

Kodály Educators of Iowa

February 2009



If you haven't done so, get online and register for our ***Kodály Techniques Workshop*** at Drake University on March 7th. Our workshops are the cheapest around but are always packed with fun, accessible, and fresh ideas to bring back to your students. This

workshop is right around the corner, so get signed up by going to www.kodalyiowa.org and clicking on the workshops tab. You can register online and will pay at the door. Please remember, you do not have to be Kodály certified to attend!

We are so lucky to have two experts in our state that will be leading this workshop. Tom and Barb Sletto will share all their great ideas with us. Barb is going to share ***Kodály Techniques in the Choral Setting*** during the morning portion and Tom will be sharing ***Materials and Techniques for the Elementary Classroom*** during the afternoon segment. If you caught his sessions at IMEA, you know he's got a lot of important ideas to share. Both of their bios are linked in the website if you are unfamiliar with their work. Please spread the word that these two great educators are going to head up a fantastic day for all of us to enjoy and benefit from.

The year is going by fast, isn't it?! I look forward to seeing everyone in March so we can catch up and hear how everyone's year has been. See you soon!

Shelly Droe, KEI President

From Kirk Olson

Dear Members of KEI,

What a wonderful time I had in Iowa! How fun it was that we were able to spend a little time together. I very much enjoyed participating in your session and appreciate that you came to support mine - how funny that we had such similar ideas :) You all made me feel so special and welcome. Have a wonderful 2009. Blessings, Kirk

Congratulations to ...

Sonia Johnson and her husband Chris on the birth of their son, Hezekiah. He was born January 16, weighing 6lbs 6 ounces and measuring 19.5 inches. Big brother Eli is very excited to welcome him to the family!

First Iowa Orff Workshop

FIO will host Jo Ella Hug, AOSA president, on April 18 at UNI. More details available at a later date.

KEI Upcoming Events

Our spring workshop will be held at Drake University on March 7. Barb Sletto will present the morning session, ***Kodály Techniques in the Choral Setting***. Tom Sletto will share ***Materials and Techniques for the Elementary Classroom*** in the afternoon. Cost will be \$20 for non-members, \$15 for members, \$5 for ISU students and free for Drake students. Box lunches will be available for purchase if you register on-line at www.kodalyiowa.org

Drake University is offering ***Kodály Levels I and II*** from July 27-August 7. Faculty will include Tom and Barb Sletto and Tom Michalek.



Happy Birthday to You - Composers of the Month

Composers born in February: John Williams (1932), Victor Herbert (1859), Leo Delibes (1836), Felix Mendelssohn (1809), Giacchino Rossini (1792), George Frederic Handel (1685), Michael Praetorius (1571), Giovanni Palestrina (1528)

Composers born in March: Andrew Lloyd Webber (1948), Gwyneth Walker (1947), Samuel Barber (1910), Kurt Weill (1900), Bela Bartok (1881), Nikolay Rimsky-Korsakov (1844), Modest Moussorgsky (1839), Frederic Chopin (1810), Franz Joseph Haydn (1732), Johann Sebastian Bach (1685), Henry Purcell (1659)



Jazz Books for Young Children

Looking for a way to get more jazz into your classroom? Try one of these children's books. Then play a selection as sung or played by the musician featured in the book. Shop iTunes for many jazz albums.

A-ticket A-tasket as sung by Ella Fitzgerald (illus. Ora Eitan) **Duke Ellington - The Prince and His Orchestra** (Andrea Davis Pinkney) **If I Only Had a Horn - Young Louis Armstrong** (Roxane Orgill) **Charlie Parker Played Be Bop** (Chris Raschka) **Ella Fitzgerald - The Tale of a Vocal Virtuosa** (Andrea Davis Pinkney)

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