
VGDA NEWS

Ready... Set... Go Guitar!



Dear Guitar Gurus,

I hope this newsletter finds you excited about the new year and the first year of the VGDA. Your VGDA officers and representatives have been busy getting this new section launched. There is still a bit of a learning curve for all of us and much to do, but we are headed in the right direction. The best way to stay current is to visit our new website.

<https://www.viriniaguitardirectors.org/>

A "Coco" Moment at
Heritage High School
(LCPS)

Events

- Sept. 17 - 18. The first event under the VGDA leadership is the All-Virginia Guitar Ensemble Auditions. For all information and audition sign ups, please visit: <https://www.viriniaguitardirectors.org/about-1>
- November 18. All-Virginia Guitar Ensemble Performance at the 2022 VMEA Professional Development Conference in Richmond, VA.
- April 21 - 22, 2023. All-District Guitar Assessments. Your district/region may choose a different date. You will receive information from your Region Representative. <https://www.viriniaguitardirectors.org/regions>
 - *When the VMEA Executive Board voted to move forward with the creation of VGDA, it was decided that guitar would not initially be included in the Blue Ribbon program. It was decided to table that discussion until a later time.*
- TBA. District and Regional Guitar Ensembles. Coordinate with your Regional Representative. <https://www.viriniaguitardirectors.org/regions>



Dr. Martha Masters
rehearsing the 2021
All-Virginia Guitar
Ensemble.

Grammy Winning Andrew York Conduct the 2022 AVGE!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ajTcwJBbw4>



Officers/Representatives

- Kevin Vigil, President
- William Hart Wells, President Elect
- Katherine Robinson, Treasurer
- Christopher Cunningham, Secretary
- Matthew Dunlap, Middle School Rep.
- Schuyler Kiele, North Region Rep.
- Miroslav Lončar, North Central Region Rep.
- Jodi Austin, South Central Region Rep.
- John Boyles, Southeastern Region Rep.
- Aaron Kunk, webmaster

[https://www.viriniaguitardirectors.org/
executive-board](https://www.viriniaguitardirectors.org/executive-board)

First VGDA Town Hall September 21, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Target Audience:

- Guitar educators who are not themselves guitarists
- New to classroom teaching
- Those with questions regarding technique (right or left hand)
- Those with resource questions
- Those who have any question regarding guitar education issues

Join experienced guitar educators who will share their thoughts with you!
Meet us on ZOOM

Topic: VGDA Town Hall

Time: Sep 21, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81524695615>

Graded Ensemble Repertoire

Thanks to the efforts of our President-Elect William Hart Wells and our webmaster Aaron Kunk, our graded ensemble repertoire list have over 400 pieces. Looking for appropriate repertoire for you classes, check out this list!

<https://www.viriniaguitardirectors.org/music-lists-1>

VMEA Collegiate Section - Adopt a Student

Want to mentor a college music education student? Contact:

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Fundraising Committee

If you would like to assist in fund raising effort, please contact kevin.Vigil@lcps.org