

Music news & notes

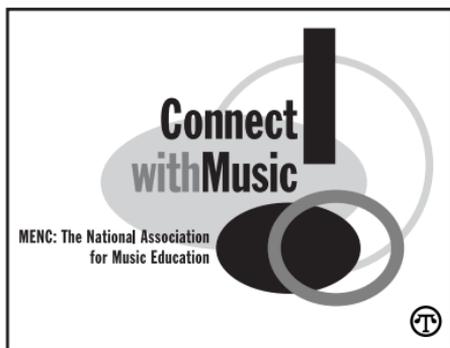
Annual "World's Largest Concert®" Airs March 13

(NAPSA)—Music that encourages "connecting" with others through fun, interdisciplinary activities and lessons in math, science, history, culture and more. That's the foundation for an annual concert event that's broadcast to six million students, teachers and community members.

The World's Largest Concert (WLC®)—created by MENC: The National Association for Music Education to focus attention on music in our nation's schools—will be broadcast on PBS and The Armed Forces Network on Thursday, March 13, 2003, at 1 p.m. ET.

The 2003 WLC theme "Connect With Music" focuses on the ways in which music connects to so many aspects of life, and how those connections can be used to increase awareness of the benefits of music. "Connect with Music" is also the theme of Music In Our Schools Month®, sponsored annually by MENC in March.

"An essential component of MENC's mission of music for all includes efforts to remind the public and those responsible for public policy that music education is an essential part of every child's education, and was recently named a core subject in the President's No Child Left Behind Act," says John Mahlmann, MENC's executive director. "The World's Largest Concert is an event that connects members of school communities throughout the world and reminds us all of the importance of music education."



An annual concert event helps show the importance of music in America's schools.

This year's WLC will feature the accomplished Children's Chorus of Washington (CCW), accompanied by the American Youth Philharmonic. The WLC audience will be singing and playing along with the featured performers from classrooms, gymnasiums, assembly rooms, and community centers around the world.

A free Music In Our Schools Month/World's Largest Concert Teacher's Guide, with reproducible student music and lessons, is available from MENC. To order, send \$5 to cover shipping to MENC/WLC, 1806 Robert Fulton Drive, Reston, VA 20191 or call 800-828-0229. Information and an online version of the teacher's guide can also be found online at www.menc.org.

The World's Largest Concert is made possible through the support of Gibson Guitar and Baldwin Piano.