

# **New Hampshire Music Educators Association**

*A Division of the Music Educators National Conference*

Accompanying this letter is a request for payment of the 2011-2012 New Hampshire Music Educators Association School District Participation Fee. ***NOTE: In accordance with the wishes of the NH Superintendents Association, no student may participate in an NHMEA-sponsored event if their school has not paid the fee.***

The following is an outline of some activities offered by NHMEA to your students and music educators.

- **STAFF DEVELOPMENT:** NHMEA sponsors workshops throughout the year, including a Spring Conference with beneficial information for all music teachers.
- **HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS:** NHMEA sponsors the Jazz All-State Music Festival\*, All-State Music Festival\*, All-Eastern Music Festival\*, Solo & Ensemble Festival\* and Large Group Festival\* for individuals and performing groups from public and private high schools throughout the state.
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS:** In addition to their own District Festivals\*, and the Elementary/Middle School Sharing Festival\*, junior high/middle school performing groups may also participate in the Solo & Ensemble and Large Group Festivals.
- **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EVENTS:** The Elementary/Middle School Sharing Festival\* has grown over the past 10 years to meet the needs of an increasing number of younger performers. Elementary level students may also participate in the Solo & Ensemble Festival.

Other benefits for your music staff include: two general meetings a year, workshops with nationally recognized conductors and guest speakers, a Job Bank, and our own professional publication, *NH Quarter Notes*, which is printed four times during the school year.

All students K-12 and their music teachers can benefit from participation in NHMEA events. Classroom teachers and administrators who are interested in Music Education are also welcomed at all workshops and activities. Upon payment of the fee, it is understood that the school and its students are entitled to attend all events and activities sponsored by NHMEA, beginning with Jazz All-State auditions in October.

\* These events require an individual participation fee to help cover expenses such as judges' fees, custodial and nurse coverage, etc.