

Dear friends,

I'm excited to announce that the Vermont Orff Center at LAPDA is offering a unique and exciting opportunity for arts educators in Vermont, Northern New England and the Adirondacks.

Orff Schulwerk Teacher Training Level I

<http://www.lapdvt.org/upcoming-courses/Orff-Schulwerk-Teacher-Training-Level-1>

Level I teacher training gives a teacher the basic tools to use the Orff-Schulwerk approach in the classroom.

July 26 – August 6, 2010, Montpelier High School

sponsored by the Lamoille Area Professional Development Academy

tuition: \$800 includes books and American Orff Schulwerk Association membership

4 optional graduate credits are available for an additional \$380

The instructors are Tim Purdum, basic, an NBCT who teaches Level I at Baldwin Wallace College, and Dr. Connie Hale, movement, Assistant Professor of Elementary Music Education at Winthrop University. I am the course director and will teach recorder. See the website for a brochure and complete info and bios, as well as registration.

Why should you take Orff Level I?

- Learn to implement the Orff Schulwerk approach in your classroom.
- Study with nationally known instructors.
- Earn 4 graduate credits
- Build your personal music and dance artistry
- Make friends and network with educators from around the region.
- Become part of an international movement which has been revolutionizing music education for 60 years.
- Have fun while doing all of this!

Orff Schulwerk is the pedagogical approach to music education pioneered by the composers Carl Orff and Gunild Keetman in the mid 20th century. The Schulwerk is one of the great philosophies of general music education practiced in the United States along with Kodaly, Dalcroze and Gordon Learning Theory. Orff Schulwerk provides a framework for creating musical learning experiences for children. Through the five Orff media of speech, singing, movement, instrument playing and active listening, children playfully and joyously explore the elements of music and construct meaning from these elements.

LAPDA's level I course has been approved by the American Orff Schulwerk Association and qualifies the participant to advance to approved level II courses anywhere in the country. We plan to offer an approved level II in 2011.

We are also offering a course for PE teachers and other interested educators on the same dates. Please tell your PE folks.

Creative Movement and Folk Dance

<http://www.lapdvt.org/upcoming-courses/Creative-Movement-and-Folk-Dance-for-Physical-Education>

If you have any questions please write or call me 802.229.4539(H) 802.498.8692(C).

Please register early to hold your spot.

Thanks,

Steve Owens, Course Director, Vermont Orff Center at LAPDA

