



Atlanta Area Chapter,  
American Orff-Schulwerk  
Association

## 2014-2015 Workshops

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**September 27, 2014 – 9am-3pm**

### **“Sing! Move! Play! A Potpourri of Joyful Music-Making Experiences”**

**Artie Almeida**

Join Artie for a collage-style day of singing, moving, guided listening, instrument playing and unique approaches to music theory instruction. Heavy Academics: Delivered Joyfully!



**Dr. Artie Almeida** has taught for 35 years and is the music specialist at Bear Lake Elementary school in the Orlando FL area, where she teaches 1150 Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> students. Her dynamic performing groups have performed for NAFME, AOSA, and on the NBC Today Show.

Artie was chosen as Florida Music Educator of the Year, and was also selected as an International Educator 2006 by the Cambridge England Biographical Society. She was a Teacher of the Year at the school level 6 times and was a runner-up for Florida Teacher of the Year. She was recently chosen as a University of Central Florida Alumni of the Decade.

In addition to her public school teaching duties, Artie is an adjunct professor at the University of Central Florida, teaches applied saxophone lessons and performs on historical winds with the early music ensemble *Ars Antiqua*.

**\*\* This workshop will be at Smyrna Elementary School, 1099 Fleming Street Smyrna, GA 30080**

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**October 25, 2014 – 9am-1pm**

### **“Race to the Top with Lessons That POP!”**

**Grace Jordan**

With the expectation of "added rigor" in our curriculum and standardized testing, it IS still possible to make our classroom a vibrant and exciting place for students to learn. This workshop will provide participants with a day of fast paced lessons incorporating part singing, movement, recorders, rhythmic activities and games. Allow yourself to experience, as a child would, the engaging environment that is inherent in this elementary music setting.



**Grace Jordan** received a master's degree from Louisiana State University and has been a music specialist in the Orange County Public School System for 29 years. During her tenure as a public school teacher, she was named Teacher of the Year on two separate occasions. She is presently working as an adjunct teacher at the University of Central Florida in the music education department and is teaching full time at Arbor Ridge School in Orlando, Florida. She has conducted numerous honor choruses throughout the state of Florida and has also served as a clinician in several counties throughout our state. Grace has worked as a soloist/section leader in a church in Winter Park, Florida for twenty-nine years; and she feels especially blessed to have a wonderful husband and two successful, grown children.

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**February 28, 2015 – 9am-1pm**  
**Paul Cribari**



**Paul Cribari** is an Orff Schulwerk teacher in the Cherry Creek School District in Colorado. There, he teaches kindergarten through fifth grades conducts the school choir and leads the Advanced Percussion Ensemble. Paul received his Master of Arts in Orff Schulwerk from the University of St. Thomas, and is ABD in his doctoral work at Boston University. In addition to his work with children Paul teaches workshops and teaches levels I, II, and III of Orff Schulwerk at Southern Methodist University, Anderson University, and the San Francisco Orff Schulwerk Course. Paul is also a regular clinician for local chapters of AOSA. He received his Orff certification at the University of St. Thomas and presented sessions at state and local conferences as well as numerous National Conferences of the AOSA.

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**March 28, 2015 – 9am-1pm**  
**Atlanta Area Chapter Share Session**

Members who attended the November Professional Development Conference in Nashville, TN will share some of their favorite activities and ideas from conference sessions.

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**April 25, 2013- 9am-1pm**  
**Maribeth Yoder-White**



A choral and general music education specialist, **Dr. Maribeth Yoder-White** serves as Adjunct Associate Professor in the Hayes School of Music. She previously taught fulltime at ASU, where she served as Coordinator of Music Education. Prior to joining the ASU faculty, Yoder-White taught at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro School of Music, where she conducted the Women's Glee Club, taught graduate and undergraduate music education courses, and supervised student teachers. Yoder-White is a certified Orff-Schulwerk specialist and frequently presents workshops featuring her compositions and arrangements. She teaches Orff-Schulwerk certification courses at Appalachian State University and DeKalb County Schools, and serves as clinician and author for Silver Burdett Making Music and Silver Burdett Interactive Music. Additionally, Yoder-White maintains active participation in music education research and has presented papers and authored articles in international, national, regional, and state arenas. She was a presenter at the Spokane (2010) and Pittsburgh (2011) National American Orff-Schulwerk Association (AOSA) Conferences and has presented workshops to AOSA chapters in Washington, Virginia, Ohio, North Carolina, and Hawaii. She served as keynote presenter at the 2003 and 2005 Hawaii Music Educators Association Conferences in Honolulu and traveled to Thailand and Hong Kong in 2004 to present at the East Asia Regional Council of Overseas Schools (EARCOS) Conference. Yoder-White frequently works in international schools in Asia, teaching demonstration lessons and leading professional development workshops for teachers.

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## Additional Workshop Information

### Workshop Membership/Fees:

- \$20 for Atlanta Area Chapter membership.
- \$60 for the entire series for Atlanta Area Chapter members.
- \$20 for 9am-1pm individual workshops.
- \$30 for 9am-3pm individual workshops.
- \$5 workshop fee for full-time undergraduate students (cash only).

### Membership Benefits:

- Reduced workshop fees.
- Local chapter newsletter listing workshops, job possibilities, and local Orff news.
- E-mail group/list for additional member information.
- Voting privileges.

### Workshop Times:

- Registration begins at 8:30am.
- The September 27, 2014 workshop is 9am-3pm. All other workshops are 9am-1pm.

### Clothing/Instruments for Workshops:

- Wear comfortable clothing and shoes for movement activities.
- Bring recorders and watch for email for additional instruments needed at each workshop.

### Workshop Locations:

- **September 27, 2014 workshop location:** Smyrna Elementary School, 1099 Fleming Street, Smyrna, GA 30080 [Map](#)
- **All other workshops will be held at:** Trinity School, 4301 Northside Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30327 [Map](#)

### A Friendly Reminder:

- We all like to spend time talking to each other about our teaching and personal lives. Please save your conversations for the break or take them outside the workshop room so the conversations do not disturb our clinician or workshop participants.
- Please set cell phones to silent or vibrate during the workshop.