



# MCSMA

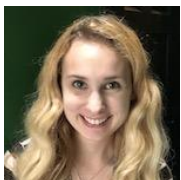
## From the Presidents:

Dear Colleagues,

It is a pleasure to write to you, with the proverbial “light at the end of the tunnel” within sight. To say that this year, let alone the past three, have been challenging, doesn’t begin to describe the experiences of our students. Yet, through the passion and collaboration of the members of this Association, we have begun to rebuild Monroe County’s music programs to the tradition of excellence all our students deserve.

This past March, our four All-County festivals resumed for the first time since 2019. Getting to watch the students’ growth, excitement, and genuine gratitude for making music together was truly the highlight of my month. We are personally grateful to all our host schools and the myriad of teachers and building staff that helped these events run smoothly.

We are also excited to announce that two board vacancies have been filled. Beginning this fall, **Scott Cannan** from the Rush-Henrietta Central School District will be taking over the role of Assignor of Adjudicators for our winter solo festivals. Scott currently serves as our NYSSMA Zone 2 Representative and brings a wealth of experience to the position.



We are also excited to announce that **Katrya Cichanowicz** will be taking on the role of President-Elect beginning this fall. Katrya, a current teacher in the West Irondequoit Central School District, has served as the Senior High All-County Orchestra coordinator and will be a welcome addition to the MCSMA Executive Council.

Many thanks to both Scott and Katrya for their willingness to serve on the MCSMA Board - their willingness to volunteer their time, along with all the MCSMA Board, is the only way that we can host the events that benefit our students.

We are still in need of someone to fill the treasurer role, which will be vacant by June 30. If you have interest in serving the Association in order to provide opportunities for our students, please let us know as soon as possible. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Best,

Diane Lewandowski & Matt Osika

Co-Presidents, MCSMA

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## **Board Vacancies:**

**Senior High Orchestra Coordinator:** Work with colleagues to secure a conductor, assist in selecting repertoire, facilitate ensemble selection in January, and help execute the Senior High All-County Festival in March. Contact [mcsmapresident@gmail.com](mailto:mcsmapresident@gmail.com) if interested. This position must be filled by June 30, or no Senior High Orchestra will be formed for All-County 2023.

**Junior High Choral Coordinator:** Work with colleagues to secure a conductor and accompanist, assist in selecting repertoire, coordinate ensemble selection, and help execute the Junior High All-County Festival in March. Contact [mcsmapresident@gmail.com](mailto:mcsmapresident@gmail.com) if interested. This position must be filled by June 30, or no Junior High Chorus will be formed for All-County 2023.

**Treasurer:** Work to keep financial records for MCSMA and remit payment for facility use, guest artists, and reimbursements. Position carries a small stipend. Training to be provided by the current treasurer before the role is completely vacated. Contact [mcsmapresident@gmail.com](mailto:mcsmapresident@gmail.com) if interested. **This position must be filled by June 30, or no solo festivals or All-Counties will run in the 2022-2023 school year.**

## **Richard H. Snook Memorial Award:**

This year, we had the pleasure of presenting not one, but two outstanding professionals in the Music Education field with the Richard H. Snook Memorial Award. Given in his memory, the Richard Snook Award is presented to a business person, professional musician, or a collegiate level music educator whose time, talents or financial sources have contributed to the betterment of music education in some significant way.

2022 Award Winner: John Beel (creator and administrator of SoloChair)

2020 Award Winner: Jill Hammond (not pictured, French Horn studio teacher)



John Beel pictured alongside Robin Beel at The Eastman School of Music, March 5, 2022

## **2022-2023 Festival Calendar:<sup>1</sup>**

### **Solo Festivals**

Vocal/Vocal Jazz	January 6-7, 2023	Brighton CSD	Brighton HS
SH Instrumental	January 13-14, 2023	Fairport CSD	Minerva Deland
JH Instrumental	January 20-21, 2023	Brighton CSD	Twelve Corners MS
Elem Instrumental / Instrumental Jazz	January 27-28, 2023	Pittsford CSD	Barker Road MS

### **All-County Festivals & PEAK**

Senior High <sup>2</sup>	March 3-4, 2023	Eastman School of Music/ Friday West Irondequoit
Jazz	March 10-11, 2023	Spencerport HS
Elementary	March 17-18, 2023	Brockport
Junior High <sup>3</sup>	March 24-25, 2023	East Irondequoit
PEAK	May 6, 2023	TBD

1 - The vacant treasurer role must be filled by June 30, 2022, or no festivals will run for the 2022-2023 school year.

2 - The Senior High Orchestra Coordinator role must be filled by June 30, 2022 in order to form that ensemble.

3 - The Junior High Choral Coordinator role must be filled by June 30, 2022 in order to form that ensemble.