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### Matthew Arau and Scott N. Edgar Join the GIA Team

GIA is excited to announce the addition of Matthew Arau and Scott N. Edgar to the GIA editorial team.

Dr. Matthew Arau, author of *Upbeat! Mindset, Mindfulness, and Leadership in Music Education and Beyond* and founder of Upbeat Global, is an Associate Professor of Music, Chair of the Music Education Department, and Symphonic Band Conductor at the Lawrence University Conservatory of Music in Appleton, Wisconsin. He is in demand internationally as a clinician and keynote speaker on the topics of leadership, mindset, mindfulness, culture, conducting, and rehearsal techniques. In addition, Dr. Arau serves as a Conn-Selmer Education Clinician and is on the graduate conducting faculty of the American Band College of Central Washington University and graduate music education faculty at VanderCook College of Music. He is also a Board Member of the Servant Leadership Association for Music (SLAM). Dr. Arau's website is [www.upbeatglobal.com](http://www.upbeatglobal.com).



As GIA's Leadership Editor, Dr. Arau will curate and help set the course for future leadership publications within GIA's music education division, including materials for the *Habits* series of books and resources.

As a notable authority on music education and Social Emotional Learning, Dr. Scott N. Edgar has emerged as the leading researcher, best-selling author, and internationally sought-after clinician on the subject. He is the author of *Music Education and Social Emotional Learning: The Heart of Teaching Music*, *The ABCs of My Feelings and Music* (co-authored with his wife Stephanie), and editor of *Portraits of Music Education and Social Emotional Learning*. He is Associate Professor of Music, Chair of the Department of Music, and Director of Bands at Lake Forest College, and serves as Director of Practice and Research for The Center for Arts Education and Social Emotional Learning. Dr. Edgar is also a Music for All Educational Consultant, a Conn-Selmer Educational Clinician, and VH1 Save the Music Foundation Educational Consultant.



As Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Editor, Dr. Edgar will vision, represent, advise, and implement SEL in publications and resources in both GIA's music education division as well as the sacred music division.

"We are thrilled to have individuals of the caliber of Matthew Arau and Scott N. Edgar join the GIA team. Each of them is a leader in their field, and will help bring a new dimension to all we do at GIA as we advance our mission of providing the best pedagogy and resources for music educators and conductors in all disciplines," said Alec Harris, President of GIA.

Both Arau and Edgar will maintain their university affiliations.

Founded in 1941, GIA Publications, Inc. is a family-owned company with more than 10,000 choral and instrumental editions in print, as well as hymnals, recordings, a licensing division, and a wide variety of music education resources. The esteemed choral publisher Walton Music became part of GIA in 2013. Both World Library Publications (WLP) and Meredith Music joined the GIA family in 2020. Our website is [www.giamusic.com](http://www.giamusic.com).

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