

2023 VMEA ALL-VIRGINIA ORFF ENSEMBLE

November 15-16, 2023

Hello Elementary Music Teachers! We are so excited to offer our elementary students a chance to participate in the 2nd annual VMEA All Virginia Orff Ensemble! We happily extend to you the invitation to offer your school the opportunity to join approximately 40 other elementary students in a unique Orff experience. Teachers who would like to participate are directed to choose **up to 6 students** who are able to play Orff instruments on the beat with excellent hand position and keep their part when playing in an ensemble. Students should be able to sing on pitch and be willing to move or dance with or without a partner. We will accept registrations on a first-received, first-registered basis. We will keep everyone updated on your registration status as we receive them. Once the group has reached its max of 40-45 students, we will inform members through district reps, our websites, and social media that we are no longer accepting registrations.

Overview

The All Virginia Orff Ensemble is an incredibly unique performance opportunity for our elementary students' pursuing their developing artistry and self-discovery through music.

Our All-Virginia Orff Ensemble event is the only event like this in the state of Virginia. This event provides an exciting growth experience for students, a rewarding concert for both parents and teachers, and a chance to network and positively associate with elementary music educators from the 16 districts in Virginia that are part of VMEA. The event will take place on November 16, 2023 as the opening concert for the 2023 Professional Development Conference at the Greater Richmond Convention Center in Richmond, VA. Rehearsal for this concert will run from 1:00 - 6:00pm on November 15, 2023, and 8:00 –11:00am on November 16, 2023, with the performance following at 11:30am to kick off our annual VMEA Professional Development Conference.

Enclosed, you will find 1) Conductor Information, 2) Event and Payment details, 3) Music Teacher/Student Registration Form, and 4) Student Medical Information Form. Please take the time to read over the documents, review the dates, and inquire about any/all questions or concerns you may have. Music and hotel information will be sent once your registration forms and payment are received. A block of rooms has been set up for this event at a reduced price. If you have not chosen your students yet, you may send their information as soon as you have their commitment to participate.

Your participation is encouraged! Completed registrations must be postmarked no later than September 16, 2023. If an extenuating circumstance prevents your school from being able to register before the cut-off date of November 1, 2023, please contact Cheryl Baker as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Cheryl Baker. We look forward to receiving your registration packets!

Very Respectfully,

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The Conductor

Patrick Ware is an internationally known Orff Schulwerk clinician and choral conductor. With a service to education spanning more than 25 years, he holds a B.A. in Music from Westfield State University, an M.S. Ed from Radford University and a DMA from the Shenandoah Conservatory of Shenandoah University. Dr. Ware is a National Board Certified Teacher in Music/Elementary and Middle Childhood. He is an AOSA Tacher Educator for all levels of movement and recorder as well as Levels I and II Basic Pedagogy. Patrick is published through Beatin' Path Publications including works for treble choir with Orff Ensemble. Patrick teaches K-5 General Music and Chorus in Prince William County Virginia.

The All-Virginia Orff Ensemble for VEMEA is an exceptionally rare VEMEA performance ensemble that affords our young students an opportunity very few get to experience in Virginia. The conductors and coordinators work in tandem to develop a program suited to the Conductor's unique teaching methods and stylistic preferences, while offering the participants an engaging and challenging Orff experience.

Event Details

- Guest Conductor: Dr Patrick Ware
- Date: November 15-16, 2023.
- Location: Greater Richmond Convention Center in Richmond, VA
- You are allowed to select up to six (6) students from your highest elementary grade level.
- Reference recordings will be provided to each director. Directors must ensure that each student has his/her music and instrument part prepared for performance and memorized prior to November 15.
- Teachers will need to be present with their students for the duration of the event; if a chaperone will be attending, please be sure to follow your school's permissions and procedures.
- Parents are not allowed in the rehearsal room until the performance unless they are serving as a chaperone.
- Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle (labeled w/ name).
- Students and Directors will be provided with snacks.

- Student attire for the concert will be an All-Virginia Orff Ensemble T-shirt which will be given out the day of the event, black pants or skirt, black socks or hosiery and black shoes. Directors are encouraged to check outfits prior to November 15. *
- On the first day of the event, check-in will be from 12:30-1:00pm. Practice will begin at 8:00am the next morning. Doors will open for concert seating on the second day at 11:00am.; the concert will start at 11:30am.

Note*: As a VMEA endorsed honors ensemble, professionalism and preparedness are vital to the success of the event. The Guest Conductor *and* Coordinator reserve the *absolute right* to deny participation to *any* student *or* teacher whose conduct and/or dress detract from all participants' mutual and equitable experience. Please review and emphasize this with your selected students and their families.

Payment Information

- School registration fee will be \$25.00 per school which covers VMEA fees, venue fees, and provides music and a t-shirt for the teacher.
- Student registration fee will be \$30.00 per participant, which provides our budget for the entire event (honorariums, snacks, music copyright fees, t-shirts, etc.).
- There is \$128.00 participation fee for non-VMEA/NAfME directors. If you would like to participate and are not a member yet, you may register for VMEA/NAfME at www.nafme.org.
- Send *one check* from your school or sponsoring PTO/PTA that covers the *total amount* (School fee, student fees, and any non-VMEA/NAfME educator fees).
- Checks are payable to VEMEA.
- All materials must be postmarked by Friday, September 15, 2023 and mailed to:

Colin Powell Elementary School
Attn: Cheryl Baker – All Virginia Orff Ensemble
13340 Leland Road
Centreville, VA 20120

Music Teacher and School Registration

Please complete and send the following registration, with payment, to the address above no later than September 16, 2022. It is highly recommended that you make a hard copy of the completed registration for your records. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact either of the Coordinators as soon as possible.

Section 1: Music Teacher Information

Music Teacher's Name: _____

T-shirt size: YXS YS YM YL YXL AS AM AL AXL AXXL AXXXL

VMEA/NAfME Membership #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Email address: _____ (provide an address you regularly use)

Inclement Weather Phone Contact Numbers

Home: _____ Cell: _____ (provide both if you have both)

Section 2: Financial Information

Student Registration: number of students attending _____ x \$30.....= _____(a)
Ex. 4 students x 30 = \$120

School Registration Fee: _____ \$25 (b)

VMEA/NAfME Non Member-Educator Fee (if applicable) _____ (\$128)... = _____(c)

Total amount enclosed: (a+b+c).....= _____

Section 3: School Information

School Name and Address: _____ School Phone: _____

_____ School Fax: _____

Section 3: Music Teacher Agreement and Administrator Approval

By signing below, the music teacher commits to bring students to participate in the 2023 All Virginia Orff Ensemble Event held on November 15-16 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center. The music teacher understands that they, or a school-approved chaperone, will remain in the rehearsal area with their students at all times.

Music Teacher's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Music Teacher's Name (print): _____

By signing below, the Administrator grants approval for the music teacher to select, and attend with, students to participate in the 2023 VMEA All Virginia Orff Ensemble held on November 15-16 at Greater Richmond Convention Center in Richmond, VA. The Administrator agrees that the students chosen for participation are based on the music teacher's specialized, and sole, professional opinion.

Administrator's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Administrator's Name (print): _____

Student Medical Information (Confidential)

Please have every participating student's Parent(s)/Guardian(s) complete this form. Music teachers are required to bring a copy of this form to the event for every participating student. These forms are confidential and are to be kept in the music teacher's possession. If a school-approved chaperone is accompanying you, please discuss and review confidentiality and accessibility to student medical information with your administration.

Student Name: _____ Age: _____

T-shirt size: YXS YS YM YL YXL AS AM AL AXL AXXL AXXXL

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Please list any additional emergency contact information below:

If your child is taking medicine that will need to be administered during rehearsal, please contact your child's music teacher to make arrangements.

Please list any medical concerns or food allergies for your child.

Additional contacts or concerns:

In case of an emergency, I/We the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) understand that every effort will be made to contact the parent(s), guardian(s), or designated emergency contact listed above. In the event a parent, guardian, or designated emergency contact cannot be reached, I/We hereby, in an emergency situation, give permission to the physician selected by the Professional Staff to hospitalize and provide treatment for my child as named above.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date: _____

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Date: _____

ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL BE HELD IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.