



2011 Elementary Music Festival

Friday, October 7, 2011
Wright Center at Samford University
with Clinician Susan Ramsay



Dena Byers, BS, BM, MM, Orff Schulwerk I-III, master class certification, Creating Artistry I-III certification, has taught in the Durham Public Schools in North Carolina for the past 14 years and is currently teaching at Hillandale Elementary School. She is also the Associate Conductor for the Durham Children's Choir. In 2005, she was a top four finalist for District Teacher of the Year and became National Board Certified. She is an active presenter for local chapters and national Orff and music educator conferences, as well as the North Carolina Symphony. Dena has been a guest choral clinician for numerous All-County chorus events. She served on the National Board of Trustees for the American Orff Schulwerk Association as a Regional Representative (2006-2009). In 2010, Dena was the recipient of the Jackson Parkhurst award as an outstanding North Carolina Music Educator.

The cost of the Festival is \$20 per student. Each school may bring up to 10 students, who should be elected by their music teacher based on the following criteria:

1. Students must be in fourth or fifth grade.
2. Students should demonstrate a high level of interest and participation in the local music program.
3. Students must be able to sing on pitch and follow a conductor.
4. Students must be willing to practice and memorize music before the Festival.
5. Students must exhibit self-discipline.

The performance pieces will include:

1. "I Am a Small Part of the World" by Sally K. Albrecht and Jay Althouse – J.W. Pepper 1827591
2. "Goin' to Boston" arranged by Shirley McRae – J.W. Pepper 3198140
3. "Firefly" by Andy Beck – J.W. Pepper 10029937
4. "Hope of the Future" by Tom Shelton – J.W. Pepper 3295515
5. "Shine on Me" arranged by Rollo Dilworth – J.W. Pepper 3295346
6. "Song for a Pirate Child" by Vijay Singh – J.W. Pepper 3079720
7. "Ching a Ring Chaw (and Great Gittin' Up Morning)" arranged by Linda Spevacek – J.W. Pepper 3124963
8. "Can You Hear?" by James Papoulis – J.W. Pepper 3297611

Further information can be found on the Elementary/General Division website at www.alabamamea.org. You can also contact Festival Director, Dr. Sara Womack, at sara@music.org.

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COMMITMENT FORM

Due by Friday, April 15, 2011

School: _____

System: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone: _____ School Fax: _____

Music Teacher: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Home Fax: _____

E-mail Address: _____ MENC Member Number: _____

How many students are you planning to bring to the festival? _____

Are you Orff-certified? (circle one) Yes No If yes, level completed: _____

Would you be willing to teach dance or instrument parts to your students in addition to the music? Schools that are assigned instrument parts will be responsible for bringing their own instruments.

Dance: Yes No

Instrument Parts: Yes No

Return by mail, fax or e-mail to:

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