



SMFA President's Message



Greetings! I write this message on a cold January morning with thoughts of spring getting closer every day. This time of year I reminisce about my days as a festival participant. I was filled with anticipation of music festival approaching and choosing my repertoire for that year. Now, as a teacher I look forward to guiding my own students and seeing their excitement and hard work as we look ahead to another festival season.

As your new President of the SMFA I have the privilege of seeing and understanding the organizational part of supporting our forty-seven district festivals. I am so very grateful for all of the hard work and commitment from the committees of each local festival. Music teachers, adjudicators, parents and every audience member is so very much appreciated. I look forward to hearing of your successes and your challenges.

Together we can ensure music festivals continue to be a vital part of our young musicians' and spoken word artists' education and experience, while providing our communities with fantastic entertainment! Thank you so much for your support!

Jeri Ryba, SMFA President

