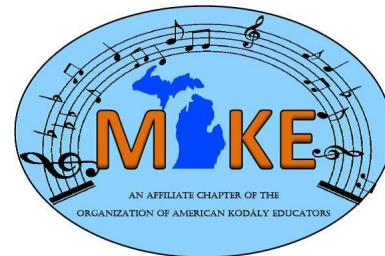


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Hello Michigan Kodaly Educators, Members, and Friends!

Hello fellow Music Educators! Summer time is a great time for rest, reflection, and preparing your calendar for new workshops!

MIKE NEWS

We at MiKE have been busy. We have new officers and shifts in our board. The board approved a change to our bylaws to better align with OAKE's new bylaws requiring officers to change by July 1st. We have also submitted a proposal to host the OAKE National Conference in Spring of 2019. We will post any more information on that as we hear it.

Here is the new MiKE Board as it stands:

Past President- Ashley Allen

Secretary- Jayme Williams

President- Zachery VanderGraaff

Member-at-Large- Jessica Gonder

President-Elect – Melissa Stouffer

Member-at-Large- Joan Long

Treasurer- Melissa Wakely-Sapienza

CONFERENCES:

There are some exciting conferences coming up you should be aware of if you aren't already. October 28th-30th, 2016 is the MidWestern Regional Conference in Des Moines, Iowa. Visit <http://www.mkmea.com/conferences.html> for more info. January 19th-21st, 2017 is the Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids, MI. Several MiKE members will be presenting various sessions. Visit <http://michiganmusicconference.org> for more info. March 23rd-26th, 2017 is the OAKE National Conference in Philadelphia, PA. Visit <http://oake.org> for more info.

WORKSHOPS:

We have three workshops this year, like every year. Members get a discounted rate for all workshops. There will be an option to pay for all three at one time if you so wish. Visit <https://mikodaly.org> to pay online or pay at the door. All workshops will be in Mount Pleasant, MI.

September 24th from 10-1pm is *Kodaly for (Much) Older Beginners and Holiday Songs Chapter Share*. In our first workshop of the year, the Michigan Kodaly Educators are offering a dual session on two relevant topics. The first will be on starting the Kodaly Method with Middle School aged students. This will be presented by Past-President of MiKE and OAKE regional representative, CMU Professor Dr. Ashley Allen. The second session will be a Chapter Share on Holiday themed songs and how they could be fit into the Kodaly Sequence. This will be \$20 for MiKE members and \$35 for non-members. Students are free.

March 11th from 10-1pm is *First Steps in Music*. The program, developed by John Feierabend is a well-rounded and authentic curriculum designed to develop tuneful, beatful, and artful musicianship for younger grades and beyond. The session will be presented by certified FAME (Feierabend Association of Music Educators) instructor, Stephanie Schall-Brazee of Traverse City, MI. This will be \$20 for members and \$35 for non-members. Students are free.

April. There will be a third workshop in April TBD at this time.

Attention!

We need you for our September 24th Chapter Share Event. We are looking for people to share their Holiday and Seasonal Themed Songs, Activities, and Lessons. If you would like to present anywhere from 5-20 minutes (or more) of engaging lit please email me at zvandergraaff@gmail.com by August 1st. Please submit the song(s), brief description of lesson/activity, grade level, and concept drawn from the music.

Please take the time, if you haven't already, to join the Organization of American Kodaly Educators (OAKE). When you join, please affiliate with Michigan Kodaly Educators (MiKE) as the chapter. If you are up for renewal, please be aware that that comes once a year unless you buy a lifetime membership. Students may join for free.

Please all members, log on to OAKE and check your chapter affiliate. We have a number of members who have joined but are unaffiliated with us and that may affect our ability to receive funds from OAKE which are based on membership. We would like to continue to grow as a chapter and provide our membership with more and more workshops and services.

Email or visit us on Facebook if you have any questions, concerns, or requests.

Keep on Singing,

Zachery VanderGraaff

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President, Michigan Kodaly Educators

