

STRING VIBRATIONS NEWSLETTER

Spring/Summer 2001

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello ASTA WITH NSOA Colleagues!

Summer is finally here! Each year I find it amazing that I can both enjoy my job and revel in my time off! Some of us have the entire summer off, others of us are still giving lessons during the summer, performing or in year-round school. No matter what you're doing, I encourage everyone to look at this summer as a chance to relax and renew. To relax, take a vacation, sleep in, or give yourself an afternoon with a book and a glass of iced tea. To renew, attend a workshop, go to a concert, or (dare I say it?) spend some time with your own instrument – just for yourself!

This issue of the *Vibrations Newsletter* brings you the only information you will receive by mail for two important events – your first preview and registration materials for our Colorado ASTA WITH NSOA Summer Workshop with CBA and the only official mailing you will receive about our Alternate-year Solo Competition guidelines.

Our Summer Workshop will take place July 12 – 14 in Denver. Michelle Ewer, as part of her job as president-elect, has been working hard on this and it promises to be terrific! Read on for more information.

The Solo Competition Preliminary is a taped competition taking place this fall. The winners of the Colorado preliminary are sent on to the National Competition and are invited as our guests to perform at our CMEA Clinic/Conference in 2002! Our last competition resulted in not one, but two National finalists. I really look forward to hearing this year's talent!

And one more thing... it's not too soon to be thinking about fall elections for CASTA. According to our new by-laws, every year is an election year and this is the year to elect president-elect and secretary for the 2002-2004 term. If you are interested in running for either office or know someone who is, please let me know.

As always, information on our activities is available on our website:

www.musicalmud.com/asta/

Check for updates and new information on all of our ASTA activities!

Have a terrific summer!

Katharine (Kip) Mason, PhD
President, Colorado ASTA WITH NSOA

Greetings from ASTA/NSOA ,

The convention for this year looks to be very exciting as well as educational. Directors who find themselves teaching band and strings will find the conference very beneficial.

Our major clinician this year is Elliot Del Borgo who will be doing several sessions including rescoring for small instrumentation, making the transition from teaching band to strings and selecting literature. It is exciting to have Mr. Del Borgo come to Colorado.

Other fine clinics will be given by various local string specialists. Dr. Margaret Berg from the University of Colorado will be doing a clinic on listening in the string classroom. Margaret will give tips on how to incorporate listening activities into an already busy teaching schedule.

Mr. Scott Betts, from the Western Slope will address technique. Scott did this clinic "Once Upon A Time: Teaching Advanced Technique To Beginners Through Story Telling" several years ago and it is back upon popular request.

Mr. Jim McNeal needs no introduction; his name speaks for itself. His session will be on incorporating full orchestra into your string class. He will offer suggestions on literature selection and rehearsing with wind players.

“You Too Can Teach Strings,” presented by Ms. Nancy Allwein from Jefferson County Schools, will give some basic techniques for those band directors teaching strings. Don’t be afraid to ask questions, this class covers basic techniques.

CSAP!! The word sends panic and fear into all of us. How can we help as music educators with CSAP scores? Michelle Ewer will present a clinic on some ways to help provide support for CSAP. Of course there will be a reading session as well as a general membership meeting. I look forward to seeing all of you in July. If you have any questions about the schedule please e-mail me at mewer@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Sincerely,

Michelle Ewer, President-Elect
Colorado ASTA WITH NSOA

SUMMER CBA/ASTA WORKSHOP
HOLIDAY INN NORTH, DENVER, COLORADO
JULY 12-14, 2001

Hotel: The workshop will be held at the Sheraton Denver West. The hotel is located at 360 Union Boulevard (6th Ave. and Union), in Lakewood. The Sheraton West telephone number is (303) 987-2000. A block of rooms have been reserved at this special convention rate and are available on a first come first serve basis. Mention that you are with the CBA/ASTA convention when you call.

College Credit: CSU will once again be offering college credit.

Registration: You may register at the convention, or save \$10.00 and pre-register with the enclosed form. PRE-REGISTRATION IS DUE BY JULY 5, 2001. You must be a member of ASTA WITH NSOA or CBA to register.

What to Bring: Bring an instrument to more fully participate in the sessions.
Your own instrument will be needed as we play through music for the reading session. Please bring a stand, a smile, and look forward to fun!

ASTA WITH NSOA Summer Convention Schedule

THURSDAY JULY 12th

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| 7:30 | Registration and breakfast |
| 8:30-9:30 | Marguerite Wilder "Teaching through Rain, Sleet, Snow and 7 th Grade Fire Drills" |
| 9:45-10:45 | ASTA/NSOA General membership meeting |
| 11:00-12:00 | Scott Betts "Once Upon A Time: Teaching Techniques To Beginners Through Story Telling" |
| 12:00-1:15 | Lunch |
| 1:15-2:10 | Margaret Berg "Do You Hear What I Hear: Listening to, Analyzing and Describing Music" |
| 2:15-3:15 | Elliot Del Borgo-"Making the Band to String Transition" |
| 3:15-4:00 | Visit exhibits |
| 4:15-5:30 | Adjudication clinic |
| 6:00-8:00 | Jam Session and Cash Bar |

FRIDAY JULY 13th

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| 8:30-9:45 | Elliot Del Borgo "Rescoring for Small Groups or Ensembles" |
| 10:00-11:00 | ASTA/NSOA Reading Session |
| 11:00-12:00 | All Star Jazz Band or visit exhibits |
| 12:15-1:15 | Lunch |
| 1:25-2:30 | Elliot Del Borgo "Rehearsal Techniques" |
| 2:45-4:00 | Jim McNeal "Incorporating Winds into Your Orchestra" |
| 4:15-4:45 | Michelle Ewer-"CSAP: Fight It or Join It" |
| 5:00-11:00 | Trip to Blackhawk-- must sign up in advance --see registration form |

SATURDAY JULY 14th

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| 8:00-9:00 | PERA Session |
| 8:30-9:30 | Nancy Allwein "Teaching the Basics: Help For Those New to Teaching Strings" |
| 9:45-10:40 | Elliot Del Borgo "Selecting Literature for Your Group" |
| 10:45-11:45 | Marguerite Wilder "Moving Successfully from Beginning Instrumental Music Classes to Ensembles" |
| 12:00 | Luncheon |

****Marguerite Wilder and Elliot Del Borgo are sponsored by Kolacny Music*****

****The Reading Session is sponsored by Flesher Hinton Music****

**CBA/ASTA SUMMER WORKSHOP 2001
CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM
JULY 12,13,14, 2001
DENVER, COLORADO**

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Email _____

School or Business _____

FEES:

Convention Pre-registration Fee _____ \$60.00

ASTA Dues (if due/past due) _____ \$54.00

Convention Fee after July 5 (or at the door) _____ \$70.00

One day only fee _____ \$30.00

Total \$ _____

Trip to Blackhawk on Friday, July 13, 2001 (circle one) yes no

Please mail registration and payment to:

Nancy Allwein
CASTA Secretary
9517 W. Ohio Avenue
Lakewood, CO 80226

**NOMINATION FORM 2001
COLORADO STRING TEACHER ASSOCIATION**

Nominee for CASTA Outstanding Teacher 2001

Name: _____

Address: _____

Current String Teaching Position: _____

Nominee for CASTA Life Time Service Award 2001

Name: _____

Address: _____

Past/Current String Teaching Position: _____

Statement in support of nominees. (Include information about his/her work and accomplishments within the string profession. This might include such things as where he/she taught, dates of service, awards, special accomplishments, contribution to the music community, and impact on the lives of students.)

Signature of Nominator _____

return nomination to:
Ed Deepe
5319 Descanso Circle East
Colorado Springs, CO 80918
OR email: edwarddl@uswest.net

Nominations must be postmarked by August 1, 2001

Important Dates for Colorado ASTA/NSOA Members

July, 2001

- 12 - 14 CO ASTA/NSOA Summer Conference with CBA (in this issue)
Colorado ASTA/NSOA General Membership Meeting at Conference
- 15 - Aug 4 Conservatory Music in the Mountains, student festival; Ft. Lewis College (Information at 970.503.8486, Katherine Tischauser)
- 22 - 26 Peaks to Plains workshop for String Teachers; Lafayette, CO
Julie Lieberman workshop on improvising for string teachers
- 25 - 28 National ASTA/NSOA with TODA, San Antonio, TX; clinics for the non-string playing string teacher

August

- 1 - 4 CASTA String Camp; middle school students; Rangeley, CO

September

- 28 Tapes for Western States Honor Orchestra Festival due/postmarked

October

- 12 Tapes due for National Solo Competition, Colorado Preliminary

November

- 1 - 3 Western States Honor Orchestra Festival: A Weekend for Strings; Greeley, CO
Colorado ASTA/NSOA General Membership meeting 11/3; 10:00 am

January, 2002

- 17 - 20 National ASTA/NSOA Conferences: "Teaching Teachers: Two Side-by-Side University Conferences"; University of South Carolina
- 24 - 26 Colorado ASTA/NSOA Convention as part of the CMEA
Clinic/Conference; Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO
Colorado ASTA/NSOA General Membership Meeting at CMEA
Clinic/Conference

February

- 7 - 9 Colorado All-State Orchestra; Boulder, CO

May, 2002

- 15 - 17 ASTA/NSOA National Solo Competition; Michigan State University
- 17 - 19 ASTA/NSOA National Studio Teacher's Forum; Michigan State

March, 2003

- 27 - 29 First National ASTA/NSOA Stand-Alone Convention, Ohio State University
Concurrently, the next National High School Honors Orchestra occurs