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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi ASTA Colleagues,

I hope everyone's Winter Break was wonderful! This issue of our VibrationsNewsletter brings information about the upcoming CMEA Clinic/Conference at which ASTA WITH NSOA has many exciting activities. You will also find inside a ballot for the four area representative spots. Be sure to vote within the month, or at CMEA. Our new area representatives will be announced on Saturday, January27 at

the Awards Concert. Our guest clinician this year is Michael Allen of Florida State University, sponsored by Hal Leonard. He is very excited about the new Essential Elements Book 4 and has two other great sessions planned for us! Read on in this Newsletter for more details. This year's ASTA WITH NSOA Conference with CMEA is a truly regional event. We have as our guests Don Robertson (Robertson's Violin Shop), Carlos Elias (Mesa State College) and Jim Przygocki and Sherry Sinift (University of Wyoming) as well as a distinguished panel of our colleagues speaking to future string teachers. Check inside for details of each of their sessions. Of course, our Clinic includes six (count 'em, six!) concerts representing our own Colorado string programs, a very special awards ceremony, the always popular new music reading session and an important CASTA WITH NSOA business meeting. Remember that this year, the official CMEA Clinic/Conference program will not be mailed, but will be available on the CMEA website (www.CMEAonline.org) or at registration. Saturday, January 27, beginning at 11:00 am will be two big sessions by Dr. Tim Lautzenheizer to close the Clinic/Conference. From Thursday morning to Saturday afternoon, the offerings are interesting and diverse. I hope you can come for everything! See you there!

Katharine Mason
President, Colorado Unit
American String Teachers Association with National School Orchestra
Association

Thursday, January 25, 2001

9:00 - 10:45 "Survivor" for Stringed Instruments: Doing Your Own Repair and Maintenance Congress Rooms A & B

Don Robertson, Robertson & Sons Inc. Violin Shop
Albuquerque, NM, Clinician
Presiding: Andrea Meyers, Colorado ASTA WITH NSOA
Denver Area Representative

Stringed instrument repair can be fun! Join internationally known luthier and former school orchestra director, Don Robertson in a quest for the tricks of the trade. We will begin with an instrument problem scavenger hunt, followed by some real hands-on training.

11:00 - 11:30 Concert, Middle School Orchestra Ross Room
Burbank and Southern Hills Middle Schools Golf Club
Combined String Orchestras
Stephanie Wallace and Brett Wallace, conductors

1:00-1:50 String Teaching in Latin America Ross Room
Carlos Elias, Mesa State College, Clinician Golf
Club Presiding: Troy Raper, Colorado ASTA WITH NSOA Western
Slope Representative and Webmaster

How do teachers in Latin American countries approach string playing? This session addresses similarities and differences between string teaching approaches in the U.S. and Latin America. Curriculum from beginning through advanced techniques will be discussed, concluding with suggestions for application of teaching techniques in the U.S.

2:00 - 3:45 Orchestra: New Music Reading Session Ross Room
Russell Guyver, Conductor, University of Golf Club
Northern Colorado, Clinician
Presiding: Andy Holmes, Secretary/Treasurer, CIAC

Sponsored by Flesher-Hinton Music Company.
Bring your instruments!

4:00 - 4:45 High School Orchestra Concert International
Northglenn High School Chamber Orchestra, Center
Campbell Harrison, Director

Friday, January 26, 2001

8:00 - 8:45 Colorado ASTA WITH NSOA General Palmer Room
Membership Meeting Golf Club
Presiding: Katharine Mason, President, Colorado
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Friday, January 26, 2001 (continued)

9:00 - 9:45 High School Orchestra Concert Ross Room
Denver School of the Arts Orchestra Golf Club
Frank Fyock, Director

10:00 - 10:45 Advanced Techniques for Strings Ross Room
Michael Allen, Florida State University, Clinician Golf
Club sponsored in part by the Hal Leonard Corporation
Presiding: Katharine Mason, President, Colorado
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This session introduces strategies for teaching intermediate and advanced skills in the middle and high school orchestra. Topics include higher positions, shifting, scales and musical styles.

11:00 - 11:45 The Best Job in Town: ASTA WITH NSOA Palmer Room
Roundtable Discussion on Careers in String Teaching Golf Club
Presiding, Greg Hurley, Past-President, Colorado
ASTA WITH NSOA

Join a panel representing Colorado's outstanding string teachers in a discussion of the latest topics in string teaching.

11:45 - 12:45 Roundtable Part 2: Lunch with the Experts Palmer Room
(Continuation of the 11:00 session) Golf Club
sponsored by Colorado ASTA WITH NSOA and the
CMEA University Affairs Council.

8:00 - 8:30 Middle School Orchestra Concert International
Cresthill Middle School String Orchestra Center
Susan Day, Conductor

8:30 - 8:45 ASTA WITH NSOA Awards Presentation International
Center Presiding: Alice Caplinger, ASTA WITH NSOA
Southern Colorado Representative

Colorado ASTA Awards for Outstanding String Teacher of the Year and Lifetime Service. Recognition of Colorado ASTA Past Presidents

9:00 - 9:45 Enhancing a Literature-Based Curriculum Ross
Room Michael Allen, Florida State University, Clinician
Golf Club sponsored in part by the Hal Leonard Corporation
Presiding: Michelle Ewer, President-Elect, Colorado ASTA WITH
NSOA

In this session, Dr. Allen presents ideas and materials on developing an organized warm-up routine which cultivates left and right hand technique and supports a literature-based curriculum. Materials include Daily Warmups for String Orchestra published by the Hal Leonard Publishing Corporation.

The rest of the day is reserved for all of us to attend two inspiring and motivational sessions from Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser in the International Center and to attend closing concert and ceremonies!!