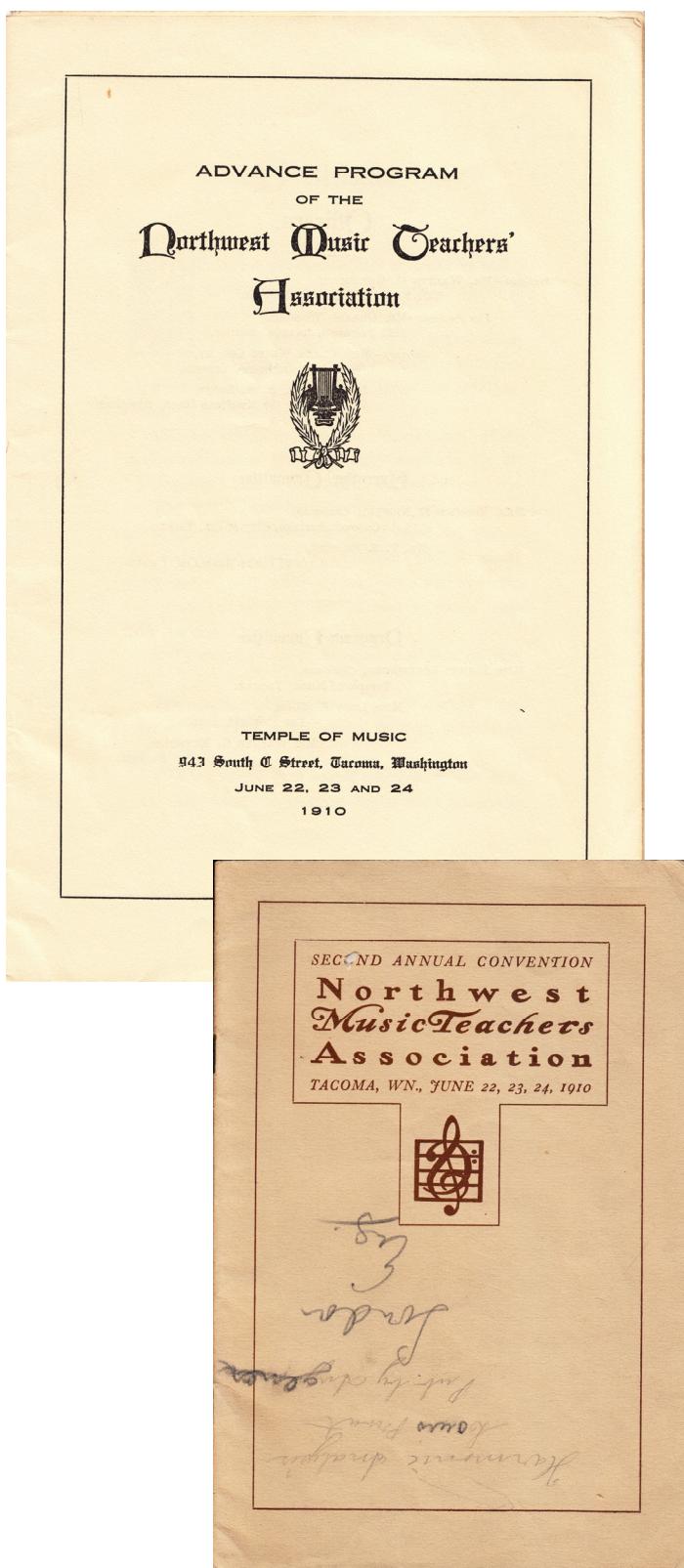


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FROM THE ARCHIVES



The WSMTA has a long history of dedicated professionals working together to advance musical education. Beginning in this issue, we will highlight an element of those efforts in a new column called "From the Archives."

While WSMTA was founded in 1915, its roots go back farther. In 1908 a group of teachers from Washington, Oregon, and Idaho formed the Northwest Music Teachers Association. In the greeting to the group's second convention in 1910, President Walter Geurnsey Reynolds wrote:

"The interest of all serious minded musicians, who are willing to co-operate in raising the standard of both musical instruction and performance, is earnestly solicited...

The educational conferences of the coming Convention cannot fail to be helpful to both participants and listeners. We beg to call your special attention to the banquet, with toasts, on opening day of the Convention, Wednesday, June 22, at 7:00 p.m., which will give us a splendid opportunity for becoming acquainted with, and interested in, each other...

Let us be progressive, and in every way possible strive to elevate the musical profession to such a height that all other professions will respect and honor her."

One hundred ten years later WSMTA members still strive to become better acquainted with each other and to elevate the musical profession!

—Carrie Kahler, WSMTA Administrative Coordinator



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