



**Vermont
Music
Educators
Association**

**4th AND 5th GRADE
ELEMENTARY
CHORAL FESTIVAL**

Registration forms and Info will
be available October 5th at our
VMEA Conference and posted
on-line after that date

Tuesday, March 19th, 2019

Snow date March 22nd

St. Johnsbury School

Doors open at 5:00 pm

Concert at 5:30 pm

**Tickets will be
sold at the door**

**\$5.00
student/senior
citizens**

\$7.00 Adults

\$15.00 Family

General Music Component:

World drumming with Nicola Cannizzaro



Conductor-ELLEN EFFMAN-GILBERT

ELLEN EFFMAN-GILBERT is the director of vocal music at Mystic Middle School in Stonington, Connecticut where she teaches choral groups in grades 5-8 as well as a select choir that is open by audition to all students in the school.

Ms. Gilbert has had numerous students selected to perform in ACDA Honors Choirs, OAKE Honors choirs and Regional Festivals. Her choirs have performed at CMEA In-Service Conferences and hers was the first choral group to be selected to perform at the annual Scholar-Leader Banquet in Farmington, CT. Her groups consistently receive gold and platinum ratings at adjudication festival, recently placing first in the Mixed Chorus category out of 43 choirs. Her choirs have premiered works by Jim Papoulis and Amy Bernon and were featured in the CT premiere of Paul McCartney's "Ecce Cor Meum" with the Eastern Connecticut Symphony and Chorus. This year, in collaboration with the Yale Music Department, her students worked with composers to create a new choral adaptation of popular works.

Ms. Gilbert has presented workshops and sessions for MENC, ACDA, the Connecticut All-State Elementary General Festival, Providence College, and URI. She is a frequent honors choir conductor and clinician throughout New England. Her professional affiliations include ACDA, CMEA, MENC and OAKE. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education and a Masters of Music Education from the University of Connecticut where she studied with Dr. Peter Bagley and Dr. Mary Ellen Junda and where she conducted the award winning Treblemakers Children's Choir and Women's Choir. She received her Kodály certificate from the HARTT School of Music. Ms. Gilbert is the past chair of the ACDA R & S Committee for Children's Choir and is on the board of the Salt Marsh Opera Education Committee. She has been recognized by "Who's Who of American Women" for her contributions as a music educator and was recently named the 2016 Choral Director of the Year by the Connecticut American Choral Director's Association.