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**MSU College of Music hosts prestigious international conference on sociology of music education**

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EAST LANSING, Mich. – The MSU College of Music is hosting the 7th International Symposium on the Sociology of Music Education June 19-22 at the Kellogg Center on the MSU Campus. The prestigious four-day conference will gather music researchers, performers, and educators from four continents to explore the intersection of music, education, and culture.

Nearly 60 music scholars hailing from universities across the U.S. and Canada, as well as England, Ireland, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Greece, Brazil, China, and Malaysia, will offer presentations and panels.

“Participants will share their research on the social dimensions of music education in varied settings around the world,” says Professor of Music Education John Kratus, conference organizer. “Research topics range from a popular music class in Brazil to an opera company in Beijing – from the factory floor to the child’s car seat.”

The biennial conference, which began in 1995, has been hosted at the following universities:

- University of Oklahoma, Norman, Symposium I, 1995
- University of Oklahoma, Norman, Symposium II, 1999
- University of North Texas, Denton, Symposium III, 2003
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Symposium IV, 2005
- Memorial University, St John’s in Newfoundland, Canada, Symposium V, 2007
- Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick, Ireland, Symposium VI, 2009

More information about the conference can be found online at [www.sociology-music.com/](http://www.sociology-music.com/)

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