

# Musical Links of Interest

2014 – Feb

## March Marks Music In Our Schools Month

March marks the return of Music In Our Schools Month, an annual period of advocacy for music education led by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) since 1973. The month includes a nationwide contest ("The Concert for Music In Our Schools Month") that features school groups performing a set of repertoire (provided by publisher Hal Leonard) entered by video online. The group that receives the most views by March 31 is awarded a prize determined by NAfME and a sponsor. The 2014 repertoire for the concert includes pieces like America, Of Thee I Sing, Explore, Dream, Discover, Shake Them 'Simmons Down, and more.



The celebration continues to grow each year, reaching more and more students, teachers, musicians, and music supporters. Schools and communities throughout the country and overseas celebrate MIOSM with concerts and other [activities](#) based on the year's theme. Classrooms, concert halls, civic buildings, clubs, parks, libraries, and shopping malls are just some of the arenas in which the public can observe the processes and results of music education.

## Music for All Joins The Music Education Policy Roundtable

### Coalition for Music Education Advocacy Continues to Grow

Music for All is continuing its efforts to expand the role of music and the arts in education by joining the Music Education Policy Roundtable (MEPR). MEPR works to ensure the presence and perseverance of school music programs, by advocating for Music Education policy among political and governmental agencies.

"Encouraging strong policymaking and public commitment to music and arts education are fundamental strategies of Music for All," said Eric L. Martin, President and CEO. "Joining and being active in the Music Education Policy Roundtable is a logical way for us to advance our vision to be a catalyst to ensure that every child across America has access and opportunity to participate in active music making in his or her scholastic environment."

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## Ice Music

### The Ultimate Winter Orchestra

While much of the U.S. slogs through a cold, snowy winter, a group of artistic-minded people from an area where harsh winter weather is the norm have adapted some unique creative outlets. In what might be the most extreme ensemble of its kind, a Scandinavian group has created an entire orchestra out of ice. [Ice Music](#), based in Swedish Lapland, some of the northernmost inhabited territory on the planet, is a performing group that plays in a giant igloo on instruments built out of blocks of ice.



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Music Parent/Booster Leadership Seminar



The first annual Music Parent/Booster Leadership Seminar is taking place on June 10th, 2014 during Conn-Selmer Institute. This one-day workshop is designed to educate and invigorate your music parents. Led by Dr. David Vandewalker, author of *Booster Concepts*, and Scott McCormick, President of the Association for Music Parents, this seminar will cover topics ranging from fundraising to community outreach and support. The registration fee for this event is only \$25.00 per person and limited to the first 50 applicants. [Click here for more information.](#)

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