



**2007 NATIONAL CONFERENCE  
American Orff-Schulwerk Association**

**NOVEMBER 14-17, 2007  
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

*Hosted by the Northern California Chapter*

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Dear Friend of Music Education:

On **November 14-18<sup>th</sup> of 2007**, music educators from around the world will assemble in San Jose for the American Orff-Schulwerk Association's (AOSA) **41<sup>st</sup> Annual National Conference!** This year, it is with great honor and excitement that our Northern California chapter will host this remarkable event right here, *in the heart of Silicon Valley*, at the **San Jose Convention Center** and surrounding civic venues.

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AOSA is a non-profit organization of music and movement teachers inspired by the educational work of the composer Carl Orff and his colleague Gunild Keetman. We believe that **active music-making** is a crucial component of each child's creative and social development. The 2007 conference is a unique opportunity for music teachers, both here and all over the U.S., to expand their skills and renew their commitment to teaching **music and movement to children of all ages.**

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We are expecting upwards of 2,000 educators to attend, and while the AOSA provides a basic budget, our Northern California chapter is determined to make the conference extraordinary and relevant for all who attend. To make it so, we need to ask your help by contributing additional funds. Your *tax-deductible donation* will help us provide:

- **Lighting, and audio-visual** resources – to make our opening session in the *San Jose Civic Auditorium* a truly magical event, by showcasing *performances of children from schools* around the Bay Area and northern California.
- **Performances by local artists** – as you know, the Bay Area is home to a rich and diverse group of world-caliber performing artists. We want to *share their gifts with the teachers* who attend, and to pay them for their valued contributions.
- **Travel expenses** – to bring internationally recognized master-teachers to California. The travel costs are high and we consider these workshops to be the vital centerpiece of a successful conference!

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Your contribution ultimately goes toward the goal of supporting and energizing teachers, who in turn influence the lives of so many young people. All contributions are tax-deductible, so please consider giving generously. **\$500 or \$1000 would really help** with the lighting/audio-visual, tuition grants, and international travel costs. But of course, any amount you can give would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you for your consideration in supporting this important music education project.

Gratefully yours,

Heidi Tzortzis and James Harding  
Local Conference Chairpersons

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