

# VMEA Fall Conference



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Dear Exhibitor,

An exciting change is taking place for the 2010 VMEA Conference that won't happen again until 2013! On Thursday, **October 21, 2010**, and Friday, **October 22, 2010** the **Vermont Music Educators Association** and the **Vermont MIDI Project** will hold a **two -day Fall Conference at Vergennes Union Middle High School in Vergennes, VT**. Thursday's event will feature outstanding national and regional experts (Scott Schuler, Jon Feierabend) offering exceptional workshops and clinics to our members and guests in the areas of general music, instrumental, choral, research and collegiate sessions. Friday's event will feature a wide variety of music technology workshops (Jim Frankel, Bill Bauer). Please visit the VMEA website at [www.vmea.org](http://www.vmea.org) to preview the wide variety of offerings. We hope that you can join us for both days, although options exist to exhibit only Thursday or only Friday. The space being provided for exhibitors is large and is equipped with electricity and internet. There have been repeated requests for exhibitors specializing in elementary music education and technology as well as vendors who carry both band and orchestral scores.

Instrumental, vocal, general music teachers and technology support staff from throughout Vermont as well as MENC collegiate members will be in attendance during the two days. The conference offers a great opportunity to share, demonstrate and/or sell your product or talent that these parties are deeply interested in. Please refer to the registration form for the various prices to exhibit. Each exhibitor will receive a conference packet, one lunch, and admission to any conference session.

If you are interested in exhibiting at our event, having a business flyer placed in attendees' folders or subsidizing a conference expense, please fill out the registration form and return it with payment by the date indicated. You will be able to set up at the school on Wednesday afternoon between the hours of 5 – 7:30 pm or on Thursday morning from 7:00 AM on. There will be assistance for set up. If you are exhibiting on Friday only, you may set up between the hours of 3 pm and 5:30 pm on Thursday evening or after 7 am on Friday morning. Exhibits open at 8 am on both days. You may close your exhibit anytime after 3:00 PM on Thursday and 2:30 PM on Friday. We ask that you remain open until that time, as we have scheduled an afternoon block to visit the exhibits. Feedback from last year's conference attendees mentioned that a number of attendees went in at the end of the day to make purchases and found that some exhibitors had shut down their booths.

The VMEA board has approved a motion to allow **non-profit educational service organizations (i.e. Very Special Arts; VSO Symphony Kids; VAAE; Flynn Education)** an opportunity to exhibit at a reduced charge and to have a flyer placed in the conference packets at no charge. Please mark this option on the registration form.

If you need to book a room, there are hotels in the Burlington/Vergennes/Middlebury area.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me via email or phone at any time. We look forward to seeing you on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of October, 2010.

Sincerely,

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