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Report On AMS

AMS: the American Musicological Society, www.ams-net.org, founded in 1934.

- Non-Profit
- 3,500 individual members, and 1,000 institutional subscribers from forty nations.
 - (i) 15 regional chapters encompass the U.S. and Canada.
 - (ii) Other countries subscribe to the society and contribute, but chapters and annual meetings are mostly held in the U.S. and Canada.

Mission:

- “To advance research in the various fields of music as a branch of learning and scholarship, including teaching and learning about music.”¹
- Emphasis on transdisciplinary studies.
- Constituent member of the American Council of Learned Societies in 1951.
- Affiliated with numerous other societies:
 - International Musicological Society, the Music Library Association, the Society for Music Theory, the Society for Ethnomusicology, the Society for American Music, and the College Music Society.
- Publish an online index of Doctoral Dissertations in Musicology.
- Hold annual meetings.
- Chapters hold their own meetings throughout the year, the national AMS meeting happens once a year in November.

Conferences:

- AMS holds an annual conference/meeting once a year in November.
 - I. The next AMS conference is in Louisville, KY, Nov 12-15.
 - II. Over 200 papers on various topics: Blackface legacies, gender studies, film music.
 - III. Chapters hold their own conferences:
 - a. The American Musicological Society Southwest Chapter will hold a conference at Texas State University, San Marcos, on October 10, 2015.
 - IV. Many opportunities every year to attend conferences.

Grants and Awards:

1. Andrew W. Mellon Foundation/National Endowment for the Humanities
2. Travel/Research Grants: Multiple. M. Elizabeth C. Bartlet Endowment. 2,500 research in France. No AMS membership.
3. Awards: Alfred Einstein (not Albert) membership required. More money.
4. AMS 75 Pays Subvention: 5,000 to publish first book, unpublished recent PhD.
5. List of ongoing awards outside of AMS: Guggenheim foundation award link.

¹ American Musicological Society, “About the AMS,” The American Musicological Society, Inc., 2003-2015, accessed September 6, 2015, <http://www.ams-net.org/aboutams.php>.

Related Jobs:

- Link on the website to various job providers, listings, websites, etc.

Publications:

1. Journal of American Musicological Society
2. The Choral Works of William Billings: 4 vols.
3. Journal of Music History Pedagogy: Open, awesome, easy to read.
4. AMS Studies in Music: Opportunity to submit book proposal, AMS committee and editorial board approved, and published by Oxford University Press. Subsidiary received.
5. AMS Newsletter
6. Musicology Now blog.

Thoughts:

1. Easy to use.
2. So much information for publishing, awards, and conference opportunities.
3. Gives an aspiring music writer hope.
4. Membership is easy to achieve and only \$45 for students, 7 years. 65 for international.
5. Gives away 2.2 million each year in awards.