

# Kodály Educators of Iowa



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## Back in the Swing of Things!

The school year is off and running, and we have exciting things ahead!

Welcome back to school! Fall is upon us as we gear up for a great year with our students. We ended on a high note with our chapter sharing (see photos above) — so many great ideas to use! We will kick off this year with a workshop given by our very own Dr. Sylvia Munsen. *Rehearsal Strategies and Literature for Children's Choirs* will be held at ISU on October 28 from 9am—3pm. The morning session, held in the newly renovated recital hall, will feature a demonstration with the Concert Choir of the Ames Children's Choirs. After an on-site lunch, we will participate in a reading session with packets provided by Youngerman's. The packets will contain 10—12 pieces suitable for younger choirs, and the purchase price is \$20. In order to insure enough packets for participants, please register by October 2. To register, you can e-mail Kris VerSteege at [kversteegt@ankeny.k12.ia.us](mailto:kversteegt@ankeny.k12.ia.us) or send in your registration form by mail. The workshop price for members is \$15.



## 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. At this time, presenters include Dr. Sylvia Munsen and Sonia Johnson.

## KEI Wants You!

KEI is always looking for new members to join our chapter. In an effort to reach more teachers, we are offering a first-year teacher discount price of \$15 for workshops. We are also offering student scholarships to two music education majors. This includes membership in KEI/OAKE. Applications will be sent to area colleges and universities, and hopefully we will get to meet our scholarship students at the October workshop. Spread the word!

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## Check This Out!

### Looking for folk songs for your collection?

Try looking on-line for new titles in The American Folk Song Collection at <http://kodaly.hnu.edu/>. This is an online resource as part of the Kodály Center for Music Education at Holy Names University in California. Here you will find over 300 titles, including printable scores and song analysis. Some songs also feature recordings.



### Sister Lorna Zemke in Iowa

Internationally recognized Kodály educator Sister Lorna Zemke will present a workshop at Simpson College in Indianola on September 23 from 9am—3pm. The workshop is entitled *One Hundred Plus Motivators for the Music Classroom*. The cost is \$30 for the single workshop or \$50 if you plan to attend both Simpson workshops. For more information, you can visit <http://www.simpson.edu/music/workshops/descriptions.html>

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## 2007 National Conference

The 2007 National OAKE Conference will be held in Chicago March 22-24. The conference planning team consists of four members of our Midwest region, including Cynthia Marten. A big thank you to Cynthia for taking on this project. Other Iowa connections include a keynote address by Weston Noble and a performance by the Concert Choir of Ames Children's Choirs under the direction of Dr. Sylvia Munsen. Come and take advantage of this tremendous event in our own backyard. You can find more details on the OAKE website at [http://www.oake.org/pdf/2007\\_flyer.pdf](http://www.oake.org/pdf/2007_flyer.pdf) and in upcoming OAKE journals.

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