



# Louisiana Music Educators Association 2025 Professional Development Conference

January 16-19, 2025

- Location:** Hilton New Orleans Riverside, New Orleans, LA
- Chair:** Lee Hicks, LMEA President  
Denise Howell, Conference Chair  
Jessica Fain-Blanchard, LMEA President-Elect and All-State Chair  
Brett Babineaux, Past-President and Registration Chair  
Scotty Walker, Executive Director
- Sponsor:** Louisiana Music Educators Association, state affiliate of National Association for Music Education
- Content Leaders:** Stephen Galliano, LMEA Vocal Division Chair  
Billy Hochkeppel, LMEA Band Division Chair  
Katrice LaCour, LMEA Orchestra Division Chair  
Doug Stone, LMEA Jazz Division Chair  
Dr. Greg Robin, LMEA Guitar Chair  
Greig Ashurst, LMEA Handbell Chair  
Keith James, LMEA Elementary Music Chair  
Dr. Edward McClellan, LMEA Collegiate Division Chair
- Agenda Focus:** Comprehensive Professional Development for Music Educators, addressing a variety of needs for music educators at all levels
- Content Focus:** Performance Literature, Technique, Behavior Management, Curriculum - Standards and Benchmarks Methodology - Instruction within Content Area
- Activity Focus Areas:** Clinics and Panel Discussions, presented by state and national leaders in music education with topics covering trends, challenges, and innovations in the field.
- **Curriculum Development in Content Areas**
    - Designing inclusive, innovative, and standards-aligned curricula.
    - Cross-curricular integration with other subjects, such as STEM and humanities.
  - **Techniques for Teaching Online or in a Restricted Environment**
    - Strategies for hybrid and virtual learning environments.
    - Tools and technology to enhance remote music instruction.
  - **Discussions on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**
    - Building culturally responsive music programs.
    - Exploring repertoire from diverse composers and traditions.
    - Strategies for recruiting and retaining diverse student populations.
  - **Hands-On Applications**
    - Workshops featuring handouts, demonstrations, and Q&A sessions.
    - Topics such as instrument repair, music technology, and composition.
  - **Rehearsal Techniques**
    - Effective strategies for all ensemble types (band, choir, orchestra, etc.).
    - Demonstrations and evaluation of rehearsal practices.
    - Conducting technique refinement.
  - **Performance Techniques**
    - Advanced skills for various instruments and voice.
    - Masterclasses led by professionals in the field.
    - Overcoming performance anxiety and preparing for competitions.
  - **Music Technology and Innovation**
    - Integration of digital tools in the music classroom.
    - Software for composing, arranging, and recording.
    - Use of AI and virtual reality in music education.

- **Advocacy and Leadership in Music Education**
  - Building community support for music programs.
  - Advocacy strategies for funding and program sustainability.
  - Leadership skills for music educators and program directors.
- **Assessment and Data in Music Education**
  - Measuring student growth and program success.
  - Implementing effective assessment tools and techniques.
  - Using data to inform instruction and program improvements.
- **Wellness and Self-Care for Music Educators**
  - Maintaining physical and mental health in a demanding profession.
  - Strategies for time management and work-life balance.
- **Early Career Support and Mentorship**
  - Sessions tailored to new and emerging music educators.
  - Mentorship opportunities and guidance for navigating challenges.

<b>Evaluative Focus:</b>	Critiquing Curriculum Development and Applications, Evaluation of Individual Performance and Group Performance	
<b>Reference and Resource:</b>	LMEA Handbook and Online Resources LMEA Individual, Small and Large Ensemble Adjudication Forms State of Louisiana Standards and Benchmarks National Standards for Music Education Current National Research	
<b>Dates and Times:</b>	Thursday Sessions (1/16/25)	2:30 pm – 8:30 pm
	Friday Sessions (1/17/25)	8:30 am – 8:30 pm
	Saturday Sessions (1/18/25)	8:00 am – 11:30 pm
	Sunday Sessions (1/19/25)	8:30 am – 4:30 pm



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### In-service Certificate

This Certifies That

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Has successfully completed a minimum of six hours of professional in-service as approved by the LMEA Board of Directors. As evidenced by participation and attendance, this certificate is awarded as a testimonial of successful in-service completion.

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