



**Professional
Development
Conference
2015**

*Crowne Plaza Executive Center
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
November 19-23, 2015*

**Saturday, November 21, 2015
3:10 p.m.**

**Louisiana All-State
Mixed Choir
2015**

**Dr. Roland Carter
Conductor**

***LMEA Hall of Fame
Induction Ceremony
3:00 p.m.***

The mission of the Louisiana Music Educators Association is to provide leadership, professional development, and support for its membership to ensure quality music education.

2015 LOUISIANA ALL-STATE MIXED CHOIR

Soprano I

Caroline Abadie*	Hahnville
Emily Adams	E. D. White Catholic
Gabby Ballew*	West Monroe
Cecilia Bourg*	Dominican
Kaitlyn Colby*	Barbe
Ara Crisostomo*	Destrehan
Jenna Hunts*	Chapelle
Kaelyn Kendrick*	Livingston Parish
Emily Lasseigne*	Mandeville
Anna Merkl*	Lafayette
Arthi Nandakumar*	Baton Rouge Magnet
Sarah Palmintier	Lafayette
Caitlyn Reeves	Barbe
Hannah Rice*	Fontainebleau
Caitlyn Rodrigue*	Thibodaux
Olivia Russell*	Destrehan
Chloe Russo	Mandeville
Alexis Theriot*	St. Thomas Aquinas
Morgan Watts	Hammond
Bailey Young	West Monroe

Soprano II

Kelsea Allen*	Sulphur
Alexandra Barron*	Northshore
Katherine Beyer*	Vandebilt Catholic
Hope Cassady	Mandeville
Kaylan Chesney	Baton Rouge
Lily Coxe*	Baton Rouge
Emily Elliott*	Caddo Magnet
Cassidy Giddens	Caddo Magnet
Whitney Hebert*	Pineville
Zoe Hebert	Terrebonne
Nicole Johnston	Northshore
Paige Kimball*	Covenant Christian
Samyra Miller*	Lusher
Olivia Myers*	West Monroe
Cara Ramos*	West Monroe
Imari Simmons	Baton Rouge
Haley Taylor*	Destrehan
Hannah Turner	Livingston Parish
Katie Vukovics*	St. Joseph's
Bethany Williams	Barbe

Alto I

Kennedy Anderson	Barbe
Mila Bradley	LaGrange
Ann Marie Cash*	West Monroe
Erica Fuller	West Monroe
Jessica Gabriel*	Ponchatoula
Alicia Guerrero*	West Monroe
Lauren Hartt*	West Monroe
Ahnyyah Hunter	Central Lafourche
Courtney Jones*	Hammond
Deanna Luneau*	Livingston Parish
Sarah Mullen*	Baton Rouge
Emily Pentz	Buckeye
Taylor Plaisance*	Central Lafourche
Lauren Rhodes*	Thibodaux
Kristi Roshto*	Pineville
Kaitlyn Seal	Franklinton
Sylvie Songe	Thibodaux
Allison Waguespack*	St. Michael the Archangel
Isabela Walkin*	LSMSA
Madison Wilson*	Baton Rouge

Alto II

Sierra Bailey*	Fontainebleau
Lesley Brunk	Alexandria
Sara Beth Cagle	Lafayette
Josie Carter*	DeQuincy
Susan Chesney*	Baton Rouge
Macey Chilton*	West Monroe
Marigny Cortez	Hahnville
Paige Freeman	West Monroe
Sarah Hebert	North Vermilion
Mary Jenkins	St. Louis Catholic
Marian Luzier*	Walker Talented
Megan Mahler*	Cabrini
Katy Meaux*	North Vermilion
Megan Smith	Northshore
Lindsey Thornton*	West Monroe
Haley Thiels*	Pineville
Kim Tran*	Baton Rouge
Emily Webre*	Lafayette
Leeanne Whitney	Terrebonne
Najua Williams*	Lusher

Academic Excellence

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Tenor I

Jonah Alexander	Sulphur
Eli Barbin	Catholic
Kiel Bates	Hahnville
Charles Beck	McKinley
Blake Bramley*	Caddo Magnet
Michael Delatte	Catholic
Sam Dinnat*	Alexandria
Antonio Domino	Brother Martin
Thomas LeCocq*	Lafayette
Justin Manceaux	North Vermilion
Michael McMahan*	West Monroe
Austin Nichols	DeQuincy
Caleb Norman*	West Monroe
Evan Seago*	LaGrange
William Spencer	West Monroe
Bryce Thompson	DeQuincy
Stewart Evan Thornhill*	Tioga
Zachary Thornhill	Tioga
Jordan Williams	Baton Rouge
Judah Wolf	Destrehan

Bass I

Trey Andrews*	Brother Martin
Ian Bonin*	NISH
Blake Broussard*	Abbeville
Jace Cascio	West Monroe
Issac Champagne	Terrebonne
Jackson Driggers*	Caddo Magnet
Rhett Finley*	West Monroe
Alex Gabbert	Sulphur
Tyler Jacks	Alexandria
Evan Keller*	Destrehan
Alexander Ledet*	Vandebilt Catholic
Kyle LeMaire	North Vermilion
Gabe Lemoine	Kaplan
Michael Martin*	Pineville
Nader Masoud*	Brother Martin
Austin Royer	DeQuincy
John Paul Scott	C. E. Byrd
Triston Thorne*	NISH
Tarus Tolbert*	Pineville
Henry Vaderbrook	Mandeville

Tenor II

Conrad Alleman*	Hahnville
Jody Bennett	LaGrange
Austin Bonfanti	Mandeville
Chris Bourgeois*	St. Amant
Jose' Del Rio	Hahnville
Andrew Domangue*	South Terrebonne
David Gruner	Catholic
Nathaniel Kimball*	Covenant Christian
Cleveland Lavalais	Avoyelles Charter
Luke Looney	North Vermilion
Andrew Palmintier	Lafayette
Matthew Sellers	DeQuincy
Vincent Spinks	C. E. Byrd
Ashton Theodore	Tioga
Jonathan Thomas*	Baton Rouge
Malcolm Thomas*	Ouachita
Trey Townsel	Zachary
Richard Wiley	LaGrange

Bass II

Joshua Arabie	Tioga
Nathan Archuleta	Hahnville
Devyn Buchanan	Abbeville
Zach Chism	West Monroe
William Dopp*	Loranger
Jonathan Dupre	Covenant Christian
Rhys Entrekin	Hahnville
Dylon Ervin	Pineville
Taylor Fontenot*	Sulphur
Josh Ford	Baton Rouge
Timothy Guillot*	Northshore
Nicholas Hebert*	Alexandria
Ethan Johnson	Baton Rouge
James LeCompte	MACA
Samuel Lovretich*	Catholic
Jacob Richardson	Tioga
Cameron Sullivan	Hahnville
Tyler Ybos	Northshore

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CONCERT PROGRAM

<i>Shenandoah</i>	arr. Steven Sametz
<i>Soon I Will Be Done</i>	arr. Stacey V. Gibbs
<i>Great and Glorious</i>	Haydn – arr. Charles Manney
<i>Alleluia</i>	Ulysses Kay
<i>Earth Song</i>	Frank Ticheli
<i>Lift Every Voice and Sing</i>	Johnson - arr. by Roland Carter

Dr. Roland Carter

Conductor

2015 Louisiana All-State Mixed Choir

Composer, arranger, conductor, pianist, scholar, researcher, teacher... the list of roles performed by UTC Holmberg Professor of American Music, Roland M. Carter, is never-ending. During his 23-year tenure at The University of Tennessee Chattanooga, Professor Carter conducted choirs, taught classes, accompanied recitals, arranged music, funded concerts, fostered inter-departmental productions, chaired the department, mentored and recruited students, and promoted affirmative action while at all times retaining the demeanor of a true professional.

To the greater Chattanooga community he has served as an advocate for the arts through his work with Allied Arts of Greater Chattanooga, the Chattanooga Symphony and Opera Association, with a very special promotion of the great musical traditions of the African-American heritage, through his work with The Chattanooga African American Museum, (Bessie Smith Cultural Center) and the Chattanooga Choral Society for the Preservation of African American Song.

Roland Carter served as the Ruth S. Holmberg UTC Foundation Professor of Music at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Carter served as Head of the Cadek Department of Music and Conservatory for six years (1989-1995). Prior to returning to his hometown to accept this assignment, he served as Chair of the Department of Music at Hampton (Institute) University and director of its internationally acclaimed choirs for nearly a quarter century.

Carter's list of presentations during the past forty-eight years is impressive. It includes concerts in the nation's most prestigious venues and with major orchestras; lectures, workshops, master classes, and festivals for schools, churches, colleges, and universities, and national associations throughout the country. His compositions and arrangements are performed by music organizations throughout the world. Carter has produced, appeared on, and served as consultant for national and international radio and television programs. He is in constant demand as guest conductor and lecturer and maintains a very active schedule of workshops and performances. He is founder and CEO of MAR-VEL, a publisher specializing in music by African American composers and traditions.

Accompanist – Dr. Richard Seiler

Richard Seiler, a native of Brevard, North Carolina, holds degrees in piano performance from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Illinois State University, and Louisiana State University. He has performed extensively as a soloist and collaborative pianist nationally and internationally. Dr. Seiler is a Professor, the Keyboard Area Coordinator, and the Emy-Lou Biedenharn Endowed Professor in Music at the University of Louisiana at Monroe and teaches piano and music theory. This is Dr. Seiler's 18th (EIGHTEENTH) consecutive year to accompany the All-State Choir.

Appreciation

LMEA wishes to express sincere appreciation to everyone who had a part in the presentation of the 2015 All-State/Conference. Thank you to Brenda Rudd, Pineville Sr. High, for assisting with piano accompaniment. Special thanks to East Baton Rouge Parish for the use of their choir risers. We also offer thanks to the Calcasieu Parish Schools Print Shop for all LMEA programs, O'Neill's Music Company for the use of pianos, and PreSonus Audio for audio equipment.

LMEA Hall of Fame Inductee – John W. Stafford

John W. Stafford is a native of Elizabethton, TN, where his father had established the first band program in the public schools of the East Tennessee city in 1931. He graduated from Jena High School in Jena, LA in 1953, and obtained a Bachelors of Music Education from Southwestern Louisiana Institute (now University of Louisiana at Lafayette) where he met his future wife, Beverly Ann Mire (also a former band director for 30 years).

Upon completing his military obligation in the US Army, they married during his one-year tenure in St. Landry parish. They then began teaching classroom music and band in the elementary schools of Assumption parish. They have now been married for 56 years and are the parents of four children and grandparents of five children. Mr. Stafford obtained a Masters of Music Education from Louisiana State University in 1964.

After teaching in Assumption parish for nine years, he began teaching in Lafourche parish for the next 20 years; 10 years at West Thibodaux Junior High School and 10 years at Thibodaux High School. While at West Thibodaux Junior High his concert bands, wind ensembles, and stage bands consistently received Superior ratings at District and State Festivals. In 1975, the West Thibodaux Junior High Band was invited to perform at the Music Educators National Conference-Southern Division Convention in New Orleans.

John Stafford later taught at Thibodaux High Schools where his concert bands, wind ensembles, stage bands and marching bands consistently received Superior ratings at District and State Festivals. Some of the highlights while at Thibodaux High are as follows:

1981 - First Place at the Deep South Marching Band contest at the Louisiana Superdome.

1982 - First Place at a concert band contest in Orlando, FL.

1984 - First Place at a concert band contest at Winchester, VA.

1984 – Invited to represent Louisiana at the Bicentennial Celebration in Philadelphia, PA.

1985 – Invited to perform at the Band Director's Conference at Loyola University.

1987 – First Place at the Southern Regional Marching Band Contest at Louisiana Tech.

John Stafford was the District VII Band Director of the Year in 1972, 1976, and 1989. In 1977 he was named Band Director of the Year for the state of Louisiana by the International Band Director's Fraternity, Phi Beta Mu, Epsilon Chapter. In 1985, the Louisiana Band Director's Association (LBA) named him Band Director of the Year. In 2013, he was inducted into the District VII Band Director's Hall of Fame. He was the supervisor of student teachers for Nicholls State University for 14 years.

Since his retirement, he has conducted the Bayou Community Band, based in Thibodaux, for 24 years and performed professionally for 25 years with the Bayou Dixieland Jazz Band.

2016 Louisiana Teacher of the Year – Kelly Stomps

Kelly Stomps is the 2016 Louisiana State Teacher of the Year. Although she is a native of Alabama, Ms. Stomps was first drawn to Louisiana because of the quality musical programs offered at Louisiana State University. While studying percussion at LSU, Ms. Stomps was a member of various musical ensembles including the Jazz Lab Band, the Percussion Ensemble, and she was on the Drumline in the Golden Band from Tigerland. She received her Bachelor of Music Education from LSU in 2000. In 2005, Ms. Stomps received her Master of Music from LSU where she primarily focused on integrating technology into her music lessons. In addition, Ms. Stomps has completed training in the Level One and Level Two Orff-Schulwerk approach to teaching music. Ms. Stomps was won over by the music, culture, and the people of Louisiana, and she officially made it her home while teaching music for the last 15 years. Ms. Stomps currently teaches classroom music and strings at Woodlake Elementary School in St. Tammany Parish.

As Ms. Stomps is passionate about furthering her education as a teacher, she is a member of a variety of professional organizations including the Louisiana Music Educators Association, the National Association for Music Education, and the American Orff-Schulwerk Association. Ms. Stomps was a founding member of the Red Stick Orff Chapter which is devoted to providing professional development to music educators in Louisiana. She is currently serving as this organizations treasurer, and she is serving as the recording secretary for the Tulane Alumni Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi.

During her years teaching, Ms. Stomps has also made numerous presentations sharing her knowledge with her fellow music educators. She has been a presenter for music workshops within St. Tammany Parish and for the Red Stick Orff Chapter. In 2013, she made a presentation at the LMEA State Conference regarding the COMPASS evaluation system. She has been filmed teaching for St. Tammany Parish School System's "Chalk Talk", and she has even made a presentation to the St. Tammany Parish School Board on integrating other subjects into music lessons.

Ms. Stomps has received many awards during her years of service. She has been named an Educator of Distinction by the Louisiana Parent Teacher Association, and she received the Louisiana Citizenship Educator Award from the Veteran of Foreign Wars. The Mandeville Rotary Club has twice named her their "Educator of the Year" while she recently was named a Distinguished Educator by the American Petroleum Institute.

Along with her enthusiasm for teaching, Ms. Stomps is highly involved in volunteering for her community. From working at the Covington Food Bank to packing items for our military serving overseas, Ms. Stomps makes a point to contribute her time to organizations that have an impact on the lives of her students. In addition, Ms. Stomps has discovered a passion for running and has completed four half marathons. She is currently training for the Jazz Half Marathon in October which benefits the Louisiana Children's Hospital.

As the 2016 Louisiana State Teacher of the Year, Ms. Stomps has a wonderful opportunity to be an advocate for educating the "whole child". Her goal will be to not only strengthen the music education profession but to encourage arts integration throughout the state. Ms. Stomps has made various resources available to be downloaded for free in her store Stomp'nChat on Teachers Pay Teachers. You may also follow her on Facebook or Twitter, and you may contact her at any time at kelly.stomps@stpsb.org.

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