

Great Plains Orff Chapter



Keeping the Beat



From the President...

Welcome to the 2013-14 school year!

Setting Goals

Teachers set goals. We thrive at setting specific goals and objectives for our students. However, we often overlook the importance of setting goals for ourselves. The beginning of the school year is a perfect time to outline goals we wish to achieve.

Our GPOC Board also sets goals each year. One of our goals is to rewrite our GPOC Constitution and By-Laws. A committee was formed this past summer to update information. Our membership will have the opportunity to review the changes and vote on our new Constitution and By-Laws at our October workshop.

GPOC Board

GPOC would like to thank Karen Benson, Shelly Smith, and Julie Naber for their service. This summer, Karen finished her two-year term as AOSA President. Shelly finished serving 20 years on our GPOC board as our Program Chair. Julie finished serving 8 years on our board as our Public Relations Chair. We appreciate their dedication and the time they volunteered to bring high quality presenters to our state.

The GPOC Board would like to welcome Kristine Wolfe as our new Program Chair and David Woods as Member-At-Large.

GPOC Workshops

GPOC kicks off our season with a Contra Dancing Event on August 17th at Seymour Elementary School in Ralston. Please join us for folk dancing, fun, and fellowship! We have two fabulous presenters and a sharing session with PSKOR this year. You will find detailed information on upcoming events in the newsletter.

GPOC 2013-14 Workshop Dates

August 17th - GPOC Kickoff Social Event

October 19th – Steve Calantropio

January 25th - PSKOR/GPOC Sharing

March 29th - Betsy Kipperman

AOSA Conference

The 2013 AOSA Professional Development Conference will be held in Denver, Colorado from November 13-16th. We had amazing representation from Nebraska last year in St. Louis. Let's see if we can bring even more Nebraskans to Denver!! Included in this newsletter is GPOC's Conference Assistance Scholarship Application. Attending a National Conference is a truly rewarding experience. Please contact a board member if you would like more information about the conference.

Have a wonderful 2013-14 school year! Please let us know if there is any way GPOC can support you.

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The majority of the information and reminders we need to share with GPOC members between newsletters will come through our Facebook page!
Request to join today!



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GPOCNebraska/>

Why should you join?

- To get information on upcoming workshops and events
- To have the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues
- To be a part of a supportive online community
- To have the opportunity to post questions, comments, and ideas
- To share lesson ideas and get opinions of other Orff Schulwerk music educators

Professional Development!

We don't want you to miss anything that is happening with GPOC this school year!

The Great Plains Orff Chapter is once again offering a "Package Deal" for our workshops for the 2013-2014 school year!

The package deal is either \$105 or \$130 and includes admission to one all day clinician workshop, one four hour clinician workshop, and a fabulous sharing session with local educators. If you purchase this package deal, local dues are now included. Also, in keeping with our "Going Green" campaign, whenever possible, the workshop notes will be e-mailed to you prior to each workshop, instead of having printed notes at the workshop. Below is a breakdown of the cost of each workshop by organizations of membership. A great idea would be to take the savings and join the National Organization, AOSA, so that you can receive their amazing member benefits as well. Checks can be made out to GPOC and sent to Brittany McCleery, Membership Chair (fill out and send the membership form to the address listed on the sheet).

Organizations of Membership	Oct. 19th Steve Calantropio 9am-3pm	Jan. 25th PSKOR/ GPOC Sharing 9am-1pm	Mar. 29th Betsy Kipperman 9am-1pm	GPOC membership dues	Total Cost	Package Deal	Membership Savings
GPOC and AOSA	\$50	\$15	\$40	Free!	\$105	\$85	\$20
GPOC only	\$60	\$20	\$50	Free!	\$130	\$110	\$20

2013-2014 Presenters

We are very excited about our 2013-2014 presenters for this year. Please join us!

Saturday, October 19th: Steve Calantropio. 9am-3pm at UNL

Saturday, January 25th: PSKOR/GPOC Sharing. 9am-1pm Location TBA

Saturday, March 29th: Betsy Kipperman. 9am-1pm Location TBA

Great Plains Orff Chapter Membership Form for 2013-2014

Are you a (check one): New member? Returning member? Student member?

Last Name First Name

Home Address City

State Zip (_____) Home Phone Email

School and District Name (_____) School Phone

School Address City State Zip

What grade levels/areas do you teach? _____

To which address would you like us to send workshop information and newsletters?

Home School

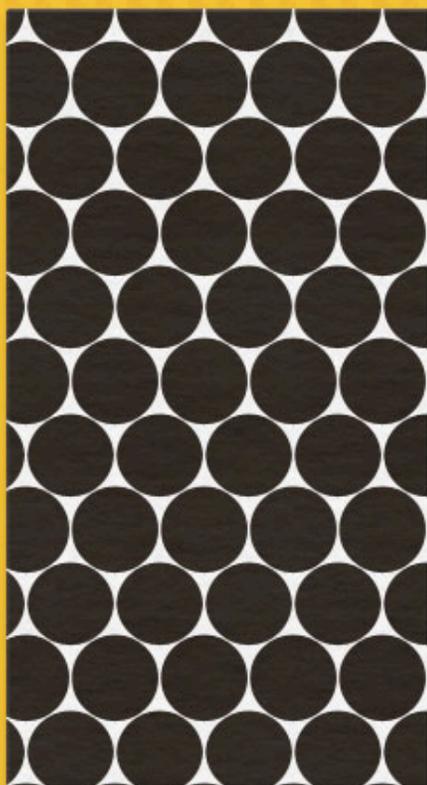
Would you like to help with the hospitality committee? Yes No

Do you belong to any other organizations?

American Orff Schulwerk Association Org. of American Kodaly Educators

Music Educators National Conference Other _____

Please return this form to: Brittany McCleery, Membership Coordinator
16889 Oakmont Drive, #17 Omaha, NE 68136



FOLK DANCING, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP

You're Invited

HOST:

GPOC 402-541-2535

WHEN:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17 FROM 7:30 PM
TO 10:30 PM

WHERE:

SEYMOUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
4900 S 79TH ST RALSTON, NE 68127



Please join us for a night of dancing and celebrating a start of another school year.

We will be Contra Dancing at Seymour Elementary School in Ralston with live music by the Rivertown String Band! The cost is \$6 per person, students are half price. All dances are taught or walked through beforehand, so don't be nervous about not knowing all the dances because we will all be learning them together! Please wear soft-soled, non-scuffing shoes.

Following the event, we will be heading to Grandmother's restaurant at 4712 S. 82nd Street in Ralston for even more fun and fellowship!

Please feel free to join us for both parts of the evening or just one. We would like a rough estimate on attendees to give to Grandmother's by Friday, August 16th, so please RSVP.

Join us for our Fall Workshop

Why Orff Schulwerk?

with presenter

Steve Calantropio

Saturday, October 19, 2013

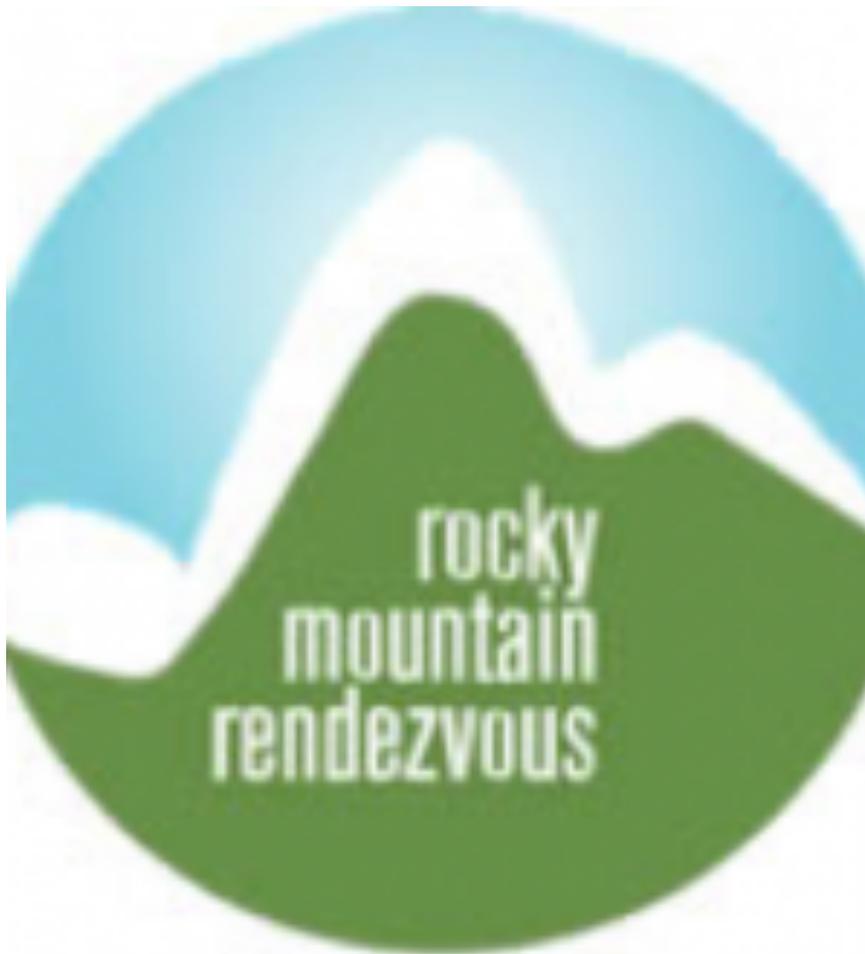
Westbrook Music Building, UNL School of Music



Workshop Description: Carl Orff and Gunild Keetman's Music for Children publications are now over six decades old. The theoretical foundations of elemental music training were established over eighty years ago. With the advent of new technologies and the availability of other significant music education approaches and methodologies, why should music educators adopt Schulwerk as their primary approach to instruction? This workshop will focus on the unique possibilities inherent in Orff Schulwerk that are as relevant today as they were many years ago. Please bring a soprano and alto recorder to this workshop.

Steven Calantropio taught music and movement in the River Edge, NJ public schools for 31 years. He holds certifications in Orff, Kodaly and Dalcroze methodologies and has presented workshops, lectures and courses both nationally and internationally. Steve serves as AOSA's first Education Director. He is also the president and one of the founders of the American Center for Elemental Music and Movement, a nonprofit organization established to promote elemental music and movement teaching and learning in the United States.

Come to the 2013 AOSA National Conference



2013 AOSA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE,
NOV. 13 – 16

Soar to new heights in the Mile-High City among the beautiful Rocky Mountains and rendezvous with world cultures, international presenters, friendly colleagues and much more! Check out the links below for all the details.

[Here is a sneak peak video to check out!](#)

[Click here for the conference website. It is full of all of the information you could ever need!](#)

[Click here for a direct link to the conference registration!](#)



GPOC National Conference Assistance Application
Denver, CO -- Nov. 13-16, 2013
Due: October 1, 2013

Basic Information

Name: _____ AOSA#: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

Current Place of Employment: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

Education

Undergraduate Studies: _____

Graduate Studies: _____

Please List any Orff Training completed: _____

Have you attended National Conference in any previous years? (if yes, please list)

Please explain why you would like to attend National Conference. Be complete, yet concise.

If you are chosen to receive this award, please plan to share an idea from conference at our chapter sharing. Please remember to ask the presenter permission to share their ideas!

Please email your completed application to Anne Keith (anniepo02@gmail.com). Please put **Conference Application** in the subject line. If you run into tech issues, please mail it with a post date no later than October 1. 2004 S 182nd Cir, Omaha 68130.

The Level I and II Orff Schulwerk Teacher Training Classes at UNL were a success! Congratulations to all participants!

Here is what some students had to say. . .

"When sharing why she is an Orff-Schulwerk teacher, Meg Tietz, Level 1 Basic Instructor, simply stated that her levels made her feel at home. I left my Level 1 experience feeling just that, at home. I am infinitely inspired to teach my students to sing, say, dance, and play during my first year of teaching and the many years to come. It was a joy to start my Orff journey this summer and I cannot wait to continue learning."

- Molly Kratz, Level I
GPOC Scholarship Recipient

During my Level I training I connected with so many wonderful teachers of all grade levels and experiences. Together we experienced as "students" the joy that can come from only the Orff experience. If this is what our children could experience everyday they come to music I know that the world would be a better place. As a teacher I walked away with life long friendships, knowledge and resources that will help to make me a more prepared music educator. Thank you to all of the well qualified teachers that made this experience outstanding.

- Judy Welch, Level I
Waverly Elementary Schools

Several students also traveled throughout the country to pursue Level III training!

The teachings of Carl Orff and Gunild Keetman have changed my life. The levels courses opened my heart to the concepts of elemental music. The Schulwerk levels helped me isolate, and assign a language to the characteristics of "good teachers". And now that I understand, I can begin my own journey on this quest.

On a personal level, the Schulwerk feeds my musicianship immensely. On an educational level, the Schulwerk introduced philosophical cause, process, foundation, and continuity to my teaching. My repertoire of classroom learning media has greatly increased.

To the members of the Great Plains Orff Chapter, thank you so much for the levels scholarship. It provided wonderful aid for the Level III course at Southern Methodist University.

- Sara Alswager, Level III
9 GPOC Scholarship Recipient

Apple Tree

Arr. Rachel Hendrickson

Ap - ple tree, ap - ple tree. Will your ap - ples fall on me?

5 I won't cry and I won't shout, If your ap - ples knock me out!

Game: Circle with two children holding hands like London Bridge. Students walk through bridge and on the word "out," the hands drop catching one child. This child becomes half of next bridge. Game continues until all children are caught.

$\frac{2}{4}$ A The Kaggle Taggle Gypsies Arr. Sara Alswager

BX F.Cym SR/S
Last night three gy-psies came to my door and down the stairs ran my la-dy

B
Ooo

A'
One sang high and one sa-ng low and one sang Bo-nie Bo-nie Big soe.

Rain Music

Joseph S. Cotter Jr.

Molly Kratz

Orff Soprano Xylophone

Orff Bass Xylophone

O. S. Xyl.

O. B. Xyl.

On the dus - ty earth drum beats the fall - ing rain;
Slen - der sil - very drum sticks, on an an - cient drum,

Now a whis - pherd mur - mur, Now a lou - der strain. come.
beat the mel - low mu - sic bid - ding life to

1. 2.

Please consider contributing a lesson or arrangement to our Spring Newsletter. We would LOVE to have some fresh and creative ideas from our members! Send ideas to: lindsey.cayer@gmail.com

Road trip for Orff???

Click the word “website” next to the chapter name for more information

MINNESOTA ORFF CHAPTER WEBSITE

Sept 28 Brian Burnett	Feb 15 Chapter sharing
Oct 12 Judith Thompson-Barthwell	Mar 15 Aaron Hansen

WYOMING ORFF CHAPTER WEBSITE

Aug 9-10 Julie Scott	Nov 2 Ruby Boyden
Sep 28 Matt McCoy	Feb 8 Chapter Sharing

KANSAS CITY AREA WEBSITE

Sept 14 Chapter Sharing	Feb 1 Gloria Fuoco-Lawson
Oct 12 Julie Scott	Mar 1 Paul Cribari

SOUTH DAKOTA WEBSITE

Sep 20 Warren Ainley
Oct 12 Shelly Smith & Karen Benson
Jan 25 Chapter sharing
Mar 15 Shelly Smith & Karen Benson

Sept 7 Karen Benson	GREATER DES MOINES
Nov 22 Orff luncheon	
Feb 13 Barb Sletto Heartland Youth choir	
Apr 11 Chapter Sharing	

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER WEBSITE

Jul 26-28 Jo Ella Hug	Sept 14 Jay Broeker
Jan 11 Meg Tietz	Mar 8 Liz Keefe
Apr 12 Michael Chandler	May 10 Chapter Sharing

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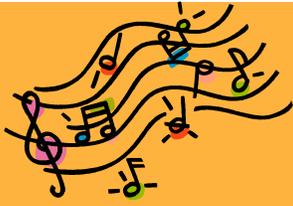
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The GPOC Board is here to serve YOU, its members!
Please contact any of us at any time!



Join the Great Plains Orff Chapter!!!

Membership in the Great Plains Orff Chapter offers you:

- * Advance notification of all upcoming workshops and events
- * Subscription to "Keeping the Beat," the GPOC newsletter with news, info, lesson plan ideas, arrangements, and ideas for teaching
- * Advance notification of Orff-related courses
- * Discounts to selected workshops
- * GPOC information the whole year through with our website -- members ONLY Facebook Page
- * A network of like-minded music educators
- * Special deals on all sorts of things for your classroom.

To join or renew your membership, simply contact our
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