

Welcome back everyone!

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and ready to start a new school year. There are many changes coming this school year concerning LMEA sponsored events. I am very pleased with the efforts made to improve the way LMEA events will be conducted in the future. Make sure you check the LMEA website for current forms, new rules and event format changes. State Conference is just a few months away and All-State Orchestra preparations have already begun. This year's All-State Conductor is Dr. Soo Han. Dr. Han is the Baldwin Wallace Conservatory of Music Director of Orchestral Studies and an active clinician and guest conductor across the United States and abroad.

### **All-State Auditions**

This year the All State Orchestra audition recording deadline is September 19, 2018 and note the tryout fee is \$15.00. I need ALL audition CDs post marked by September 19th. Any audition recordings which are not submitted on time will not be accepted. (As per our discussion in Baton Rouge, audition recordings are to be in a CD format.) The audition requirements and forms are published in the LMEA Handbook and can be found online at <https://www.lmeamusic.org/>. It is the Directors responsibility to make sure every audition is recorded on the CD so please check all CD's before mailing. We are currently using SET III for this year's audition. Please send auditions and fees to:

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### **LMEA Conference**

The All State Orchestra dates are Friday, Saturday and Sunday November 16 – 18, 2018. Registration will begin at 2:00 p.m. and Chair Auditions will begin at 3:00p.m.

In closing I would like to thank all directors for their continued support. I wish your students success as they try out for this year's All State Orchestra and look forward to seeing you in Baton Rouge at the LMEA Conference.

Katrice LaCour