

Personal Statement as ISME Board Nominee for Member-At-Large:

Bridget Rennie-Salonen

I bring my high-level professional expertise and vast experience as 1) music educator at all levels; 2) performer in multiple contexts; and 3) interdisciplinary researcher and practitioner in musicians' health and wellbeing. The combination of the diverse facets of my musicking, as well as my location in Southern Africa, give me valuable insights and unique perspectives for enriching ISME's work and serving the ISME membership. More than ever, with our current societal challenges, I believe in the importance of relevant, respectful, equitable, and compassionate approaches to music teaching and learning (institutionally and individually), and for the need to embrace the value of authentic human connectedness and meaning creation, through and in music. I wholeheartedly support and seek to advance the strategic directions guided by ISME's three core values, as outlined in the ISME Six Year Strategic Plan.