

# Orff Notes

## President's Message Jenny Chambless

Greetings, Atlanta Orff Chapter!

As the summer winds down and your school year begins, I would like to invite you to our chapter workshop meetings. We have a great lineup of presenters and you will not want to miss a single one!

Thom Borden, September 12, 2015  
Robert Amchin, October 24, 2015  
Chris Judah-Lauder, February 27, 2016  
Lisa Hewitt, March 19, 2016  
Chapter Share Session, April 30, 2016

At our first workshop, we will have a "West Music store" and Thom Borden will also have some of his things available. Checks for purchases from West will be made payable to: AOSA. Purchases from Thom Borden can be made by credit card or check. We will have two separate tables set up and purchases will need to be paid for separately.

We will have pre-order forms available for our Atlanta Orff Chapter t-shirts at the first meeting. This year's t-shirts will be heather gray and have our logo on the front. The cost will be \$15.00. They will be ready by the October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

This past year, our chapter awarded both a scholarship (for continuing Orff training) as well as a grant for purchasing instruments. Amie McCaleb, Music Specialist at Lawrenceville Elementary School, received the chapter scholarship and completed her Level 1 coursework. Jody Holland, Music Specialist at Baggett Elementary School, received the instrument grant and will begin a new year and open a new school with much needed instruments.

Our own Tiffany English, Music Specialist at Sugar Hill Elementary School, served as Co-Chair for the 2015 AOSA National conference, Nashville, TN and has moved to AOSA National Vice-President. Way to go, Tiffany – thank you for representing our chapter, so well!

If you are a new member of our chapter, please look for one of our board members (we'll have name tags) and introduce yourself. There are so many folks that would love to share their love of teaching music using the Orff process.

Have a great year!  
Jenny Chambless

## 2016 Honor Orff Ensemble Concert

The Atlanta Area Chapter AOSA will be sponsoring an Honor Orff Ensemble Concert in March 2016. The co-chairs for this event are Kelly Mraz and Mandy Gunter. All Atlanta Area Chapter teachers and their students are invited to participate! Make sure to attend our workshops for more information about this wonderful concert.

## Atlanta Area Chapter Membership, Workshops, and Registration

The Atlanta Area Chapter AOSA would like to encourage anyone who has an interest in children and/or music to attend workshops. We have five workshops scheduled for this year, including the following:

- **September 12, 2015** – Thom Borden  
Workshop Location: Chattahoochee Elementary School [Map](#)
- **October 24, 2015** – Robert Amchin  
Workshop Location: Trinity School [Map](#)
- **February 27, 2015** – Chris Judah-Lauder  
Workshop Location: Trinity School [Map](#)
- **March 19, 2016** – Lisa Hewitt  
Workshop Location: Trinity School [Map](#)
- **April 30, 2016** – Atlanta Area Chapter Sharing  
Workshop Location: Chattahoochee Elementary School [Map](#)

We know you will be encouraged and inspired by the talented clinicians and educators you will come in contact with through the Atlanta Area Chapter. Please complete the membership and registration form (located at [www.atlantaorff.org](http://www.atlantaorff.org)) to become a first time local member, renew your local membership, and/or register for workshops. Registration on workshop days will go much faster if you pre-register by mail. If you are unable to pre-register by mail, you will be able to register on-site between 8:30 and 9:00am before the workshop begins. These workshops are just what you need to keep the creative juices flowing all year!

## Past President's Farewell Mandy Gunter

Dear Atlanta Area Chapter,

I can't believe that it is almost time to begin a new school year. I hope you have had a relaxing summer spent with family and friends. A few of us from our Chapter spent two weeks together earning our different Orff Certification Levels. What a blast those two weeks were! Cobb County Schools and Charlie Tighe did a great job getting these courses together.

I am so excited about our Workshop line up this year! Jenny Chambless has done a wonderful job lining up our Clinicians! I encourage you all to attend the Workshops and bring a friend! Using the Orff Schulwerk process our students enjoy engaging lessons and active music making. I know that our local expectations are changing each year, but the Orff Schulwerk process ensures learning and creativity for everyone in the music classroom.

I has been a pleasure serving as President for the last two years. I know that Jenny Chambless is going to be a great leader for our Chapter. She is filled with love, passion, and creativity that will make our Chapter flourish!

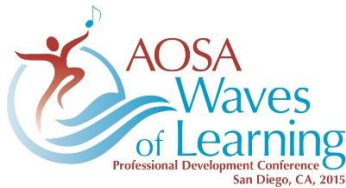
I also want to thank our Atlanta Area Board. This Board is the best in the nation! Thank you for your time and commitment to our Chapter. I love each of you from the bottom of my heart!

I wish you a school year filled with blessings, laughter, and merry music making!

Mandy

## Orff Teacher Training In Cobb County

Congratulations to those who completed Orff teacher training classes in Cobb County this summer! Level I: Emily Backus, Mary Ann Badovinac, Charlton Branche, Nick Brooks, Rhonda Bryant, Pedro Cos, Kimber Davison, David DeStefano, Paige Dobbins, Amanda Esposito, Andrew Geocaris, Megan Granuso, Patrick Hydo, Kathleen Ingraham, Lydia Lee, Amie Christine McCaleb, Lisa McNearney, Becky Miller, Julie Ogle, Tasha Posey, Michele Ripley, Eric Taylor, Rachel Thornell, Alyssa Waldroop, Stacey Williams, Blake Wuestefeld, and Elizabeth Yunek. Level II: James Bowyer, Cindy Clark, Joya Clayton, Rachel Cvorovic, Gina Davis, Cathy Dunstan, Meredith Eicher, Annelise Evans, Jennifer Gebczyk, Adam Heidenreich, Robin Hensley, Carla Jackson, Kristin Lyman, Leigh Anne Macquarrie, Ellen Martin, Daniel Milner, Clara Pantazopoulos, Justin Stowe, Christina Thurman, Catherine White, and Grace Yen. Level III: Michele Champion, Chanell Childers, Erin Collins, Chelsea Cook, Caitlyn Grubbe, Mandy Gunter, Megan Martinez, Kim Oden, Fonda Riley, Holly Robbins, and Deborah Rowland.



**AOSA Professional Development Conference**  
**November 11-14, 2015**  
**San Diego, CA**

Visit [www.aosa.org](http://www.aosa.org) for Call to Conference and more.

## PLU Credit

Due to the proposed changes for re-certification, PLUs will not be monitored by our chapter this year. If your school/county requires documentation of your participation, please contact Kelly Mraz ([kelly\\_mraz@gwinnett.k12.ga.us](mailto:kelly_mraz@gwinnett.k12.ga.us)). Gwinnett County teachers will still have the option of receiving PLU credit thru registration (PD&E) and verification of required attendance. Please check the GAPSC website for changes as they occur. (<http://www.gapsc.com>)



## Atlanta Area Chapter AOSA Facebook Page

For all of our members who are on Facebook, we have a Facebook Page for our Atlanta Orff Chapter. Be sure to check it out and make us one of your 'friends'.

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