

**Mississippi Music Educators Association**  
*Elementary Division*  
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Dear Superintendents, Principals, and Music Teachers,

The Elementary Division of the Mississippi Music Educators Association will sponsor workshops throughout the 2017-2018 school year. These workshops are designed to foster continuing teacher education and professional growth by providing new ideas, materials, and teaching strategies that may be implemented in the classroom. The workshop locations and dates are listed below:

<b>MMEA Fall Workshop Dates and Locations</b> The Core of a Creative Classroom <i>Presented by Dena Byers</i>		
<b>September 20, 21 and 22, 2017</b> Registration 8:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Workshop 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (Lunch included)		
Wednesday, September 20, 2017 <i>Southern Division</i>  <b>Singing River Academy</b> 4601 Gautier-Vancleave Road Gautier, MS 39553 228-522-8835  Laura Hubbard, Chair <a href="mailto:lhubbard@pgsd.ms">lhubbard@pgsd.ms</a> 228-218-2273	Thursday, September 21, 2017 <i>Central Division</i>  <b>Crossgates Baptist Church</b> 8 Crosswoods Road Brandon MS 39042 601-825-2562  Tab Ash, Chair tab201@rcsd.ms 601-507-5738	Friday, September 22, 2017 <i>Northern Division</i>  <b>Hernando United Methodist Church</b> 1890 Mt. Pleasant Road Hernando, MS 38632 662-429-6826  Alyssa J. Allen, Chair <a href="mailto:alyssa.allen@dcsms.org">alyssa.allen@dcsms.org</a> 662-404-2168
<i>Please note that the address for each location has been given to aid in locating the site. Feel free to contact your site chair in advance if you need further directions to the facility.</i>		

School administrators; please consider the Fall Workshop as an opportunity for professional development for your music teacher(s). If it is possible for the school district to provide membership fees, registration fees and/or a professional day for your teachers, this workshop will be a worthwhile use of time and money. Please make plans for your music instructor(s) to attend. If there are any questions concerning this workshop, please contact me at 251-454-7962.

Sincerely,

Anthony Barnes,  
MMEA—Elementary Division President  
acbarnesmusic@bellsouth.net

## Dena Byers Teacher Training Workshop

In this workshop, we will explore activities that focus on body percussion, speech, singing, pitched and non-pitched percussion and the learning stages used in Orff Schulwerk: Imitation, Exploration, Literacy and Improvisation. We will also experience effective lessons that utilize a developmental, step by step teaching sequence. Participants will sing, say, dance, play and experience the process to implement creative, collaborative and critical thinking skills that are essential in a 21st century music classroom.

### **BIO:**

**Dena Byers**, teaches K-5 music with the Durham Public Schools, in Durham, North Carolina and serves as the Lead Elementary Music Teacher for the district. She assists in the coordination of district events and professional development for her colleagues. Dena is also the Artistic Director of the Durham Children's Choir. She received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut and her Master's degree from the University of Minnesota. A National Board Certified teacher since 2005, Dena has presented at several AOSA Professional Development Conferences as well as for Orff chapters across the country. She served as a Region IV Representative on the AOSA National Board of Trustees from 2006-2009. She has taught Level I basic pedagogy in Orff Schulwerk courses at Southern Methodist University in Texas, Samford University in Alabama, Baker University in Kansas, and Virginia Commonwealth University. Additionally, she has conducted several all-county honors choruses in North Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Florida and was the recipient of the 2010 Jackson Parkhurst award as an outstanding North Carolina Music Educator.

### Registration

Registration for the workshop is \$25.00 for MMEA members, \$65.00 for non-members and \$10.00 for college students with checks made payable to MMEA. **Purchase orders or cash WILL NOT be accepted.** Checks cannot be held for late deposit. All payments are due at the time of the workshop. Add \$15.00 for late or on-site registration. Lunch will be provided and is included in the workshop fee. Please pre-register so that we can adequately plan for lunch. Complete the pre-registration form and return it with your payment to the chairperson of the workshop you are planning to attend. **The postmark deadline for pre-registration is Friday, September 8, 2017.** If you are waiting on a school check, please check the box on the registration form and you may bring it with you to the workshop, but please go ahead and send in your registration form. Additional forms are available at [www.msmea.org](http://www.msmea.org).

### CEU Credit

CEU's will be available for \$10.00 through Mississippi College. **You must sign up, register, and pay on-site for CEU's.** (\*\*Please note: CEU payments should not be sent with pre-registration.)

**A SEPARATE check made payable to Mississippi College will be necessary for CEU's.**

*Persons requesting CEU's must attend the ENTIRE workshop to receive credit.*

### NAfME Membership

The Mississippi Music Educators Association is affiliated with the National Association for Music Education. All music teachers are encouraged to support their professional organization through membership and participation. Applications for NAfME membership will be available on-site at the workshop. You may also register online at [www.nafme.org](http://www.nafme.org). *Members must present their membership card at all MMEA events.* Please make membership checks payable to NAfME.

*Please print and mail this form to the appropriate site chair's address below.*

**MISSISSIPPI MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION**

Elementary Division 2017 Fall Workshop Pre-Registration Form  
*The Core of a Creative Classroom*

**Pre-registration forms music be postmarked by September 8, 2017**

Workshop dates are Southern: Sept. 20th; Central: Sept. 21st; Northern: Sept. 22nd.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_, MS Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

School name \_\_\_\_\_

School address \_\_\_\_\_

NAFME ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID, What university? \_\_\_\_\_

First time attending? Yes No

**REGISTRATION FEES**

__ Student	\$10.00	<p><b><i>Make checks payable to: MMEA</i></b>  <b><i>**DO NOT combine registration fees and CEU payment in same check. No cash accepted.</i></b></p> <p>Total amount enclosed      \$ _____</p> <p>____ Check here if bringing your school check the day of the workshop.</p> <p align="center"><b>NO PURCHASE ORDERS ACCEPTED</b>  <b>ALL PAYMENTS DUE AT WORKSHOP</b>  <i>CEU payments are separate from registration fees and checks made out to Mississippi College—to be collected on-site.</i></p>
__ NAFME member	\$25.00*	
__ Non-member	\$65.00	
__ On-Site NAFME member	\$40.00*	
__ On-Site Non-member	\$65.00	
*All members must present their membership card at registration.		

Return this form with payment to the chair of the site you plan to attend.

<p><b><u>Southern Site</u></b>  <b>Laura Hubbard, Chair</b>          Singing River Academy          Attn: Laura Hubbard          3615 Suter Road          Gautier, MS 39553  <a href="mailto:lhubbard@pgsd.ms">lhubbard@pgsd.ms</a></p>	<p><b><u>Central Site</u></b>  <b>Tab Ash, Chair</b>          Northshore Elementary          Attn: Tab Ash          133 Greenfield Lane          Pearl, MS 39208  <a href="mailto:tab201@rcsd.ms">tab201@rcsd.ms</a></p>	<p><b><u>Northern Site</u></b>  <b>Alyssa J. Allen, Chair</b>          Southaven Int. School          Attn: Alyssa J. Pendergrast          P.O. Box 1292          Southaven, MS 38671  <a href="mailto:alyssa.allen@dcsms.org">alyssa.allen@dcsms.org</a></p>
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