



Treasure State Orff News - Spring 2015

Putting It All Together: Orff-Schulwerk Throughout the K-5 Curriculum

During this workshop, participants will explore ways to encourage student creativity and improvisation in the elementary music classroom using the media and processes of Orff-Schulwerk while making efficient use of literacy skills at appropriate expectations across different grade levels.

Experience how to use materials to plan performances for parents and administrators that advocate your music program and maximize instructional time. Also, learn how to integrate the soprano recorder into lessons in ways that don't place other skills and concepts on hold. Sing, say, dance, and play your way to effective lesson design that empowers and motivates students.

Workshop Information

Saturday, March 14, 2015

9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Paxson Elementary School

Missoula, Montana

*We will be ordering lunch in from Jimmy Johns.
Bring a snack to share!*



Michael Chandler

Michael lives in Dallas and is the K-5 classroom music specialist at Parkway Elementary in Lewisville, Texas, where he directs the Parkway "Panther" Choir and the fifth grade instrumental and movement ensemble, Schulspiel.

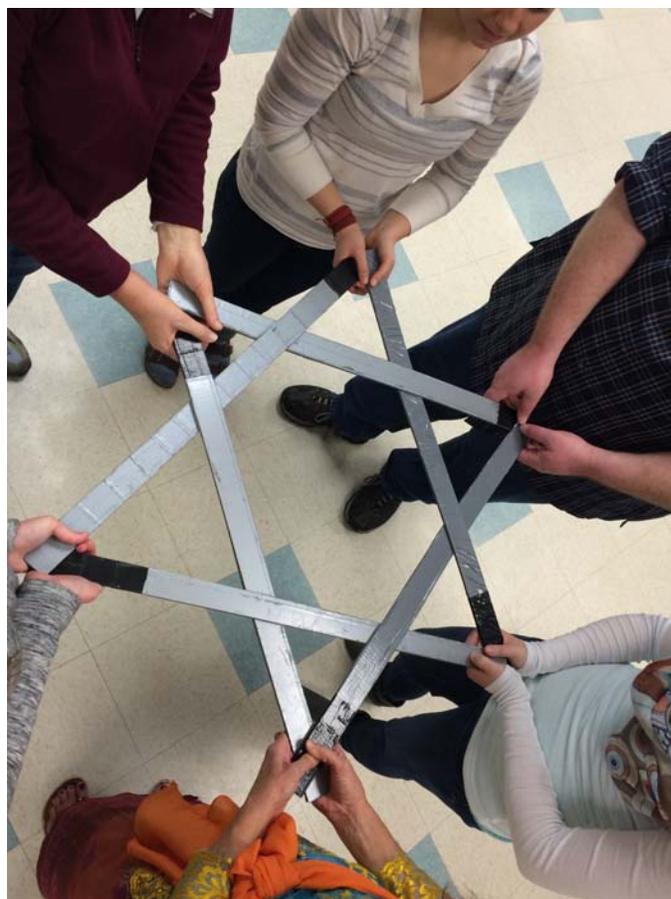
He presents workshops and sessions at the local, state, and national levels including TMEA and AOSA. Michael teaches Orff Schulwerk certification courses at several universities and has served on state and national AOSA boards.

Happy 2015!

I hope you have recovered from the December holiday and program craze. December was a busy month in East Helena, where I teach 520 second through fifth graders. Including formal performances and in-class recitals, I was in charge of 22 programs. Needless to say, by December 20, I was feeling overwhelmed, exhausted, and more than a bit grumpy. My poor family! My husband and our school counselor asked me why I have so many programs during this month. They wondered if I was required to do this many and why I do this to myself. I explained that I do this for my students and their families. They deserve the opportunity to show their best work and have it appreciated by their families. Are any of you nodding your heads as you read this?

After a restful holiday break, I went to work planning for our Treasure State Chapter Sharing workshop. On January 31, approximately thirty TSO members and several University of Montana students gathered together for "Where in the World is Orff-Schulwerk?" I would like to thank our presenters: Linda Osmanson, Anne Gannon, Dorothy Morrison, Virginia Wille, Renie Gibson, and Saxon Inabnit.

While preparing for our annual chapter sharing workshop, I realized how much of my job is really done for others and yet I benefit greatly from



doing it. In the times I get caught up in daily activities that focus around my students, I think of how Orff-Schulwerk and TSO feed me personally as well as an educator. I come home from our workshops exhausted and exhilarated. Traveling to Nashville, Tennessee in November for the National AOSA Conference was a similar experience.

As many of our charter members are beginning to retire, our TSO chapter is changing. It is time to reach out to those new teachers in our profession, bring them to a workshop, and help them experience the creative energy we have in our organization. Let's help new teachers become as "addicted" to Orff-Schulwerk as I did eleven years ago when I came to my first workshop! See you in March and don't forget to bring some new faces!

Traci Mazanec, TSO President

January 31 Chapter Sharing Photos



Treasure State Tidbits

*Members...please update your personal information with our secretary, Brandon Ensley when registering or at our first workshop. <mailto:bdensley@mcps.k12.mt.us>

*Please stay tuned for information about possible Levels courses to be offered in the summer of 2015.

UPCOMING PRESENTERS FOR TSO

September 19, 2015

March 12, 2016

September 24, 2016

March 11, 2017

September 23, 2017

March 10, 2018

Meg Tietz

Beth Nelson

Ashley Brown Woodside

Paul Weller

Kriske and DeLelles

Sarah Hassler



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TSO Workshop Information:

March 14, 2015

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:00 to 3:30 p.m. workshop

Paxson School

Corner of Higgins and Evans

Missoula, MT

Registration is available on treasurestateorff.org.

2014-2015 Treasure State Orff Registration Form:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

School: _____

Address: _____

Please make checks
payable to:

Treasure State Orff (TSO)

Send to:

Julie Blakeslee

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Billings, MT 59102

Treasure State Orff Yearly Membership Dues:
\$30.00 _____

Treasure State Orff Workshop Fees:

Member (on-site): \$35.00 _____

Retired Member Fee: \$25.00 _____

Non-member fee: \$45.00 _____

College Student Fee: \$10.00 _____

Child (over 8 years): \$5.00 _____