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From the Podium of Christy Latham
CCS President




Choral Festival Updates

Submitted by Laura Lorber

The Great Balancing Act

As I write this article, I am at school on a day off - recording students for honor group auditions and catching up on e-mail.

The balancing act of teaching, serving CMEA-CCS, spending time with my family, and trying to have a social life seems impossible. There have been times lately where I have felt like throwing my hands in the air and saying 'I quit'. Then I turn around, accomplish an item on my always too long to do list, and I feel better.

The balancing act consists of making priorities. Sometimes that includes staying at work late to prep all my classes and keep up with the never ending e-mail inbox. Sometimes it means leaving on time and doing something just for me, knowing that there is always too much to do. And we all have those days when students are the priority and we are helping them with their needs. After all, they are why we are here in the first place!

And back to the recordings. When I was in high school, my band director always said if we didn't have private lessons we could not do honor band. There was not a clarinet teacher in the town where I lived and he and the middle school teacher were both brass players. So I never had the opportunity. I help and encourage all my students to try for the honor band. Even if they don't make it they will be better for the experience. So I spend my day off helping students record so they have the best opportunity possible. The best is when a student who didn't think they were any good makes it in and has a great time making music. Those are the golden moments.

Our work as educators in the Central Coast Section has done so much for our students. I feel proud as a section that we make our honor groups achievable to students who work hard and apply themselves. The accessibility of the music and the cost keep it tangible for all that are willing to work hard and take the extra step. That is why I say yes to CCS and all that entails. The work we do enables students to have amazing experiences.

I am proud to invite you and your choirs to the CCS Choral Festival. We offer a non-competitive performance opportunity, a master class with experienced adjudicators, and recorded feedback.

The festival will take place on March 8th from 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM at Peace United Church. 900 High Street, Santa Cruz.

Our Adjudicators include: Mark Bidelman of Cabrillo College, Drew Lewis of Ramon C. Cortines School of Visual and Performing Arts, Dr. Emily Sinclair of

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Young Ensemble Showcase

A NEW PERFORMANCE OFFERING BY KATRINA HAEGER, CCS GENERAL MUSIC REPRESENTATIVE

Dear Colleagues,

On February 11th, 2017, CCS will host the Young Ensemble Showcase. This event is designed to give elementary and middle school students a memorable musical experience, and to provide teachers with an opportunity to observe, share, and learn. It will be held from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Santa Cruz High School.

This festival is an opportunity for your K-8 students to perform for an audience. Whether you have a choir, concert band, ukulele/recorder/Orff ensemble, or something else, we want you to share your school music program with the community! This is a non-adjudicated event and intended to highlight the strengths of your music program while giving students an opportunity to be an audience for others. To encourage high attendance, there is no participation or attendance fee.

It is clear that many or most of our elementary programs do not have formal performing groups. We encourage you to think outside the box. Perhaps there are a few students from each of your general music classes that could perform a piece they've learned in class. This is a very informal setting where anything goes! Bring a few or many... whatever you can pull together. Let's get out our classrooms and enjoy the chance to be with each other.

Each ensemble is expected to attend the entire session. You will have a 15 minute time slot to perform and the rest of the day will be spent as an audience member or participant in one of our workshops. It is likely our day will get started with the wonderful Santa Cruz High Bagpipe Corps. Ann Cleveland, a local music and Waldorf educator, will be leading a folk dance workshop. We are also working with several local performing group and have yet to decide on our last headliner.

The following is a tentative format of how the event will be organized. If you have not received any e-mail notifications or have further questions, please e-mail Katrina Haeger at khaeger@sccs.net.

Sample Schedule

9:00 - 9:15 - SCH Bagpipe Performance

9:20 - 10:00 - Student Performances

10:00 - 10:10 - Break

10:10 - 10:50 - Workshop (Folk Dance by Ann Cleveland)

10:50 - 11:00 - Break

11:00 - 12:00 - Student Performances

12:00 - 12:10 - Break

12:15 - 1:00 - Sack Lunch/Headliner Performance (TBA)

Participating Schools must arrange the following:

- Transportation for students to and from the festival
- Music teacher must attend the festival all day and monitor their students; parent helpers may assist
- Prepare 2-3 pieces for a 15-20 minute time frame
- Arrange for students to bring a sack lunch for their noon meal
- Registration form must be postmarked by January 11th, 2017

CMEA-CCS will provide the following:

- Performance and audience venue (Santa Cruz High School Auditorium)
- Warm-up room prior to your performance (choir room)
- Performance and workshops by local musicians

I look forward to seeing your groups in February!

Summer Music Camps!

Each of these summer music camps have offered scholarships in past years and we are beginning to get confirmations for this year's honor concerts. Please let your honors students know of this opportunity and to consider the dates and costs. They will be given the opportunity to 'toss their name in the hat' at the honors rehearsal - we want the scholarships to be used!

Donner Mine Band Camp (Grades 6-9, July 17-22) (Grades 9-12, July 10-15)

Cazadero Band/Orchestra Camp (Middle School A, June 26-July 2) (Middle School B, July 3-8)
(Jr. High, July 11-22) (High School, July 25-August 5)

Pacific Music Camp (Jr. High Band/Orchestra, July 9-15)
(High School grades 8-12 Band/Orchestra/Choir, July 16-22)

Stanislaus Summer Music Camp (Jr. High Band/Orchestra, June 11-17)
(High School Band/Orchestra/Choir, June 18-24)

San Jose Summer in the City (Band/Orchestra/Choir, June 18-24)

Prices aren't yet published for all the camps but they usually run in the several hundred dollars range. Scholarships can be substantial and many offer discounts for being an honor group participant. Please let your students know about these opportunities and their dates so they may discuss them with their parents. You all know the value of these opportunities to the student and to your program - plus the fun!

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UC Santa Cruz, and Dr. David Xiques of San Francisco State University.

Your ensembles will have the opportunity to perform in a beautiful space and have a master class with one of our esteemed judges. Sight reading will be part of the master class, however, it will not factor into your scores. Scores and recorded feedback from the judges will be given on-site. If your ensemble receives a unanimous superior rating, you will be eligible to apply for the State Choral Festival on March 31st, 2017 at Chapman University.

To apply, please fill out the application on our CCS website (ccsmusic.org) and mail them to:

Laura Lorber
Santa Cruz High School
450 Walnut Ave
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Lorber llorber@sccs.net.

I look forward to seeing all your choirs attend the CCS Festival on March 8th!



Remembering Jon

SUBMITTED BY CHRISTY LATHAM, CCS BOARD PRESIDENT

In October, long time board member and dear friend, Jon Christian passed away. He had been battling an illness for a long time and lost the battle. He meant a lot to me and to many of you. His guidance and leadership have been missed every day.

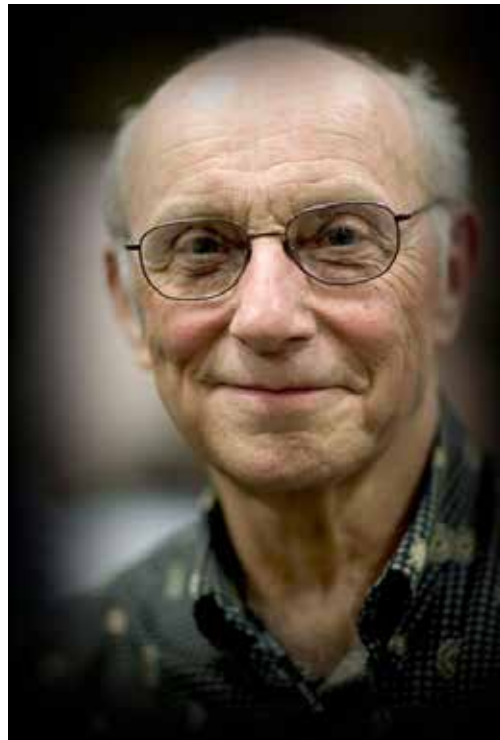
His passion for music education was evident in everything he did. He was dedicated, kind, and loving. He truly cared about all of us and the work we do with our students.

He served the CMEA-CCS board throughout his entire career. Participating in festivals with his performing groups, taking students to all honor groups, adjudicating the festivals, and serving on the board in many capabilities. Since retirement from teaching, he was able to increase his involvement in CCS. He made our triennial Sonata newsletter, all the honors programs, the certificates for conductors and awardees, and maintained the website and the membership database. Through his involvement he nurtured young leadership and encouraged all teachers to set up and get involved.

Here is a link to his obituary:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/santacruzsentinel/obituary.aspx?n=jon-christian&pid=182195145&fhid=8818>

The family is planning a service for him after the holidays. We will update you as soon as we have more information.



CCS Calendar 2016–2017

Date	Event	Location	Time
Sep. 17	Updated Honors Group audition materials due		
Sep. 22	2017 Honor Group audition materials live on website		
Sep. 24	Board Meeting	Santa Cruz High School.....	12:30pm
Sep. 24	CCS General Inservice Day	Santa Cruz High School.....	2:30pm–5:30pm
Sep. 24	CCS Fall General Meeting	El Palomar Restaurant.....	6:00pm
Oct. 12	Board Meeting	Santa Cruz HS, Santa Cruz	4:30pm
Oct. 14	MS Honor Choir materials submission deadline		
Oct. 19	MS Choir email recording deadline		
Oct. 22	MS Choir Listening Session	Mission Hill MS, Santa Cruz	8:00am
Oct. 26	HS Honor Choir Auditions	Soquel HS, Soquel.....	TBD
Oct. 27	HS Honor Choir Auditions	Stevenson School, Pebble Beach.....	TBD
Oct. 31	HS Band and Orchestra paperwork postmark deadline		
Nov. 5-6	HS Band and Orchestra Listening Session		
Nov. 7	MS Band, Orchestra paperwork postmark deadline		
Nov.19-20	MS Band, Orchestra Listening Session		
Nov. 16	Board Meeting	Marina HS, Marina	4:30pm
Dec. 5	All 2017 Honor Music distributed		
Jan. 11	Board meeting.....	Bayview Elementary, Santa Cruz	4:30pm
Jan. 19-21	MS and HS Honor Choir	Salinas HS, Salinas	
Jan. 26-28	MS Honor Band and Orchestra	Mello Center, Watsonville	
Feb. 2-4	HS Honor Band and Orchestra.....	Cabrillo College, Aptos	
Feb. 11	Young Ensemble Showcase	Santa Cruz HS, Santa Cruz	8:00am
Feb. 15	Board Meeting	San Benancio MS, Salinas.....	4:30pm
Feb. 16-19	CASMEC Conference	San Jose.....	4 days
Mar. 8	Choral Festival.....	Peace United Church, Santa Cruz	
Mar. 15	Board Meeting	Monterey HS, Monterey.....	4:30pm
Mar. 31	CMEA State Choral Festival.....	Fullerton, CA	
Apr. 8	Solo/Ensemble Festival –Vocal	Monte Vista Christian School, Watsonville	
Apr. 8	Songwriters Showcase.....	TBA	
Apr. 12	Board Meeting	Cabrillo College, Aptos.....	4:30pm
Apr. 15	Solo/Ensemble Festival–Instrumental.....	Monterey High School, Monterey	
Apr. 22	Large Group Festival (B&O).....	Santa Cruz High School	
Apr. 22	Jazz Festival	Santa Cruz High School	
May 5-6	CMEA State Solo-Ensemble Festival	North – Sacramento	
May 12	CMEA State Band and Orchestra Festival	Sacramento	
May 17	Board Meeting	Gavalin View MS, Salinas	4:30pm
May 18	CMEA Advocacy Day.....	Sacramento	
Jun. 3	Board Meeting	Crazy Horse, Monterey.....	5:00pm
Jun. 4	Spring General Meeting.....	Crazy Horse, Monterey.....	6:30pm

Sonata Publication Schedule

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**Bay Section
Winter Conference
January 13–17, 2017
Chabot College**

Registration is open to all NAFME/CMEA members.

Registration forms:

<http://cmeabaysection.org/conference-information/>

Early Registration: \$80

On-site registration: \$90

First time attendee: \$30

On-site registration begins at 7:30 AM on Friday

On-site registration begins at 8:00 AM on Saturday.

**California All-State
Music Education Conference
(CASMEC)
February 16-19, 2017**

San Jose Fairmont and Convention Center
170 South Market Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Sessions specific to:

Band, Orchestra, Jazz, Choir, General Music,
Multicultural Music, Technology, and Advocacy

Concerts our All State Groups
All State Honor Bands • All State Honor Orchestra
All State Honor Jazz Band and Jazz Choir
All-State High School Honor Choirs

Register only ONCE for this conference through
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CMEA-CCS 2017 Festivals

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Santa Cruz H.S

Young Ensemble Showcase

Katrina Haeger

March 8, 2017

Peace United Church

Choral Festival

Laura Lorber

April 8, 2016

Monte Vista Christian School

Solo & Ensemble Festival-Vocal

Willow Manspeaker

April 15, 2017

Monterey H.S

Solo & Ensemble Festival-Instrumental

Willow Manspeaker

April 22, 2017

Santa Cruz High School

Large Group Instrumental & Jazz Festival

Christy Latham