



Missouri Music Educators Association
A Federated State Association of the National Association for Music Education



Greetings Missouri High School Parents,

Each year the Missouri Music Educators Association holds a nationally recognized professional development event at the Tan-Tar-A Conference Center that features numerous performing ensembles, clinics, sessions, and workshops. In 2025, the third annual installment of the **MMEA All-State Collective Ensemble** (MASCE) will take place on Wednesday, January 29th, 2025.

The ensemble is open to all types of vocalists and instrumentalists across Missouri in grades 9-12 who want to collaborate with other student musicians. The instrumentation will vary based on the applications submitted and the membership will be limited to 9-15 students. The audition window will open on October 1st, 2024, and close on November 30th, 2024. The audition process consists of the following:

1. An original composition.

- This can be a performance of a full piece, an original beat, an improvised or composed solo, or anything else that is original and displays your technical abilities, musicianship, and creativity in your chosen style(s).

2. An original creation based on provided chord progression/audio file.

- Several versions of a short audio file are available for you to add to or manipulate. You may choose to use any version of the available files or are welcome to use only the provided chord progression.
- Vocalists can choose to create lyrics to sing or can create a melody using a neutral syllable (i.e. 'ah'). MCs should create and perform lyrics.
- Producers and beatmakers can choose to add to and/or sample the recording.

Ensemble members will spend 3 days working with an industry clinician and other musicians to create a concert of **ALL original songs!** Rehearsals will take place from Monday evening through Wednesday afternoon. The performance will be on the evening of Wednesday, January 29th 2025, at the MMEA In-Service Workshop/Conference. The performance is FREE and in conjunction with the MMEA All-Collegiate Ensemble. Audio and/or video recordings will be available for purchase after the performance.

Audition recordings can be uploaded to our online audition form at mmea.net along with some basic information. A \$30 audition fee will be due by credit card at the time of submission. Students will be notified of selection on December 1st. For those selected, a participation fee of \$140 will be due, which will cover expenses for lodging, performance t-shirt, clinician, and conference expenses.

For 86 years, MMEA has been the gold standard for Missouri music students. We would love to see your student audition for this one-of-a-kind opportunity! Should you have any questions, please contact the MASCE Chair, Tyler Edwards, at thecollective@mmea.net.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Sacco
MMEA President