



2007 NATIONAL CONFERENCE
American Orff-Schulwerk Association
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SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA
Hosted by the Northern California Chapter

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Dear Friend of Music Education:

On November 14-18th of 2007, music educators from around the world will assemble in San Jose for the American Orff-Schulwerk Association's (AOSA) 41st Annual National Conference. This year, it is with great excitement that our *Northern California chapter* will host this extraordinary event right here, *in the Bay Area*, 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 education. This year's conference is a unique opportunity for national members and local music teachers to expand their skills, *and renew their commitment to teaching music and movement to children of all ages*. We're expecting upwards of 1,800 educators to attend.

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Our local chapter, NCAOSA, is determined to make this event welcoming for all the teachers, guests and children's performance groups, coming from near and far. But we need the help and support of quality local businesses like yours. In addition to private donations needed to cover the many costs of the conference, we are also requesting various in-kind donations such as:

Art and school supplies – quality card stock paper, ribbon, glue, scissors, pens, markers and materials useful in making handcrafted gifts for sale in our boutique, which raises money for teacher scholarships.

Healthy snack foods and drinks – such as, fresh fruit (*i.e., apples*), nuts, trail mix, granola bars, juice, water and any other food that can be consumed on-the-go, and can be absolute life savers for busy teachers on limited budgets.

Quality items for silent auction – each year, the hosting chapter auctions a variety of goods: children's books, T-shirts, educational games or toys, musical instruments, sheet music, as well as donated gift baskets, art, jewelry, backpacks, gourmet foods and many other items.

Goody bag items – travel size sundry goods, pens, pencils, tablets, tissues, hand cream, lip balm, sunscreen and other handy comforts to make welcoming goody bags for the children and guests.

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As you can see, there are many ways for you to consider helping us. A local NCAOSA teacher will be contacting you soon to discuss your possible donation from the above list as well as any arrangements necessary. If you would prefer to donate a gift card to NCAOSA, for purchasing food or materials, that would also be very helpful! For any further information, please **call 707-745-5508**. Your call will be returned as soon as possible. All contributions to NCAOSA are greatly appreciated!

Thank you so much for your time and consideration in supporting this important music education project.

Gratefully yours,

Heidi Tzortzis and James Harding
Local Conference Chairpersons

All donations received will be acknowledged with a thank you letter for IRS purposes. The non-profit tax ID No. for NCAOSA is 94-2362774.

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