

Kodály Educators of Iowa



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KEI Notes and News

Believe it or not, it's time to talk about our second workshop. Since the convention is in our region this year, we will not be having a spring event. All are encouraged to attend in Chicago. We will continue the tradition of our sharing time this winter at Terrace Elementary in Ankeny on February 3, 2007. As is the custom, we will have a morning session and an afternoon session, with lunch provided on-site. There will be a short board meeting at the conclusion, and all KEI members are encouraged to attend. The morning session will focus on multi-cultural materials, and the afternoon will showcase singing games. All who attend are asked to bring something to share with the group for each session. Please bring copies for those in attendance so that we do not need to create handouts during the day. You will receive fliers with more information after the first of the year. To register, you can e-mail Kris VerSteegt at kversteegt@ankeny.k12.ia.us or send in your registration form by mail. The workshop price is \$10 for teachers, \$5 for students. Bring a friend and enjoy a fun and relaxing day of learning and sharing!

KEI at IMEA

Once again KEI will be part of the annual Iowa Music Educators Association convention in November. You might remember our first session, *Singing Games that Teach*, followed by last year's session, *Hands—On Music Literacy*. This year we will present *Listening Lessons for Real Life* on Friday, November 17 at 11am. Presenters include Dr. Sylvia Munsen, Cynthia Marten and Sonia Johnson.

Thanks from KEI!

Thanks to all who attended our fall workshop, *Rehearsal Strategies and Literature for Children's Choirs* presented by Dr. Sylvia Munsen. The day was a great success, and we had over 35 participants. The KEI board would like to thank those who contributed food. Special thanks to Sylvia for her time and effort to put such a wonderful workshop together!

Check This Out!

We Shall Overcome - The Seeger Sessions

Who knew The Boss was a folk singer? This Springsteen album, available on iTunes, contains well-known favorites like Old Dan Tucker, Erie Canal, Froggie Went a Courtin' and Shenandoah, to name a few. If you buy the actual cd, it also contains a DVD of the making of the album. Thanks to Kris VerSteegt for this information!



A Taste of Kodály

Join us in Chicago for the OAKE National Convention March 22-24, 2007. The committee has developed a wonderful menu filled with samplings of the best of Kodály that are sure to tempt your palate. Iowa connections include a keynote address by Weston Noble and a performance by the Ames Children's Choirs Concert Choir, under the direction of Dr. Sylvia Munsen. Don't miss this opportunity to attend a convention in your own back yard!

Did you know...

Besides the many other hats she wears, **Jennifer Cooper** is also a board member of IMEA. **Mary Phelps** presented a Kodály session entitled *The Three P's - Prepare, Present, Practice* at the ICDA elementary workshop this fall. This past summer **Dr. Sylvia Munsen** conducted a festival concert at Carnegie Hall. This month she will travel with the ACC Concert Choir to Omaha where they will be featured at the national Orff-Schulwerk convention.

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