

#### Louisiana Music Educators Association

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# 2023 LMEA Professional Development Conference and All-State Events Letter to School Administrators

#### **Purpose**

The Louisiana Music Educators Association Professional Development Conference exist for two reasons. First and foremost, it exist for educational purposes exclusively; to raise the standards of music education in Louisiana; to develop new teaching techniques; to disseminate to school music teachers, directors and supervisors and others interested in music education, information to assist in their professional work; to examine, analyze and appraise literature dealing with music; to hold clinics, lectures and demonstrations for the betterment of music education in Louisiana; and in general to assist teachers and others interested in music education in better pursuing their profession. Secondly, it serves as an opportunity for the finest high school musicians throughout the state of Louisiana to participate in an All-State ensemble which translates to scholarship opportunities regardless of major in upper academia.

# History

Annually held in Baton Rouge, the LMEA Professional Development Conference is Louisiana's largest music conference. The conference adheres to needs of all Music Educators in Louisiana. It includes clinics for High School, Middle School and Elementary Music teachers in Band, Choir, Classroom Music Guitar and Orchestra. Concerts are given by University Ensembles as well as the Louisiana All State Choir, Orchestra, Jazz, Guitar and Concert Bands. LMEA continues to provide directors with this valuable resource through more than 47 clinics and 10 Concerts each year. Additionally, there are over 30 universities and exhibitors that provide a valuable resource for educators and students.

## Where and When

The LMEA Professional Development Conference will be held in Baton Rouge at the Crowne Plaza Executive Center November 16-20, 2023.

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## **Who Attends**

Instrumental, Vocal, Elementary, Guitar and String Music Educators and Students Fine Arts Administrators
School Administrators
Professional Musicians
Military Musicians
College Administrators, Teachers, and Students
Music Industry Representatives

## **Association Meetings**

Louisiana Vocal Division
Louisiana Band Division
Louisiana Jazz Division
Louisiana Orchestra Division
Louisiana Elementary Division
Louisiana Guitar Association
The Louisiana Music Adjudicator Association
Phi Beta Mu
The Louisiana Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee
The Louisiana Advocacy Leadership Committee
College Band Directors National Association
Louisiana Association of Jazz Educators
Louisiana Bandmasters Association

# What attendees say about the LMEA Profession Development Conference

"I find it extremely valuable and learn a little more each time I come."

"It's always inspiring to come to the LMEA conference."

"Thank you for providing this valuable resource for directors and students."

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