



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 José for the **American Orff-Schulwerk Association's (AOSA) 41st Annual National Conference**. This extraordinary event will take place at the San Jose Convention Center as well as in surrounding hotels, auditoriums, museums and San José State University.

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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 conference presents an opportunity for our national members and **local music educators to expand their skills, share ideas, and renew their commitment to the teaching of music and movement to students of all ages**. We expect upwards of 2,000 educators to attend.

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While the AOSA provides a basic budget, our local Northern California chapter is determined to make this event extraordinary, and we need your help. Your tax-deductible donations will go towards the following expenses:

Lighting and audio-visual resources- We will make our opening session in the San José Civic Auditorium a truly magical event, showcasing performances of children from schools around the Bay Area. (*Our goal: \$30,000*)


Visual art display by Bay Area children- We want to celebrate the excellent and astonishing visual art from our schools, and we need funds for supplies and technology to make an unforgettable children's art show. (*Our goal: \$5,000*)

Performances by local artists- As we know, the Bay Area is home to an incredibly rich and diverse group of world caliber performing artists. We want to share their gifts with the teachers who attend from all over our country and the world, and of course, we need to pay them for their valued contributions. (*our goal: \$20,000*)

Travel and lodging for international presenters. We have already invited expert teachers from Europe, Africa, South America, Asia and Australia to teach workshops. But, we'd like to invite more teachers, and need help with travel expenses. (*our goal: \$25,000*)

All contributions ultimately go towards the goal of supporting and **inspiring teachers who in turn touch the lives of so many young people**. And, your contributions are tax-deductible, so please be as generous as you can. Thank you for supporting this important and wonderful project!

Gratefully yours,


Heidi Tzortzis and James Harding
Local Conference Chairperson

Checks should be made payable to
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