

**Philosophical Statement**  
**MEPP: The University of Tennessee at Martin**  
**Department of Music**

This statement is part of your professional file for application into the Music Education Professional Program and will be read by the MEPP Interview Committee. It should reflect what you believe about music education based on experience AND thoughtful consideration of other learning in music education. It is not merely a summary of why you love children—it is assumed you do. The philosophical statement must also attend to the following questions, and may be written in first or third person. The statement should not exceed two, word-processed pages, double spaced.

1. Why music is important to life or society?
2. Why music in the schools?
3. Who should teach?
4. Who should learn?
5. What should be taught?
6. How do we assess?