

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2020 Lifetime Contribution Award Ceremony Postponed

We regret to announce the postponement of the 2020 CDSS Lifetime Contribution Award Ceremony, to be awarded to Kate Barnes, which had been planned for September 26. While we cannot yet say for sure when it will be possible to resume planning for this event, we hope to gather in celebration of Kate and her many contributions to our community at a later date. If you have registered for this event already, you will be notified by email when a new date is confirmed.

CDSS Grants Update

Our CDSS grant funding typically supports events and projects that include in-person participation. Since demand for such funding is low right now, we are suspending our June 1 grant cycle. For the next few months, we will accept applications for the following categories on a rolling case-by-case basis as finances allow:

- *publishing instruction materials (print, web, audio, video)*
- *endeavors that will have a lasting effect on dance, music, and song communities*

Application information and updates are available at cdss.org/grants, and keep an eye on the New & Noteworthy section on our homepage for more info.

Did you know...

All issues of the *CDSS News* are also available online? The online version has links to videos, sound recordings, and other resources, and is published as a flipbook four times per year. If you like reading the *News* online, we encourage you to help us conserve our natural and financial resources by joining the 350 Members who have opted-out of receiving the *News* in print. Find the opt-out option in the Member Directory Update section of the Commons.



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Putting the CHAT into CDSS Web Chats

Our Web Chat on April 29 was quite a remarkable experience! Thanks to Zoom, we were able to connect 135 music, dance, and song organizers from far and wide. After hearing from 10 guests about many ways they're helping members of their communities stay in touch during the pandemic, we invited ALL participants to turn on their webcams so we could see everyone. Next, we experimented with an open conversation, using Zoom's "hand-raise" feature to let participants contribute their comments. We also used break-out rooms to give smaller groups a chance to chat about their experiences. Check out page 7 to find out about a new resource for organizers that was generated by this Web Chat.

We look forward to using upcoming CDSS Web Chats to continue to build these global connections among organizers. Our next Web Chat topic and date will be announced soon via eblasts and social media posts. We're making sure the topics we choose are relevant during these unprecedented times. Questions? Email resources@cdss.org or visit cdss.org/web-chats.

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Affiliates, it's time to renew!

In April, CDSS opened our new combined renewal process. If you haven't renewed your Affiliate Membership through our new system, it's time to do that now! This will allow us to get all Affiliates on the same renewal schedule for affiliation, insurance, and 501(c)(3) coverage, as well as get updated information about how to best contact you. Visit cdss.org/affiliate or email services@cdss.org for more information.