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A Message from the AMEA President

Welcome to the new school year! This year should be an outstanding year for the AMEA Elementary/General Division, beginning with the Music Festival on October 1, with clinician, Cristi Cari Miller. Festival Director Dr. Sara Womack reports that more than 30 schools have signed up to participate. On October 2, the AMEA/AOSA joint workshop will be held at Samford University with Cristi leading. We very much appreciate Dr. Moya Nordlund and Samford University for hosting both the Festival and our AMEA/AOSA workshop! I encourage each of you to join both the local and national organizations and take advantage of the workshops we have to offer you.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ **October 1**
AMEA Elementary Festival at Samford University 6:30p.m.
- ◆ **October 2**
Fall Workshop at Samford University with Cristi Cari Miller
9:00am-3:00pm
- ◆ **November 3-6**
AOSA National Conference in Spokane, WA
- ◆ **January 20-22**
AMEA In-Service Conference in Montgomery, AL
- ◆ **March 5**
Spring Workshop with BethAnn Hepburn
9:00am-3:00pm
Location TBD

The January AMEA conference will be held in Montgomery this year. This is a conference you will not want to miss, so make your reservations now. We had over 30 session proposals to choose from, and have tried to include as many and varied sessions as possible. Karen Medley is our featured clinician, but we will also have several sponsored presenters including a return of the amazing John Feierabend. There will also be two performing groups. Cliff Huckabee will be bringing his Eagleairs Chorus from Montgomery Academy, and the Birmingham Children's Choir Una Voce under the direction of Amanda Klimko will be performing. Our own Chris Byars will be presenting a session on recorder, and percussionist Dave Holland will be presenting a session, as well as leading a drum circle on Friday night. We will have four outstanding sessions on Saturday, so be sure to make reservations for Friday night.

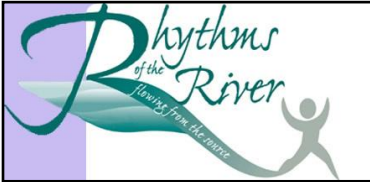
Best wishes to all of you for an exciting and energizing new school year!

Sincerely,

Sharon McCann August

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A Message from the Alabama Chapter of AOSA President



*Orff Schulwerk
National Conference
November 3-6
Spokane, WA*

Hello everyone and greetings from your new Alabama AOSA board! It is with great excitement that I write to you as the new President of the Alabama chapter of AOSA. I am grateful for this opportunity and for the wonderful leadership shown by our past president, Mary Shaw. I am humbled to have been chosen to follow in her footsteps. I hope you all have had a successful start to a brand new school year. As we begin this new school year I would like to encourage you to include AOSA as part of your professional development plans. Many of you began this school year by attending our free chapter share workshop in August. Over twenty members attended and represented many different parts of the state. It was a great way to begin the new school year, learn from each other, and share ideas with our music teacher friends.

Once again we are fortunate to be able to join with AMEA for our fall workshop on Saturday, October 2 with Cristi Cari Miller. I would like to encourage you to join the Alabama Chapter of AOSA when you register. With your \$15.00 dues you are able to attend the Fall Workshop, Spring Workshop, and free Summer Workshop. When you attend these workshops you will earn a minimum of 15 professional development credit hours and walk away with wonderful new lessons and teaching ideas. If you are a student the benefits are even greater. Student Membership is only \$7.50 and you will receive the same member benefits as stated above, plus an additional professional organization to list on your resume, and a chance to meet teachers already in the teaching field. I hope that you all will send in your Alabama AOSA dues when you register for the Joint AMEA/ AOSA Fall Workshop. Sharon August and I along with our wonderful boards will be working very hard to make this a rewarding day for you.

Our 2010 AOSA Professional Development Conference will be November 3-6 in Spokane, Washington. "Rhythms of the River" promises to be a wonderful opportunity to see and hear guest clinicians from around the world. I hope to see you there!

On March 5, 2011 from 9-3, BethAnn Hepburn from Streetsboro, Ohio will present a workshop entitled "SOS: Sharing Orff Strategies on a Budget"! With everyone working on minimal budgets, this is sure to be a workshop you will not want to miss. Please mark your calendars and don't miss this terrific opportunity!

Let me close by saying a huge thank you once again to Sharon August and Theresa McKibben for our hugely successful eighth music camp this past June at Trinity United Methodist Church. These ladies and a wonderful crew of teachers have worked tirelessly to continue this tradition of excellence for our students. Thank you so much to those of you who contributed your time for this worthy cause. If you taught a day at music camp, you will be able to attend the spring workshop for free and you are eligible to apply for scholarship assistance for levels training next summer. Without you, this tradition cannot continue. Please support this camp with your willingness to assist in set-up, teaching, and take-down next summer. Another great thank-you goes out to Moya Nordlund and Samford University for hosting Level 1 Orff training for two weeks in June. I look forward to the year ahead of us. Let's work together as we support the arts, each other, and our precious students. If I can help you or if you have suggestions concerning our chapter, please email me at karlahodges@gmail.com. I hope to see you on October 2!

Sincerely,
Karla Hodges

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2010 Elementary Music Festival

October 1, 2010

Samford University- Homewood, Alabama

Over 300 students are registered for the Fifth Annual Elementary Music Festival with clinician Cristi Cary Miller, composer, arranger, and President of Oklahoma MEA. The Festival will be held on Friday, October 1st at the Wright Center at Samford University, and will include movement, vocal and instrumental pieces, as well as a commissioned arrangement of an African folk song for voices and instruments. The following schools are participating:

- o Bear Exploration Center Magnet, Montgomery
- o Birmingham Children's Choir, Birmingham
- o Bluff Park Elementary, Hoover City
- o Chelsea Intermediate, Shelby County
- o Cherokee Bend Elementary, Mountain Brook
- o Childersburg Middle, Talladega County
- o Clements High School, Limestone County
- o Coldwater Elementary, Oxford City
- o DeArmanville Elementary, Oxford City
- o Deer Valley Elementary, Hoover City
- o Edgewood Elementary, Homewood City
- o Elvin Hill Elementary, Shelby County
- o Green Valley Elementary, Hoover City
- o Greystone Elementary, Hoover City
- o Gwin Elementary, Hoover City
- o Helena Intermediate, Shelby County
- o Holy Spirit Catholic Regional, Diocese of Birmingham
- o Jonesboro Elementary, Bessemer City
- o Liberty Park Elementary, Vestavia Hills City
- o Lincoln Elementary, Talladega County
- o Mars Hill Bible School, Private, Florence
- o Montgomery Academy - Lower, Private, Montgomery
- o Munford Elementary, Talladega County
- o Oxford Elementary, Oxford City
- o Randolph School, Private, Huntsville
- o Riverchase Elementary, Hoover City
- o Stemley Road Elementary, Talladega County
- o Talladega City Elementary Schools, Talladega City
- o Thompson Intermediate, Shelby County
- o Trace Crossings Elementary, Hoover City
- o Tuscaloosa Academy, Private, Tuscaloosa
- o UMS-Wright Lower School, Private, Mobile
- o Valley Intermediate, Shelby County
- o West Madison Elementary, Madison City

Fall Workshop Information

October 2, 2010

Samford University- Homewood, Alabama

Our Alabama Music Educators Association/Alabama Chapter of American Orff-Schulwerk Association joint fall workshop will be held on October 2, from 9:00 - 3:00 at Samford University in Brock Recital Hall. Look for the yellow sign outside the entrance. The clinician is Cristi Cari Miller.

About Cristi Cari Miller

Our clinician, Cristi Miller is highly regarded across the United States as a master teacher, conductor and composer. After graduating from Oklahoma State University, she began her teaching career instructing grades 7-12. She eventually moved to the Putnam City School system in 1989 where she presently teaches at Ralph Downs Elementary. In 1992, Mrs. Miller was selected as the Putnam City Teacher of the Year and in 1998 received one of the four "Excellence in Education" awards given through the Putnam City Foundation. She has also been awarded several grants through this foundation to assist in various music education endeavors. Mrs. Miller recently received the Putnam City PTA Teacher of the Year and in 2009, she became a National Board Certified Teacher. Cristi has served as the Elementary Representative on the Oklahoma Choral Directors Association Board of Directors, as well as the Elementary Vice President for the Oklahoma Music Educators Association. She currently serves as the President for this organization. Along with her teaching responsibilities, Cristi authors and co-authors a column for a national music magazine entitled "Music Express!" and was a contributing writer for the Macmillan McGraw-Hill music textbook series, "Spotlight on Music." In addition, she serves as the consulting editor for Little Schoolhouse book series, "Christopher Kazoo and Bongo Boo." Mrs. Miller is frequently in demand as a clinician and director across the United States and Canada with numerous choral pieces and books in publication through the Hal Leonard Corporation. She has also been the recipient of several ASCAP awards for her music. Cristi and her husband, Rick, live in Oklahoma City.



2010 AMEA/AOSA Fall Workshop Registration

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-Mail Address _____

School/System _____

Home Phone _____ School Phone _____

Please mark the appropriate box or boxes.

- \$15.00 Alabama Chapter of AOSA dues
- \$75.00 National American Orff-Schulwerk Association dues
- \$7.50 Alabama Chapter of AOSA student dues
- \$15.00 Fall Workshop Fee (**before** September 20)
- \$20.00 Late Workshop Fee (**after** September 20)
- \$5.00 Student Workshop Fee
- \$30.00 Non-Members Workshop Fee (**before** September 20)
- \$35.00 Non-Members Late Workshop Fee (**after** September 20)

Lunch will be in Samford's Cafeteria where they serve brunch from 11:00-1:00 for \$7.25. There is also a food court with a Chick-fil-A. You will pay for lunch in the cafeteria. Please do not include that in your total.

Total \$ _____

Mail this form and a copy of your MENC membership card and a check payable to AMEA Elementary/General Music Division to the following address:

Lea Hoppe, 2911 Barcodey Rd., Huntsville, AL 35801
AMEA will forward AOSA dues to Carri Cruz, treasurer of the AL Chapter of AOSA.

AMEA In-Service Conference

January 20-22, 2011

Renaissance Hotel and Spa Conference Center- Montgomery, AL

The AMEA In-Service will be held January 20-22, 2011. The conference will be held in Montgomery this year. This is a conference you will not want to miss, so make your reservations now! We had over 30 session proposals to choose from, and have tried to include as many and varied sessions as possible. Karen Medley is our featured clinician, but we will also have several sponsored presenters including a return of the amazing John Feierabend. There will also be two performing groups. Cliff Huckabee will be bringing his Eagleairs Chorus from Montgomery Academy, and the Birmingham Children's Choir Una Voce under the direction of Amanda Klimko will be performing. Our own Chris Byars will be presenting a session on recorder and percussionist Dave Holland will be presenting a session as well as leading a drum circle on Friday night. We will have four outstanding sessions on Saturday, so be sure to make reservations for Friday night.

AMEA Board Meeting

October 2, 2010

Samford University- Homewood, Alabama

The Elementary/General Music Division Executive Committee and District Chairs will be meeting on Saturday, October 2nd at 8:00 a.m. at Samford University, preceding the fall workshop in the green room. Look for the yellow sign! Breakfast will be served. Please notify Sharon whether or not you will be attending or if you need a hotel room. (sharonaug@gmail.com)

Directions to Samford University

800 Lakeshore Drive, Homewood, AL, 35229

Travelling north on I-65: Take exit 255, turn right onto Lakeshore Drive. Follow about 2 miles to Samford University on left. Turn left into gate, make your first left. The Wright Center will be on your right. Look for the yellow AMEA/AOSA sign directing you to Brock Recital Hall. Please call Sharon August (205-936-3620) or Sara Womack if you have trouble (205-317-5010).

