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Nebraska Music Educators Association

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ORFF CHAPTER

ALL-STATE SPECIAL ENSEMBLES

ORFF SCHULWERK ENSEMBLE

November 18, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Kimball Recital Hall

OUR MISSION

The Nebraska Music Education Association is committed to building a robust statewide community of qualified music educators and allies by **cultivating** genuine relationships, **advancing** music education, and **advocating** for the profession.

Student Teaching Grants

Annually, NMEA makes available two grants of $1,000 each for Collegiate Members (students) who are active members and pursuing a career in music education. The 2026 grant winners are:

- **Alyssa Liebich**, Chadron State College
- **Reace Anderson**, University of Nebraska at Kearney

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For today's students to succeed tomorrow, they need a comprehensive education that includes music taught by exemplary music educators.

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WHAT IS ORFF SCHULWERK?

Orff Schulwerk is a model for music and movement education in schools that offers a potential for active and creative music making by all children, not just the musically talented. This approach to learning, developed by Carl Orff and Gunild Keetman, builds musicianship through singing, playing instruments, speech, and movement. Active music making is the core of this philosophy, supporting both the conceptual and affective development of children. In Orff Schulwerk classrooms, children begin with what they do instinctively: play! Imitation, experimentation, and personal expression occur naturally as students become confident, life-long musicians and creative problem solvers.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:
The marvelous students of the 2026 All-State Orff Ensemble and their parents, the music teachers who prepared students for this experience, the NMEA Board of Directors, the board of the Great Plains Orff Chapter, Lincoln Public Schools Music Department, and the UNL Glenn Korff School of Music. For more information,visit:

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ALL-STATE ORFF CONDUCTORS



Karen K. Benson
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Janet Howles
K-5 General Music
Morley Elementary
Lincoln, NE



Annie Kleppingerr
Music Specialist
Cavett Elementary
Lincoln, NE



Kristine Wolfe
PreK-6 Music and Band
Papillon LaVista Community Schools
Sarpy County, NE

[Click for more information on tonight's conductors.]

Nebraska Music Education Association and Great Plains Orff Chapter present

"I Am One!"

Karen Benson, Janet Howles, Annie Kleppinger, Kristine Wolfe, Conductors

Inspired by *I Am One: A Book of Action*; by Susan Verde, art by Peter H. Reynolds

Start Something Beautiful.....Carl Orff and Gunild Keetman
Music for Children, Vol. I, #44, Murray Ed., Schott ED 4865 (1958); arr. Kristine Wolfe

Garden of the Earth ..... Traditional Russian Folk Song
words by Paul Winter and Paul Halley; arr. Karen Benson

Masterpiece..... Gunild Keetman
Spielbuch für Xylophon II, #11, Schott ED 5577 (1966); arr. Janet Howles

Let's Take a Trip..... Gunild Keetman
Spielbuch für Xylophon II, #19, Schott ED 5577 (1966); arr. Krstine Wolfe

Desert Fire ..... .Will Schmid
World Music Drumming New Ensembles and Songs, Hal Leonard Publishing (2004); arr. Annie Kleppinger

Brick Wall ..... inspired by Old House, traditional melody
arr. Karen Benson

Tranquillo.....Carl Orff and Gunild Keetman
Music for Children, Vol. I, #20, Murray Ed., Schott ED 4865 (1958)

I Choose..... Elizabeth Camozzi
Sweet Pipes Publishing (2024)

All-State Orff Personnel

Malakhi Alexander, Sunset Hills Elementary, 5
Everett Andersen, Exeter-Milligan-Friend, 4
Sawyer Anstey, Ada Robinson Elementary, 4
Bellamy Araya Korn, Calvert Elementary, 4
Nora Barber, Ada Robinson Elementary, 5
Aurora Bartlett, Cavett Elementary, 5
Zoe Beck, Malcolm, 5
Penelope Bell, Bryan Elementary, 4
Addilyn Bettles, Kenwood Elementary, 5
Delaney Bloomquist, Malcolm, 5
Tommy Brandt, Exeter-Milligan-Friend, 4
Camden Brockhoff, Fredstrom Elementary, 4
Vanessa Buschow, Elgin, 5
Maisie Cain, Ogallala, 5
Hudson Carraher, Cavett Elementary, 5
Emma Cermeno Adame, Forest Station Elem., 5
Eloise Chambers, Sheridan Elementary, 4
Ayla Chaney, Heritage Elementary, 5
Sua Cho, Swanson Elementary, 4
Sydney Christman, Riley Elementary, 5
Harper Clausen, Meadowlark Elementary, 4
Emma Cole, Randolph Elementary, 5
Elsie Crockett, Engleman Elementary, 5
Kayden Davis, Brady, 5
Clint Eckhout, Eagle Elementary, 4
Stella Ensz, Tri County, 4
Sloan Esau, Tri County, 5
Cal Feeney, West Bay Elementary, 5
Livaya Ferguson, Weeping Water, 5
Madison Franzen, Eagle Elementary, 5
Delaney Garey, Weeping Water, 5
Claire Giffin, Ravenna, 4
Nicholas Gonzalez, Emerson Elementary, 4
Bentlee Green, Bellevue Elementary, 4
Ashlyn Gunderson, Fredstrom Elementary, 5
Zora Halsey-Craig, Riley Elementary, 5
Emmy Holly, Sheridan Elementary, 4
Danni Inselman, Bellevue Elementary, 5
Emilie Jarman, Gates Elementary, 5
Leander Jenkins, Beals Elementary, 4
Lakelan Johnson, Brady, 4
Grant Jones, Ravenna, 5
Briar Justus, Heritage Elementary, 5
Shanmukh Kandala, Aldrich Elementary, 5
Kaden Kopperud, Prairie Lane Elementary, 5
Wyatt Livingston, Westgate Elementary, 4
Yvonne Luo, West Bay Elementary, 5
Nicolas Lutu-Topley, Hartley Elementary, 5
Jade Malone, Sandy Creek Elementary, 5
Kora Marsh, Thayer Central, 5
Carter Martens, Morley Elementary, 5
Alex Martinez, Randolph Elementary, 5
Phoenix Matney, Forest Station Elementary, 5
Liam McCaslin, North Park Elementary, 4
Olivia McPhillips, Central City Elementary, 4
Rylee Meyer, Arnold Elementary, 5
Gracie Misa, Loveland Elementary, 5
Kayne Mitchell, East Butler, 4
Emmerick Molacek, Buffalo Hills Elementary, 5
Zeke Moody, Northeast Elementary, 4
Eva Nave, Zeman Elementary, 4
Josie Pham, Pinewood Elementary, 4
Maura Randles, Windy Hills Elementary, 5
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Amelia Robinson, Gates Elementary, 5
Eliza Sawyer, Kenwood Elementary, 5
Colin Schmitter, Zeman Elementary, 4
Carter Schwartz, Windy Hills Elementary, 5
Husein Sebaq, Hartley Elementary, 5
Eva Smith, North Park Elementary, 4
Leonardo Solache, Engleman Elementary, 5
Ellie Solt, Central City Elementary, 4
Quinn Spray, Sandy Creek Elementary, 5
Wyatt Sterkel-Colombo, Aldrich Elementary, 5
Isabelle Timmerman, Thayer Central, 5
Jace Tolbert, DC West Elementary, 4
Gus Van Dyke, Buffalo Hills Elementary, 5
Aspen Wagner, Park Elementary, 4
Rosie Wallace, Calvert Elementary, 5
Calliope Weiss, Northeast Elementary, 5
Lillian Whitney, Elgin, 4
Thea Wilkes, Arthur County, 4
Ike Wood, Morley Elementary, 5
Ivy Wood, Ogallala, 5
Briley Wren, East Butler, 4
Harlow Yost, DC West Elementary, 5

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