

## President's Message by Diane Marino

As your new president, I would like to begin by thanking the NMAOSA board members who have been working to bring you excellent workshops and events during this unprecedented year. Our first virtual workshop with Rob Amchin was a great success and I have already used two of his activities with my students! In addition to outstanding content Rob presented, we held the end of season raffle from 2019-2020 and also gave away some fabulous door prizes.

Our October workshop with the wonderful Beth Nelson will also be held in a virtual format. It will be on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 AM and 12-2 PM.

We are building a new NMAOSA website and will keep you informed of when that goes live. Many of you have asked about the members-only section, which is not currently working. When our new website goes up we will have the video from the first workshop and much more. Stay tuned! In the meantime, the AOSA website has a wealth of videos and resources for teaching music in virtual and hybrid models, and has been adding steadily to the collection. If you have not yet become a member, this is the perfect time to take advantage of all the helpful content members can access.

We face challenges this year, but we face them together, with the collective creativity and professionalism of our membership and board. Together, we will bring meaningful, creative, aesthetic musical experiences to our students, because the arts are truly essential!

## October 24th Workshop - Beth Nelson

"I made that!" Engaging students in music and movement

This workshop will focus on creating choreography, compositions, and improvisations to expand activities to include students voice and choice. Experience lesson models for K-5 students that focus on student engagement and creativity. Assessment strategies will be discussed.

Bring your inner-child and a soprano recorder!

# 2020-2021 NMAOSA Board Members

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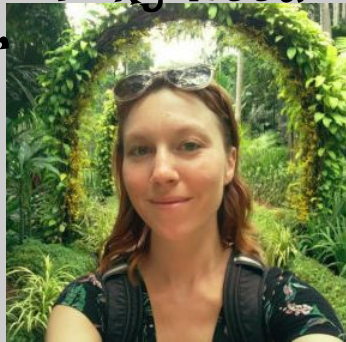
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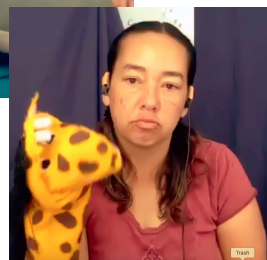
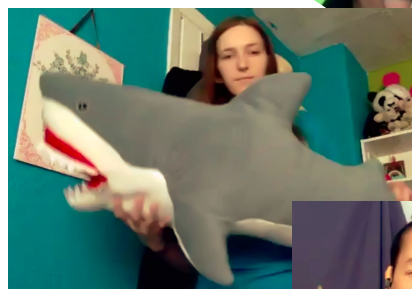
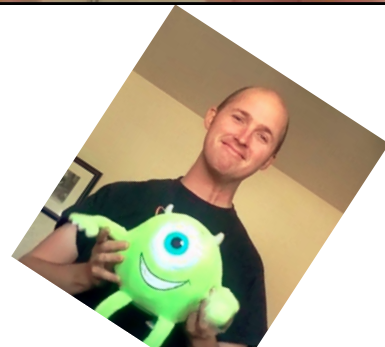




# Folk Dancing from Afar a Zoom Workshop with Rob Amchin

In August, NMAOSA had a spectacular workshop with Rob Amchin. It was the perfect answer to the questions on everyone's mind...what am I going to teach now and just how am I going to teach dance over Zoom?? First, we warmed up by moving to the beat with body percussion. Then we learned ways you can and can't sing over zoom. Rob taught us a specific melody and expanded the possibilities by having all of us create new lyrics to the song. It was fun to read what everyone came up with and a few people unmuted to sing their lyrics to us. Finally, we learned how you can do folk dances virtually or in a hybrid setting. By adding props and modifying the movements slightly he had all of us smiling and engaged in dancing, exactly what we want to do with our students! My colleague, Amber M. from Roswell said, "Rob's workshop was informative and relevant to the style of teaching we are having to do in our current situation." It was an incredible workshop with many great lesson ideas but most of all it was fun and inspiring!

Mary Alice Balderrama  
Performing Arts Teacher  
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# **2020-2021 Workshops**

**October 24 - Beth Nelson**

**January 23, 2021 - Cat Woo and Ashley Lore**

**February 20, 2021 - Chapter Share (@ENMU)**

**March 13, 2021 - Jennifer Sheridan**

*NMAOSA Members who attend ALL the workshops  
this year (2020-2021), will earn an entry to win a  
special prize at the March workshop!*