



Colorado native **Andrea L. Meyers** has more than thirty-six years of experience as a professional music educator, orchestra director, cellist, conductor, adjudicator, clinician, and music advocate. Ms. Meyers received a Bachelor of Music Education degree from the University of Northern Colorado and earned her Master of Arts degree from the University of Colorado at Denver in 1991. She began her teaching career as the Director of Orchestras at Fairview High School in Boulder in 1976. In the ensuing years, she served as Director of Orchestras at Ponderosa High School and Douglas County High School, as well as strings specialist at numerous elementary and middle schools. Ms. Meyers retired from full-time public school teaching as Director of Orchestras at Rock Canyon High School in 2009.

Ms. Meyers is a former President of the Colorado American String Teachers Association, Inc., Membership Chair, and Denver Area Representative. She is currently the first National ASTA Membership Chair, and former ASTA Member-at-Large. She volunteers as the ColoradoASTA, Inc. National ASTA Solo Competition Chair, and the Advisory Board of the Colorado Music Educators Association as the Membership Chair. In addition, Meyers is a member of the National Council for Orchestra Music Education, NAfME (formerly MENC) and the NAfME National Honors Orchestra Board. Her connection with the Douglas County School District continues today through service on the Board of Directors, promoting elementary instrumental music programs.

In 2005, Ms. Meyers was honored as the ColoradoASTA, Inc. *Teacher of the Year*. At the 2008 National ASTA Conference, she received the National ASTA *Outstanding State Chapter Leader Award*. She has also presided and presented at CMEA and national ASTA conferences.

Ms. Meyers has adjudicated the Colorado West Performance Invitational and numerous other large group/solo and ensemble contests. She has conducted at the CASTA Middle School String Camp, the Honors Chamber Orchestra Festival at Fort Lewis College and many festivals and honor orchestras throughout Colorado. Ms. Meyers was a featured conductor of the 2009 Alabama All State Orchestra in Tuscaloosa.

As a cellist, Ms. Meyers has performed with the Boulder Philharmonic, Greeley Philharmonic, Littleton Symphony Orchestra and currently with the Arapahoe Philharmonic and The Denver Pops Orchestra. She participated and performed in the 1988 First World Cello Congress and the 2000 World Cello Congress III.

Today Meyers maintains a busy and active career as a master teacher, musician, and mentor. Though “retired”, she is sought for her magnetism, charisma, depth of experience and positive energy. A strong advocate and proponent of the vitality and value of music education, is a regular contributor to CMEA *Colorado Music Educator Journal* and the ColoradoASTA, Inc., *String Vibrations Newsletter*. Through her representation of ASTA, CMEA, NAfME and CHSAA on many levels Ms. Meyers encourages members to be fine music education advocates, make beautiful music, and take pride in the efforts and musicianship of colleagues and students throughout Colorado and the U.S.