

Greater Cincinnati Chapter of AOSA

Winter 2018



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Ready for some more fun? We are!

It's time for our second round of workshops for the 2017-2018 school year. Now that the holidays are over, we are ready for some new ideas to help recharge our batteries. Get ready for 2 fun-filled workshops this winter/spring.

Boutique:

The Boutique ladies have wonderful manipulatives to use in your classroom. All items are reasonably priced and made by members of our chapter. Cash and check are accepted. Boutique shopping is available at the beginning and middle of each workshop.

2017 – 2018 Workshops

February 24th: Meg Tietz

March 17th: Lissa Ray

Apply For Scholarships!

Do you want to take Teacher Training this summer? Well, we have a scholarship for you! Our deadline for the Levels scholarship is January 31st and February 28th for the Koenemann Memorial Scholarship. Be sure to check out the website for the scholarship form and more information.

[Scholarship Application](#)



Workshop Information

Where: All workshops are held at South Lebanon Elementary School.

50 Ridgeview Ln.

Maineville, OH 45039

When: Workshops run from 9:00am – 1:45 pm. Refreshments and registration begin at 8:30am.

Who: All teachers are invited to attend. Want to bring a friend? Check out the guest pass online.

Join: Membership to GCCAOSA includes: national and local memberships, 4 workshops, and an Orff Echo subscription.

Regular Member: \$145

Retired Member: \$80

Student Member: FREE

Single workshop attendance also available for \$40.

Have more questions? Check out the website for more details about workshops throughout the year:

CincinnatiOrff.org



Upcoming Workshops

February 24th



Planning Programs with Purpose

We will focus on different ways one might construct a program to fit within various constraints while still giving opportunity for student ownership, creativity, and joyful artistry and without sacrificing valuable teaching time.

March 17th



Movement, Music, Mallets, and More

Come and explore the basic elements of music and movement with strategies to implement them into daily lessons. Movement activities, recorder, drama, and instrument playing will be woven together to enhance storytelling. Examples of tiered instruction for all grade levels or capabilities.

ALL HANDS ON DECK - UPDATE!

AOSA National Conference

Cincinnati - Nov. 7-10, 2018

2018 Professional Development Conference

Celebration Cincinnati:
Where Imaginations Fly

Now that the 2017 conference in Fort Worth has taken place, it's full planning speed ahead toward AOSA's 50th Anniversary Celebration to be held right here in Cincinnati! Our Greater Cincinnati Chapter of AOSA is very excited to host this monumental professional development event!

Please consider which committee you feel an interest in working with for this conference. It truly takes a village to coordinate an event of this magnitude. Our leadership team is listed below. Feel free to contact any of them to offer your services, expertise, or just an able pair of hands! We bet you will even enjoy yourself along the journey and meet some wonderful new people. Come and be part of this great looking crew! And hours worked during the conference during non-session times help earn you reimbursement toward your conference registration!



Local Conference Chairs (LCC's):

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Local Conference Committee Chairs: (LC3's)

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Performances – Katie Christenberry – kchristenberry@gmail.com

Events – Allison Croskey – allison.croskey@gmail.com

This crew has its next team meeting in early March – a site visit downtown! Al Heary and Sarah Fairfield, our National Conference Chairs, and Brian Burnett, AOSA National Conference Director, will be attending and facilitating. It will be extremely helpful to have solid worker teams in place by this time!



Jenni Koenemann Memorial Sale

Lissa Ray and Leslie Hicks are currently organizing many of Jenni's teaching supplies so that they may be made available for others. As those who knew Jenni will surmise, there are many wonderful and creative items. Jenni did everything with her whole heart and soul, and this is evident in her collection of materials.

At our March 17 workshop, the materials we have will be available for purchase. This collection includes children's books, teacher resources, manipulatives, movement props, decorations, puppets, a puppet theatre, and much more. Please plan now to bring extra cash or your checkbook to this workshop. Proceeds will benefit the newly established Jennifer Koenemann Memorial Scholarship Fund .

Greater Cincinnati AOSA Officers:

Our officers are always eager and willing to answer any questions you have about the chapter, AOSA, or teaching music in general.

Current President: Tim Fuchtman

President Elect: Theresa McKnight

Secretary: Theresa McKnight

Treasurer: Leslie Hicks

Program Chair: Katie Christenberry

Membership Chairs: Trisha Winland

Hospitality Chairs: Janelle Roeper

Facilities and Boutique Liaison: Melanie Sherby

West Music Liaison: Sventlana Lane

Publicity: Allison Croskey

Miami University Liaison: Kay Edwards

University of Cincinnati Liaison: Amy Beegle

Videographer/Communication/Historian: Dale Poling

Video Librarian: Adam DePew

Scholarship Chair: Christina Reardon

Endowment Chair: Julie Froude

Past President/Member-at-Large: Corrie Graham

Member-at-Large: Doug Bruestle

Member-at-Large: Dawn Bruestle

AOSA Elections

You have a voice! Remember to vote in the AOSA elections taking place. It is your right as a national member! Check it out on the national website:

[AOSA](#)

West Music

The West Music booth will be open for our February workshop! Please plan to check out the great teaching materials available for purchase. A percentage of the proceeds comes back to our chapter.

Sharing is Caring

Do you have any favorite lesson ideas or sources for lessons? Have you read a great book or article recently that you think others should know about. We would love to share your thoughts and ideas with the chapter! Email ideas to Allison Croskey to be featured on our Facebook page!

allison.croskey@gmail.com



A Message From Our President:

Dear GreaterCincinnati Orff Members,

I hope you are having a great year. We managed to survive the Holiday Concerts, and now it's time to gear up for Spring.

The National Conference in Fort Worth was, once again, fantastic. I have attended the National Conference almost every year since I traded up from teaching band to elementary general music nearly a decade ago. Every conference has been excellent. At the beginning I was just soaking up every bit of Orff I could. As the years went on I didn't need so many ideas for lessons, and began to develop a deeper understanding of how to enable my students to create and experience music of their own making. I always come home inspired, encouraged, and energized. If you ever can manage to go to a national conference it is well worth the time and effort!

Speaking of which, we will ALL be attending next year's conference right here in Cincinnati! Our conference is the 50th anniversary celebration and so it will be even more memorable. You have an opportunity to part of the team that makes it all happen and experience the conference at the same time. There are several committees formed who have been training and making plans. Each of these committees need people to help. The time commitment need not be overwhelming, and you can even receive reduced registration fees in some cases.

You will find a list of the committee chairs on our website (thank you Allison Croskey) so you could contact the chairperson directly to get more information.

We have two more excellent workshops planned this year: Meg Teitz on Feb 24, and our own Lissa Ray on March 17. Don't forget to invite your colleagues.

We are starting up a book club this spring. We will meet the first Monday of each month to share children's books we have used in our classrooms and how we used them to teach musical concepts. Feel free to bring a book or two and be ready to share how you have used it. If you don't have any books you would like to suggest and just want to get ideas then please come. The first gathering will be February 5th at Chuy's in West Chester. (Located on I75 at the Union Center exit, just down the street from the AMC Movie Theater.) We will start around 4:00ish and hang around until 6:00 or so. Feel free to come and go as you are able. The next one, March 5th will be somewhere downtown. I'm open to suggestion.

I look forward to seeing you in February!

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