

Dear Orff friends,

Welcome to Term 4! There is a lot happening this term. Last Sunday at MLC Burwood, we held an Australian Composition workshop, catering especially to Secondary Music Teachers who want to teach Australian Music in a creative way. James Humberstone presented three Australian works of the past 25 Years and was inspiring in the way he approached these pieces through playing, singing and improvising. We appreciate the enormous effort that went in to preparing these great activities and resources. Many thanks to James for a great day! Check out the photos [here](#). Also, the amazing 'ACT chapter' of NSW Orff has organised a 'Celebrate in Style' workshop with the brilliant Sarah Brooke, on November 5th, held in Canberra. Please [register online](#): or see details in the Bulli.

Last week I had the privilege of seeing (and hearing!) about 50 people take part in the annual NSW Levels courses, held at Monte Sant' Angelo in North Sydney. It was so wonderful to see people learning (through singing, playing and moving) from the fantastic presenters: Dr Carol Richards, Robyn Staveley, Peta Harper, Dr Anne Power, Sue Lane and Susan Head. Thank you also to the marvelously talented Linda Walburn, who undertook the task of training to be a Levels presenter, as a mentee. The Levels are so important in helping participants understand the 'Orff approach' through fun, yet intentionally systematic, activities. Those participating experienced music in the role of the 'student'. They made music creatively, and spontaneously, while being guided by and trained in a well-thought-out process, which allows for success. I know that participants found the courses inspiring and full of shared music making and ideas for the benefit of their own students. Thank you, again, to the presenters, and thank you to Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College for allowing NSW OSA to use your beautiful grounds and facilities.

I want to warmly welcome Antoinette Hildebrandt to our committee and to the NSW Orff Schulwerk Association in her new role as Treasurer. Antoinette will be liaising with members regarding all 'financial' matters: e.g. course registrations and resource purchases. The treasurer's email address remains the same: treasurer@orffnsw.org.au. She has been passed the 'treasurer' baton from the brilliant, wonderful, organised and fun Samantha Allen. Sam, you have been amazing as treasurer and we are all so grateful for all your hours of hard work for the association. You are a class act and you have left big shoes to fill! We sincerely appreciate your capable handling of your role over the past several

years, done always with such thoughtfulness for others, generosity and graciousness.

Finally, following our AGM in August, we also have a new Bulletin editor! Thank you to Michelle Rollins who has accepted the role, starting with Bulletin One of 2012. We are also continuing to put the 'Bullis' on our website for downloading by members. A BIG thank you to Sue Lane for heading up the 'Bulli' team as editor throughout the past year. It is a huge job, which you have done superbly. Thank you also to Hamish Lane for your deft touch in making the Bulli look so great.

Thank you also to every member of the NSW Orff Schulwerk committee for all that you have done this year. From organising courses, to liaising with presenters, printers, venues, catering or giving your time to sell resources or ensure that courses run smoothly.

Each member of the Orff Schulwerk Association of NSW is very welcome to be a part of our committee. Please don't hesitate to be in touch with me if you're interested in 'giving back' and becoming a part of the committee itself: president@orffnsw.org.au. We are keen for new ideas and people who are willing to help implement or facilitate these. Our next meeting is quite soon, on the 22nd of October, at Sue Lane's on the Central Coast. Please let me know if you're interested in helping the activities of Orff NSW and if you'd like to attend.

Have a wonderful Term 4 and I want to encourage you to attend the January 2012 'Voices of the Swan' National Conference in Perth, Western Australia. Details are found within. It will be a memorable and hugely worthwhile conference. I hope to see you there!

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