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**Quebec City, QC** - The Canadian Music Educators' Association/L'Association canadienne des musiciens éducateurs (CMEA/Acme) is pleased to announce the signing of an agreement with the Manitoba Music Educators' Association (MMEA) to host a National Conference on Music Education in Winnipeg, MB in July 2015.

By the time the conference is held it will have been 20 years since the last conference of its kind. "The opportunities created by a National Conference for dialogue, sharing, and professional development will be an enriching experience", stated Eric Marshall, MMEA President, today after signing the momentous agreement. He continued by saying that "this conference will foster stronger bonds and partnerships with colleagues across Canada."

Theodora Stathopoulos, President of the CMEA/Acme, describes the conference as a "showcase of leading-edge Canadian music education researchers and world-class teacher presenters whose best practices set new directions for music education in the 21st century".

The 2015 National Conference on Music Education will be held in Winnipeg and bring hundreds of K-12 music educators, music industry partners, professional musicians, and education researchers to this dynamic bilingual, ethnically diverse city. "It is an honour for Winnipeg to be selected to host the first Canadian Music Educators' Association/L'Association canadienne des musiciens éducateurs in more than 20 years in 2015. We're thrilled these conference participants will be able to experience our world-class arts and culture scene, and what the city has to offer," says Chantal Sturk-Nadeau, senior vice president of Tourism Winnipeg. "Hosting the CMEA/Acme National Conference on Music Education will have a significant impact on the city's tourism economy as 500 delegates will bring business to local hotels, restaurants, retailers and cultural attractions."

Further announcements about conference development will be posted as they become available at [www.cmea.ca](http://www.cmea.ca).

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