



PMEA Communication / October Update

Screeners Urgently Needed for MENC National Honors Band - Deadline Nov. 2nd

We are in need of music teachers, specifically band directors, to help audition submissions for MENC's first National Honors Concert Band Ensemble. The auditions will come in an MP3 format and those that volunteer will be asked to listen to and judge the files. The auditions will be blind and consist of some exercises from the Rubank Advanced book. Auditions must be completed between Dec.1-10. Those interested should email Chuck Neidhardt at pmea.neidhardt@verizon.net by this coming Monday, November 2nd.

2010 National Honor Ensemble Audition Deadline Approaches

Submissions for the 2010 MENC National Honors Band, Choir, Jazz and Orchestra ensembles are due on Monday, November 16. 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. Conductors for the 2010 National Honor Ensembles will be: Concert Band - Anthony Maiello, Choir - Andre Thomas, Orchestra - TBA, Jazz Band - Maria Schneider. Complete information, audition music and application forms are online at www.mencevents.org. Contact Chris Meeker at chrism@mencevents.org or 800-479-8247 with questions.

**Note: current high school seniors are not eligible to apply because most high school graduations take place before the event dates of June 24-28, 2010 and only students associated with a high school may participate.

Harp Audition Deadline Approaching

All-State Harp audition tapes/cds are due to your PMEA District President by Wednesday, November 10. District contact information can be found in the Districts section of the PMEA website under the About menu option at www.pmea.net

Pen-Pals Wanted to Support Musicians/Soldiers in Afghanistan

PMEA is looking for any K-6 music teachers who would be interested in having their students write letters to members of the 82nd Airborne Division Band, currently stationed in Afghanistan. Please email Abi Young at abiyoung@pmea.net if you are interested in pursuing involvement in this project.