

Elementary Music Teacher Workshop

Presented by the Arizona Chapter of the American Orff-Schulwerk Association

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Offered in partnership with the Kyrene Elementary School District

Thomas Murphy is a music educator at San Tan Elementary in Gilbert AZ. He studied music education at SUNY Potsdam and percussion performance at Arizona State University, where he also received his Orff training. His Orff based approach at San Tan inspires students to work collaboratively and find their own voice through composition.

Thomas has served as Director of Percussion with the Phoenix Youth Symphony and Front Ensemble Instructor for McClintock Marching Band. As a musician, he has performed with such groups as The Phoenix Symphony, Arizona Musicfest, West Valley Symphony, Sonoran Desert Chorale, UBU Project and Desert Foothills Theater.

Thomas has presented two clinics at the AMEA conference as well as clinics for both Mesa and Scottsdale school districts. He is currently President-Elect on the AZ Orff Board and previously served as President of AZ Percussive Arts Society. Thomas was named the Higley School District 2017 Teacher of the Year.

August 28, 2021 presenter

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Finding the Groove

*Establishing Solid Time for
Kinder through Sixth Grade*



What is a “groove” and how do we help our students find it? Is groove a state of mind or something more tangible? This clinic will focus on the building blocks needed to progress students to a solid sense of time. Bring a drum and/or Orff instrument to explore music from stories, folk songs and world music.



Future AZ Orff Workshops

Unless otherwise noted, all workshops run 9 AM to 1 PM, with registration beginning at 8:30 AM

August 28	Thomas Murphy
October 23	TBA
January 22	Orff/Kodaly Chapter Share
February 12	Tim Wiegand
April 23	Laura Bercaw-Peterson

Sorry, but for insurance reasons, we cannot have children at our Saturday workshops

AZ Orff Workshop Location
 Kyrene de las Manitas
 Elementary School
 1201 West Courtney Lane
 Tempe, AZ 85284

Membership & Workshop Fee Schedule 2021-22

	Member
Early Bird	\$65.00 five workshop pass pre-reg before 8/29/21
Regular	\$75.00 five workshop pass paid after 8/29/21
Retired	\$30.00 five workshop pass
Undergraduate	FREE
	Non-Member
Regular walk-in	\$30.00 single workshop pass (\$15.00 half-day workshop only)
Retired	\$15.00 single workshop (\$10.00 half-day workshop only)

