



Dear Administrator:

We are excited to let you know about the Minnesota Music Educators Association (MMEA) annual Midwinter Convention (MWC). This year is from February 13-15, 2025. Our professional development convention features renowned clinicians from across the country to support the needs of every music educator. Your music educators' attendance at the MWC can support your building and district goals while giving your educators opportunities in current research, culturally sustaining strategies, contemporary music-making practices, and a critical reinvigoration of energy and pedagogical strategies.

Can you help your music educators attend the MWC by providing professional leave and perhaps covering their fees associated with membership and convention attendance? Sending your music educators to the MMEA Midwinter Convention is truly an investment in your teachers and your students.

Sessions will include, but are not limited to, important topics such as:

- The uplift and amplification of underrepresented voices, meaningful inclusion, and strategies for developing culturally sustaining dispositions and curricula,
- sessions that help meet MN licensure requirements including "Unlocking JOY through Positive Behavior Intervention" with Dr. Matthew Arau,
- music performances by students from around the state - from rural, to suburban, to urban settings;
- and SO MUCH MORE: See the schedule of offerings [HERE](#).

Simply stated, there is no other time or place for Minnesota music education like the MMEA Midwinter Convention. Not only do more than 1,200 music educators come together for sessions, concerts, and meetings, but they do so in combination with composers, music publishers, instrument manufacturers, performers, non-profit partners, and national headliners.

Please support your music educator(s) by supporting their membership in MMEA and attendance at the Midwinter Convention. Your music educators will be so thankful, and their learning and reinvigoration will have a positive impact on all of the students they teach and your school community. Registration is now open, and you can read more about MWC at <https://mmea.org/events/midwinter-convention/>

Should you have any questions about the event, contact the MMEA office at [info@mmea.org](mailto:info@mmea.org). We are here to support MN's music educators in any way that we are able.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Neddermeyer", written in a cursive style.

Jerri Neddermeyer | MMEA Executive Director

Dr. Karen Howard | MMEA President Elect and Midwinter Convention Chair



# Become a Member Today!

## What does membership in NAFME/MMEA\* do for your educator?

- The cost of registration for MWC is drastically reduced for members!
- MMEA members can sponsor students for All-State Ensembles or Elementary All-Star Choir!
- Access to online resources, newsletter, and MMEA's online publication The INTERVAL is free for everyone, but membership supports the hard work of MMEA and makes sustainable operation possible!

### 2024 NAFME/MMEA Membership Rates:

Active \$151  
 Retired \$79  
 Collegiate \$44

Introductory Active - \$79

\*Association membership does not include MN membership.

Renew/join directly at [nafme.org](http://nafme.org)

**Midwinter Convention Registration:** Member registration rates only available to current NAFME/MMEA members. Renew/join at [nafme.org](http://nafme.org). **Registering at the non-member rate will not renew your membership.**

2025 MWC Registration	Early Savings (Before December 1)	Regular Rate (Dec 1-Feb 3)	Late Rate (Feb 4 & Later)
Member	\$ 160	\$ 210	\$ 260
Non-Member	\$ 310	\$ 360	\$ 385
Collegiate (full-time) or Younger	\$ 30	\$ 40	\$ 50
Retired	\$ 65	\$ 75	\$ 85
Guest (Non-music educator)	\$ 80	\$ 100	\$ 120

You can register for ONE DAY ONLY and pay 50% of the above prices: Thurs / Fri / Sat

Register Online! [MMEA.org/events/midwinter-convention/](http://MMEA.org/events/midwinter-convention/)