

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Prairie Spirit recognized for leadership in music education**

Prairie Spirit's leadership in music education was nationally recognized this summer. Kendra Worman, Prairie Spirit's Music Facilitator, was one of four Canadian teachers selected to attend a special workshop in Indiana as a distinguished member of the Conn-Selmer VIP program. Conn-Selmer is a manufacturer of musical instruments for concert bands, marching bands and orchestras.

As part of this workshop held at the end of August, Kendra participated in a round table discussion about the challenges and opportunities facing music education. She toured the Conn-Selmer manufacturing facility and tried new instruments. The workshop was also an opportunity to collaborate and network with other music directors from across the country.

Kendra was selected for this special honour as a result of Prairie Spirit's involvement in Music Monday. Music Monday is an annual event to highlight music education around the world and is organized by the Coalition for Music Education. As a result of Prairie Spirit's strong focus on music education for Music Monday, the Coalition nominated Kendra to be part of the Conn-Selmer workshop.

Prairie Spirit hosts an annual teacher and student music conference entitled "Resonate". As part of the overall Resonate mission, a variety of activities were held on Music Monday to highlight the importance of music in public education.

"I was honoured to participate in the Conn-Selmer workshop on behalf of our Resonate team," Kendra said. "I just wish the rest of the Resonate staff team could have also shared in it!" The Resonate team includes Prairie Spirit's three band teachers, a Division Coordinator, a high school teacher and school principal.

The 2017 Resonate student and teacher conference will be held April 4 - 7, at the Beaver Creek Camp outside of Saskatoon. Other Resonate music activities will also be planned throughout the year.



*Kendra Worman at the Conn-Selmer headquarters in Indiana*



*Inside the Conn-Selmer instrument manufacturing factory*



*Prairie Spirit's Resonate team; l - r: Dave Carter, Kurtis Burnett, Adam Streisel, A.J.Ward, Kendra Worman, Andrew Merryweather and Will Martin*

*Prairie Spirit School Division serves over 10,780 students in 45 schools and 28 communities surrounding the City of Saskatoon.*

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