**About TI:ME!  The Technology for Music Education (TI:ME) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to assist music educators in applying technology to improve teaching and learning in music.**  TI:ME was formed in the summer of 1995 to address the following areas: First, there was a need to codify technology into a cohesive set of standards. Next, a certification process was explored to recognize the achievement of in-service music teachers in music technology. Finally, it became clear that there was a need for a new organization, national in scope and focused on the subject of teacher training in music technology. A National Advisory board was established and met in October of 1996 setting in motion the tasks that led to the creation of the TI:ME website, the publication of a book of strategies, the launch of a semi-annual newsletter, *the TI:MEs*,  the establishment of criterion for TI:ME membership, and the development of our comprehensive curriculum for in-service teacher training in music technology.

**SummerTI:ME!**  In the summer of 2012, TI:ME is offering instruction at locations from the east to the west plus distance-learning courses offered by TI:ME Member Institutions.  The *Workshops* section of our website (http://www.ti-me.org) contains a list of course locations. You are currently enrolled in one of those courses but you are part of a national program in music technology.

**Get Certified!**  TI:ME offers a level 1 and a level 2 certificate in music technology.   Many teachers list the TI:ME certification on their professional credentials.  Some use the courses to obtain employment or pay increases.
    **Level 1** requires two courses:
        TI:ME 1A - Basic Skills: Electronic Instruments, MIDI Sequencing, and Notation.
        TI:ME 1B - Basic Skills: Instructional Software, Communications, and Digital Media.
    **Level 2** requires three additional courses:
        TI:ME 2A - An elective from the 2A area (Advanced Notation, Sequencing, or Electronic Instruments)
        TI:ME 2B - An elective from the 2B area (Multimedia Authoring, Interactive Internet Authoring, Digital Media, or Digital Audio)
        TI:ME 2C - Integrating Technology into Music Instruction.
Students who already have level one skills may, with instructor and institutional permissions, participate in an alternative level 2 certification program.  Find all the details in the *Get Certified!* Section of the TI:ME website.

**Conferences:**  Each year, TI:ME has a presence at music education conferences throughout the US.  TI:ME participates at one of three levels: local, regional or national. The local conference may include a booth on the exhibition floor staffed by local TI:ME members, who distribute information and who can answer question about our organization to their fellow teachers. The regional conference provides 25-50 presentations in addition to an information booth on the exhibition floor. TI:ME regional conferences have been presented in Texas, Ohio, Indiana, Massachusetts, and Singapore.  Our largest presence is the TI:ME National Conference, which typically presents a music technology pre-conference plus presentations during the regular music educators conference totaling 100 or more lecture-demonstration and hands-on lab sessions. TI:ME national conferences have been held in Texas, Florida, New York, Ohio, California, Michigan and Pennsylvania.  The 2012 TI:ME National conference will be held in conjunction with the Jazz Educators Network (JEN) from January 5-7, 2012. Visit the TI:ME website for updates

**Member Benefits:**  TI:ME members are now eligible to request free subscriptions to Electronic Musician Magazine, Keyboard Magazine, and Mix Magazine.  TI:ME members are also permitted access to the *Members Only* section of the TI:ME website where they can read the many fine articles, tips, and tutorials on integrating technology into music teaching; read our current & previous newsletters, called *the TI:MEs*; find a MIDI file or lesson plan; learn about grant opportunities; read news of interest to our members; join our discussion group & message board to share ideas and experiences.  To sign up membership go to http://www.ti-me.org or complete the enclosed membership application form.