

Fall 2025 Newsletter

# Greater Cincinnati Chapter AOSA



## Ready for Fall Workshops!

**Online Registration:** The quickest and most painless way to sign-up for workshops. Online registration is open!

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### 2025-2026 Workshops

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# Upcoming Workshops



**September 13th**  
**David Row**

## It Starts with a Story

Words have power. When we are intentional about the poetry, stories, songs, and language we use in the classroom we harness that power to create truly special moments. Knit your lesson together with a story and use that narrative to inspire improvisation, movement, and so much more. In this session we'll use words, poetry, and narrative to drive musical exploration and creation.

## The Art in Play!

Come and play for the day with creative connections in music, movement, literature, and visual art. Together we will share beautiful experiences exploring these connections that foster musical learning through unusual manipulatives, beautiful books, and fun music! Be prepared to move, sing, play recorder, and explore the art in play!

**October 18th**  
**Fauna Wolfe**



# Upcoming Workshops

## Chapter Share is Coming!

**February 21st  
Chapter Share!**

Chapter Share is on February 21st, 2025, and we need you! If you feel as though you have some great ideas you would like to share with the chapter, or have a group of students who would like to perform, the time is coming soon! Applications will go out in the next month for you to submit your ideas and groups. Be on the lookout via email and social media to apply!

**More information coming soon!**

**March 14th  
Beth Ann  
Hepburn**





# Scholarships

GCCAOSA is constantly looking for ways to give back to our members. We offer many different scholarships for various Orff Professional Development opportunities. Check out the scholarships below to see what works for you!

Are you interested in financial help to attend AOSA's national conference this year? GCCAOSA offers a scholarship covering registration and \$500 in other expenses!

***Deadline to apply is September 30th, 2025!***

[Apply for  
GCCAOSA  
National  
Conference  
Scholarship](#)

[Read about all the scholarships offered through GCCAOSA here.](#)





## Diversity & Inclusion

AOSA is committed to supporting a diverse and inclusive membership, promoting an understanding of issues of diversity and inclusion, and providing teaching and learning resources that respect, affirm, and protect the dignity and worth of all. The Greater Cincinnati Chapter has begun working with our diversity committee to address some of these concerns and topics within our own organization. If you are looking for more resources on song selection and presenting music from various cultures for your classroom, check out the AOSA website. There are many resources available to help you!

### Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

## GCCAOSA Endowment Fund

The endowment fund is a great way to support your chapter and all the things it provides. Give a donation in honor of a special teacher who has helped you develop into the educator you are, or in memory of a loved one.

See Anna Calhoun for more information about donating.





# AOSA National Conference is coming!

Mark your calendars for AOSA Annual  
Conference: *Connecting in Kentucky*  
**Lexington, Kentucky November 19–22**

Be on the lookout for email/posts if you are  
attending conference and interested in  
playing Banner Role Call with GCCAOSA!

[Learn about and apply for GCCAOSA's](#)  
scholarship for attending conference -  
covering registration and \$500 in other  
expenses!

**Deadline to apply is September 30th,  
2025!**



# GCCAOSA at Summer PD!

Several GCCAOSA members were involved with AOSA Summer PD as students, TE apprentices, and Teacher Educators!

[Scholarships](#) are available through GCCAOSA each year to help members to attend summer PD!



Allison teaching recorder  
In Orlando & Anderson!



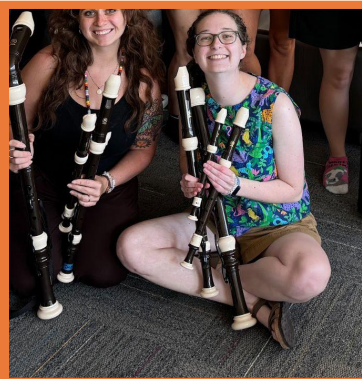
Christina completed her  
apprenticeship this  
summer. Congratulations!!



Connor at  
Elizabethtown College



Sarah and Dagny at UK  
Orff Level III



## Workshop Information

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

**50 Ridgeview Ln.  
Mainville, OH 45039**

**When:** Workshops run from 9:00am - 1:45pm.  
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, access to Video Library and an Orff Echo subscription.

Prices listed as

Cash/Check and (Card)

**Regular Member:** \$157 (\$163)

**Local Member** (with AOSA prepaid): \$60 (\$63)

**Retired Member:** \$96 (\$100)

**Student Member:** FREE

**Single Workshop:** \$50 (\$52)

**Retired Workshop:** \$25 (\$26)

**First year Teachers:** (Local portion half off!) : \$127 (\$132)

**Reciprocity Admission** (with AOSA membership) : \$25 (\$26)

**Want to know more about what package works best for you? Check out the website:**

**Workshop Packages**

## Video Library

**Digital Access to Previous Workshops Now Available!!**

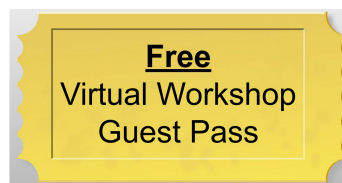
We now have our video library stored on Google Drive! Members will be able to access most workshops dating back to 2005. Notes for previous workshops will be included with videos as we receive permission from presenters. Access to videos will be granted to all paying members. This will be connected to the email address they register with. Each member will have access for 1 year (access will renew with memberships). Contact [cinciorfflibrary@gmail.com](mailto:cinciorfflibrary@gmail.com) with any questions or troubleshooting.

### GUEST PASS

Want to join us for the first time??

You can FOR FREE!!!

Just sign up for a guest pass online:



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## Boutique News

The Boutique will have many unique items this Fall: Take & Make Series, updated Carnival of the Animals & Peter and the Wolf activities, puzzles and games for centers, and dangly things. As always if you have any ideas for items, please feel free to reach out!



# President's Message

Dear GCCAOSA Members,

As we gear up for the beginning of a brand-new school year, I hope your summer has brought you moments of rest, renewal, and inspiration. It's always a whirlwind, but there's something truly exciting about returning to our classrooms, ready to make music and memories with our students once again.

I'm delighted to announce our upcoming workshop lineup for the 2025–2026 season—and it's a good one! We've put together a diverse and inspiring group of presenters who bring a wealth of knowledge, creativity, and passion to their sessions:

- ★ **September 13** – *David Row*
- ★ **October 18** – *Fauna Wolfe*
- ★ **February 21** – *Chapter Share*
- ★ **March 14** – *Beth Ann Hepburn*

All workshops will take place at South Lebanon Elementary from 9:00 AM to 1:45 PM. These gatherings are more than just professional development—they're an opportunity to reconnect, share ideas, and grow as a teaching community. I encourage you to mark your calendars and make plans to attend!

Over the summer, our board has been hard at work preparing for the year ahead. I'm incredibly grateful for the commitment, creativity, and heart this team brings to our chapter. We're also welcoming several new board members this year, and I'm excited for the fresh perspectives they bring.

Whether you're a returning member or joining us for the first time, know that your presence is valued. It's your energy and involvement that make GCCAOSA such a vibrant and supportive space for music educators.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or just want to say hello, please don't hesitate to reach out at [president@cincinnatiorff.org](mailto:president@cincinnatiorff.org). I look forward to seeing you at our first workshop in September!

Wishing you a joyful and musical start to the year,

**Viva la música!**

Allison Croskey  
President, Greater Cincinnati Orff Chapter





# Surprise! Boutique Coupon!

Screenshot or present this  
coupon when shopping the  
boutique at upcoming workshops!



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