism@mencevents.org or 800-479-8247.

January 1 - Nominations are due for the third class of the *PMEA Hall of Fame*. The PMEA Hall of Fame was created to honor music educators who, by virtue of their contributions, are recognized as being the most highly regarded professional leaders in music education in the state of Pennsylvania. The award may be presented to active members, retired members, or may be awarded posthumously. Further details can be found online at www.pmea.net by scrolling over the Documents menu option and selecting the [Scholarships & Awards](#) link.

2011 MENC Eastern Division Update

The MENC Eastern Division Selection Committee has met to select participants for the 2011 All-East Honors Ensembles. We have been told that notifications will be made this month. These four groups will rehearse March 31-April 3 in Baltimore, MD as part of the 2011 Biennial MENC Eastern Division Conference.