

Winter 2026 Newsletter

# Greater Cincinnati Chapter AOSA



## Ready for Spring Workshops!

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

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# Upcoming Workshops

**February 21st  
Chapter  
Share!**

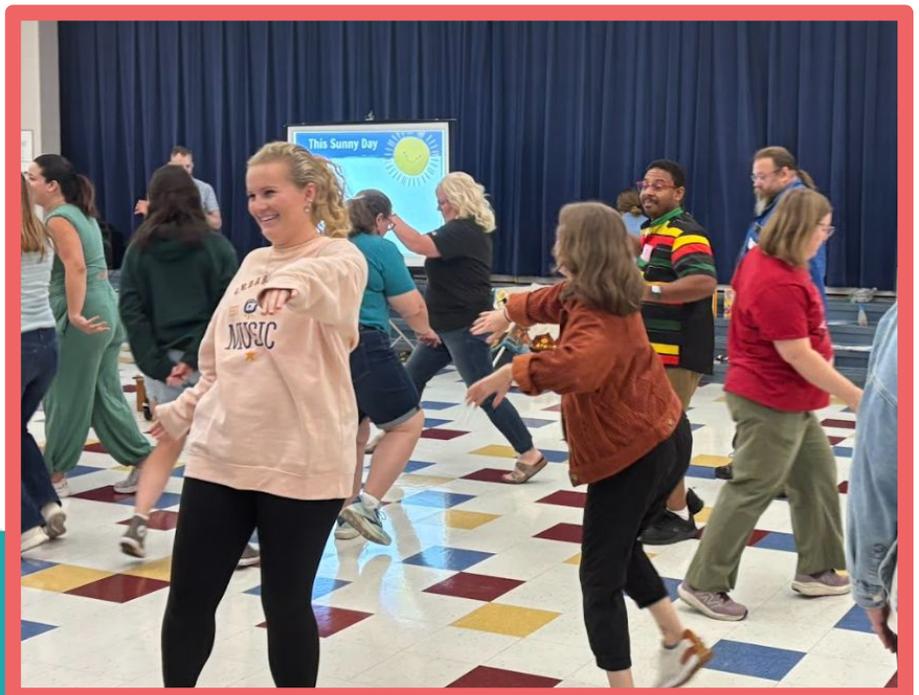
## Chapter Share

A special workshop where members of our own GCCAOSA chapter will share ideas used in their own classrooms. This day will be full of eclectic ideas, insightful experiences and joyful fun!

## Evoking the Elemental

A blank page can be an invitation for creativity with your students. Noteless music will be the workshop's focus today as we create elemental pieces from various starting points. We will explore ways speech and movement evoke different tonalities and moods. Guided exploration and tips for creating elemental pieces. This playful exploration will take us on a joyful journey to creating our ensemble pieces that sound like they came from the volumes.

**March 14th  
Beth Ann  
Hepburn**



# Scholarships & Grants

**Teacher Training** scholarships are a wonderful resource for members wanting to further their Orff-Schulwerk education. We offer TWO teacher training scholarships:

- Level 1 Jenni Koenemann Memorial
- any level Teacher Education Scholarship.

***Deadline to apply is March 1st, 2026***

## **Instrument and Equipment Grant**

Do you need assistance outfitting your classroom with instruments and equipment to enhance your students' experiences through the Schulwerk? Apply for the GCCAOSA Instrument/Equipment Grant for \$1,000 towards your classroom.

***Deadline to apply is April 1st, 2026***

**Interested in applying for a scholarship  
or grant?**

**[Apply Here Now](#)**

# Special Event!



**ADULTS  
ONLY  
ORFF**

**FEB 7TH 3PM-4:30PM \$20 TICKETS  
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL**

Join us in collaboration with May Festival and Associate Director of Choruses, Jason Alexander Holmes for an exciting afternoon! This interactive workshop will explore the world of Carl Orff as a composer through his work Catulli Carmina, joined together with the processes of the Schulwerk. A unique experience for educators, musicians, and those who are just curious! \$20 tickets include the workshop and refreshments!

[Register 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](#)

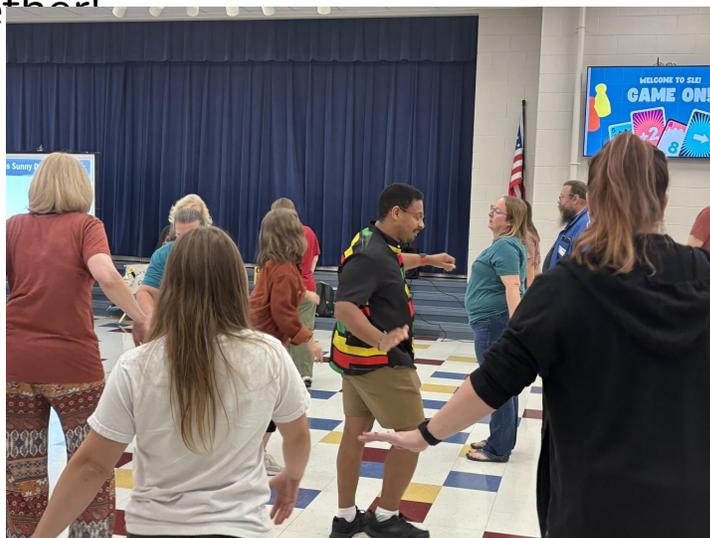
## GCCAOSA Endowment Fund

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.



# A reflection on our current season...

This 2025-2026 workshop season we have be grateful so far to have presenters David Row and Fauna Wolfe present at our chapter. What wonderful experiences to share together!







**Thank you for a fantastic Fall!**

## 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**

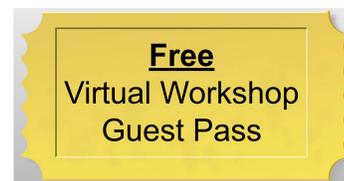
## Video Library

**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:



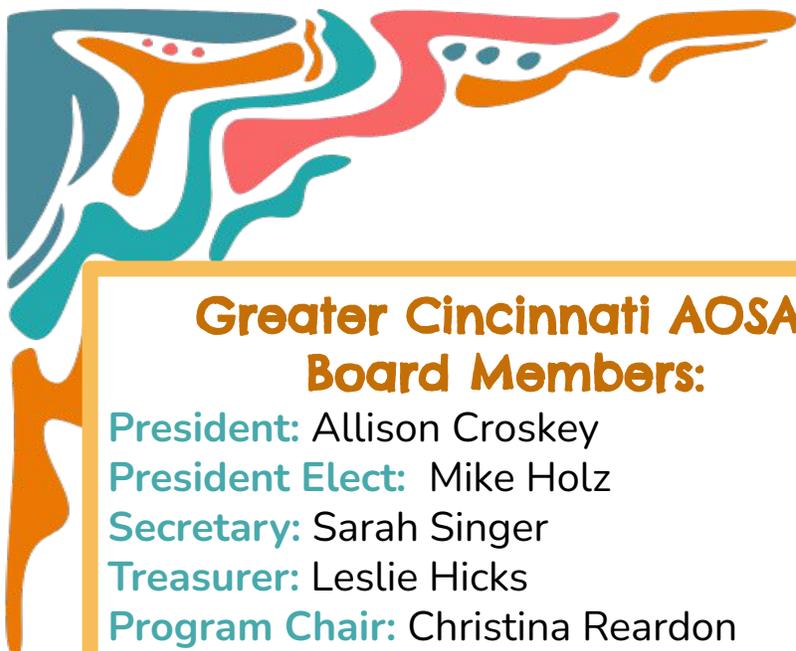
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## Boutique News

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

GCCAOSA Chapter,

Happy New Year! As we begin a new semester, I hope this message finds you taking a moment to breathe, reset, and find your footing. These are complex and emotionally heavy times for many of us — in our classrooms, our communities, and our personal lives. And yet, it is often in moments like these that

making music together becomes not just meaningful, but necessary. Music has the power to restore us, to reconnect us to joy, and to remind us that we are not alone.

As I reflect on the National Conference this past November, I continue to feel deep gratitude and inspiration. It was a powerful time of learning, exploration, and connection with Orff educators from across the country. Congratulations to Adam Depew on an amazing performance with his students!

Looking ahead, we have two meaningful opportunities to gather and make music together this semester. On February 21st, we will come together for our Chapter Share. Then, on March 14th, we will welcome Beth Ann Hepburn for our final workshop of the year. These days are about more than professional learning; they are about connection, renewal, and finding joy through shared musical experiences. Both workshops will be held from 9:00 AM to 1:45 PM at South Lebanon Elementary School.

Whether you are a longtime member of our chapter or joining us for the first time this year, your presence matters. In times that feel uncertain or overwhelming, our Orff community remains a place of creativity, support, and belonging. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [president@cincinnatiorff.org](mailto:president@cincinnatiorff.org) if you have questions, ideas, or simply want to connect. I truly look forward to making music with you this semester.

Here's to finding restoration, joy, and hope through music — together.

Viva la musica!

Allison Croskey

Greater Cincinnati Orff Chapter President

