

RIMEA

MENC: The National Association for Music Education is the only national professional organization that addresses all aspects of music education. Its more than 85,000 members represent all levels of teaching from preschool to graduate school. Since 1907, MENC has worked to improve the lives of America's young people by promoting access to a balanced, comprehensive, and high-quality program of music instruction taught by certified and qualified teachers.

The state organization of **MENC** is the **Rhode Island Music Educators Association**. As MENC represents the nation's music educators, RIMEA represents the state music educators in a more personal and intimate manner. RIMEA is a non-profit organization that plays a significant role in representing all phases of music education in the schools, colleges, and universities within the state of Rhode Island. Active RIMEA membership is open to all persons engaged in music teaching and any retired member wishing to attain active membership status in the state of Rhode Island.

The Rhode Island organization is made up of a fifteen member executive board and fifteen additional committee chairs. Throughout the year a wide variety of events are sponsored and provided by RIMEA for members and students of our state.

- All-State auditions - 2,000 students, grades 7 - 12
- All-State Junior Division Honors Festival [band & chorus] - 200 students, grades 7 - 12
- All-State Junior Division Festival [chorus, orchestra, band, jazz ensemble] - 250 students, grades 7 - 9
- All-State Senior Division Festival [chorus, orchestra, band, jazz choir, jazz ensemble] - 300 students, grades 10 - 12
(Sponsored in part by the Providence Journal-Bulletin)
- Elementary School Choral Festival - open to elementary choruses
- General Music Festival - General music demonstrations and idea sharing, open to all RIMEA members
- Choral Festival - an adjudication festival for middle & high school jazz ensembles
- Band/Orchestra Festival - an adjudication festival for middle & high school bands & orchestras
- Jazz Festival - and adjudication festival for middle & high school jazz ensembles
- Solo & Ensemble Festival - for all RIMEA member-sponsored students - an adjudication festival in which any sponsored student may perform a solo or with an ensemble. Approximately 2,200 students participate annually.
- Fall & Winter In-Service - All-member meetings & in-service training for music teachers.
- RIMER - The Rhode Island Music Educators Review - State Music Journal published three times a year.

The Rhode Island Music Educators Association was founded in 1917, making it the second oldest state music association in the country. WE are proud to be able to continue the tradition of providing a variety of music opportunities for the students and music educators from all over the state of Rhode Island.

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