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Dear OAKE Members and Colleagues,

The 2013 National Conference Committee is busily making plans and preparations for the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual OAKE National Conference to be held in Hartford, CT, March 21-23, 2013 at the Hartford Marriott Downtown. The theme for the conference is *The Nature of Music, Kodaly in New England: Inspire; Motivate; Educate*. We eagerly anticipate a conference that will explore the foundations of music in all of us that we in turn share with our students as they grow.

The folk music tradition is derived from a natural setting, as our forefathers created melodies amidst the nature of the mountains they called home. These tunes were a reflection of their lives; an expression of the tragedies and celebrations they shared with others, weaved into the fabric of their everyday existence. Recognizing the creativity born into these natural musicians should alone inspire and motivate us to use these gems as a foundation for music education.

We invite you to submit proposals for demonstrations, performances, sessions, and/or papers that relate to the theme of the conference, and demonstrate how the nature of folk music is used to inspire, motivate, and educate ourselves, our students, and each other. Proposed topics may include yet not be limited to: choral and instrumental applications; musicianship, pedagogy, and literacy; music from other cultures; special education applications; elementary, middle school, high school, and beyond.

Submissions for the 2013 OAKE National Conference must be postmarked by May 1, 2012. Forms are available online at [www.oake.org](http://www.oake.org). We look forward to seeing you in Hartford, CT in 2013!

All the best,

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