

# Kodály Educators of Iowa



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## Think Spring!

The winter has been a busy one, and spring promises great ideas to share!



KEI would like to thank Dr. Brent Gault for presenting a fabulous workshop at ISU on January 21. Although some could not attend because of Mother Nature's wintery return, those that braved the cold enjoyed a jam-packed day filled with many new twists on the familiar themes of movement, rhythm, melody, harmony and form. *Covering the Bases: A Multi-sensory Approach to Teaching Music* opened our eyes and engaged our minds and bodies with wonderful ideas. Twenty-two were in attendance, including five students and one first-year teacher! Thanks to Dr. Sylvia Munsen, the ISU Music Department and IMEA for their support of this event, and thanks to West Music for supplying items for the bookstore. Also, thanks to the KEI board for bringing our lunch for the day - what a treat to stay inside and enjoy talking with each other over our lunch hour. Our first winter workshop was a shining success!

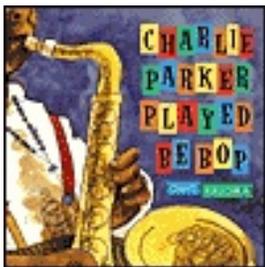
## Chapter Sharing

Join us on Saturday, April 1, for our second annual chapter sharing session. We will meet in Ankeny at Terrace Elementary (thanks to Kris VerSteege for hosting us) for a day of sharing our creativity and ideas with one another. This event is open to members and non-members alike, so feel free to invite your colleagues. Lunch will be provided on-site, and the registration fee is \$10 for all who attend.

Our format will be similar to last year's, featuring a morning topic and an afternoon topic. In the morning we will share our favorite children's books and the activities that go with them. In the afternoon we will read through our favorite choral octavos. Please bring one or two things to share, and we will go through as many as possible. If you are able to bring octavos, please bring enough to share with the group for reading purposes. What a great way for each of us to get some new ideas! Watch for your brochure, and share it with a friend!

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## Check This Out!



### Looking for some jazz picture books?

Check out these titles featuring many of the jazz greats: *Charlie Parker Played Be-bop* by Chris Raschka, *John Coltrane's Giant Steps* by Chris Raschka, *If I Only Had a Horn: Young Louis Armstrong* by Roxane Orgill/Leonard Jenkins, *Ella Fitzgerald: The Tale of a Vocal Virtuosa* by Andrea Davis Pinkney and *Mysterious Thelonious* by Chris Raschka. Look for corresponding jazz recordings at the iTunes music store.

## New Feature For KEI Members

KEI members are now able to view past workshops on DVD. Titles available at this time include Leigh Ann Mock-Garner's sessions for early childhood and older beginners. Coming soon - Brent Gault's "Covering the Bases" workshop. Contact Sonia Johnson for details or to check out DVDs.

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## Upcoming Election of Officers

Immediately following the April chapter sharing, KEI will have a chapter meeting. Part of this meeting will include the presentation of and voting on the slate of officers for the 2006-07 school year. All members are eligible to hold office. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact Sonia Johnson at [johnsons@saydel.k12.ia.us](mailto:johnsons@saydel.k12.ia.us) by April 1. Thanks to all those that served on the board this year and in years past!

## Cynthia Marten to Serve on 2007 National Conference Committee

The 2007 National OAKE convention will be held in Chicago. The conference planning team will consist of four members of our Midwest region, including Cynthia Marten. A big thank you to Cynthia for taking on this project. We look forward to attending next year!

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