

Professional Development Session

"A Refresher Course on Middle School/Junior High Voices"

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Some of the areas that will be discussed include working with the boy's voice, tips to get boys to sing on pitch, working with the girl's voice, breathiness, the question of vibrato and general guidelines for literature selection.



Jamila L. McWhirter, PhD serves as a presenter, clinician, guest conductor, and adjudicator throughout the United States. Her music education research has been published in the *Journal of Research in Music Education* and presented nationally including the National MENC Convention in Salt Lake City, the MTNA National Group Piano and Piano Pedagogy Symposium in Oklahoma City and the Society of Music Teacher Education National Symposium in Greensboro. She will also present as part of a panel discussion at the National MENC Convention in Anaheim this spring. Recently she has served as a guest conductor, adjudicator, or clinician in Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Tennessee. Dr. McWhirter is the founder of the MTSU Bel Canto and director of the MTSU Women's Chorale. The MTSU Women's Chorale performed in the summer of 2009 at Carnegie Hall as part of the 70th Anniversary Gala Celebration of Shawnee Press and was invited to sing at St. Malachy's Cathedral. She has been named numerous times to Who's Who in America, Who's Who Among American Women, Who's Who Among America's Teachers, Who's Who in American Education and the National Chancellor's List. She is a member of Pi Kappa Lambda, ACDA, MENC, TMEA, MTVA, CMS, and a patroness member of Sigma Alpha Iota. Dr. McWhirter is in her 21st year of teaching, currently in her 5th year at MTSU.