We wish to extend a special invitation to the members of the Kansas Orff Chapter and the Heart of America Orff Chapter to attend this workshop. Baker University’s beautiful tree-filled campus with its brook, bridge, and an English village Chapel (moved to the campus in 1996) will be a fantastic site in which to enjoy this rewarding workshop. The Baker campus is located just 45 minutes from Kansas City and Topeka and 20 minutes from Lawrence, with many recreational opportunities such as swimming, restaurants, historical sites, and parks. Classes meet 8:30-4:00 daily.

Housing is available in the Baker University Apartments for a nightly charge of $25.00. The Apartments include private bedrooms, shared bath, and kitchen facilities. Plan to bring your own bedding (extra-long twin) and towels. Meals are also available in the University Cafeteria and at area restaurants.

The Certification course fee is $600. To register for the course, please complete and send the Registration Form in this brochure with a $150 non-refundable deposit. The balance of payment for the course will be due on or before the first day of classes. If you wish to enroll for graduate credit from Baker University, there is an additional fee of $65 per credit (total $195). Enrollment and payment for Graduate Credit will occur on the first day of classes.
Level 1

Level 1 is for anyone with musical training who wishes to acquire basic knowledge and pedagogic foundations in the Orff-Schulwerk approach. Study of basic Orff techniques, including use of the pentatonic, the simple bordun, the ostinato, and elemental forms; basic body movements and their application to the Schulwerk; soprano recorder; vocal and rhythmic training; and improvisation. Recommended for persons with no previous two-week training course.

Level III

Level III is for anyone who has successfully completed and AOSA approved Level II course. Instruction will review Level I and II techniques emphasizing the teaching process. Students will explore instrumental and vocal improvisation, review modal materials, advanced orchestration including functional harmony (I-V, I-IV, I-V), recorder and movement. Students will also teach lessons.

Cancellation Policy

Baker University may cancel or postpone any course or activity because of insufficient enrollment or other unforeseen circumstances. If a program is cancelled or postponed, Baker University will refund all registration fees, but cannot be held responsible for other costs, charges, or other expenses incurred by the registrant.

For more information please contact the Course Director, Greg Gooden, at orffan@sbcglobal.net or GregoryGooden@usd475.

Dena Byers—Level I

Dena Byers teaches K-5 music with the Durham Public Schools, in Durham, North Carolina and is the Associate Conductor of the Durham Children’s Choir. A National Board Certified teacher since 2005, Dena has presented at the AOSA Professional Development Conferences in San Jose and Milwaukee as well as for Orff chapters across the country. She served as a Region IV Representative on the AOSA National Board of Trustees from 2006-2009. Additionally she has conducted several all-county honors choirs in North Carolina and was the recipient of the 2010 Jackson Parkhurst award as an outstanding North Carolina Music Educator.

Rob Amchin—Level III

Dr. Robert Amchin is a distinguished teaching professor of music education at the University of Louisville (KY). He studied at the Orff Institute (Salzburg), New England Conservatory of Music, Memphis State University, Hofstra University, Hamline University, and the University of Michigan. Rob was an elementary music teacher in Texas and still works with children as an artist-in-residence. Amchin has taught Orff teacher-training courses and workshops around the world including invitations to Finland, China, Russia, Austria, Israel, Poland, and Canada. He has presented at numerous American Orff Schulwerk Association (AOSA) national conferences.

Jennifer Donovan

Jennifer Donovan teaches kindergarten through fifth grade music, chorus, and drumming ensemble at Clear Creek Elementary in Shawnee, Kansas. Her fifth graders have been selected to perform twice at the Kansas MEA convention. A past president of the Kansas Orff Chapter, she has served as Treasurer and Region III Representative on the AOSA National Board of Trustees. She served on the Kansas Teacher of the Year Team in 2009.

Greg Gooden

Greg Gooden teaches music at Fort Riley Elementary School in Fort Riley, Kansas. He is the director of the Geary County Children's Choir and previously directed the McPherson Arts Council Children's Choir. He is currently President of the Kansas Orff Chapter. Greg was the Elementary Outstanding Music Teacher of the Year in 2006 and 2012 for the North Central District KMEA. He presented at the 2005 AOSA National Conference in Birmingham, Alabama and the 2006 National Conference in Omaha.

Registration Form

Baker University

Orff-Schulwerk Certification Course

Level I & III

July 6-17, 2015

Please complete and print entire form. Make checks payable to Baker University.

Name __________________________ 
Address ____________________________________________________________
(above address is my home work address)
Date of Birth ________________________
Social Security # _____________________
Phone Number _______________________
Fax Number _________________________
E-mail Address ______________________

Please check the appropriate options below:

COURSE REGISTRATION: Level I ___ or Level III ___
___Enclosed is my check for the non-refundable* deposit ($150) OR
___Enclosed is my check for course registration ($600, of which $150 is non-refundable* deposit)

*Refundable ONLY if course cancelled due to low enrollment.

HOUSING OPTIONS
___Enclosed is my check for campus housing ($325, check-in on Sunday July 5)
___Please reserve a room on campus for me. I'll pay when I arrive.
___I do not plan to stay on campus.

GRADUATE CREDIT
___I expect to enroll for graduate credit at the first class meeting.

Please return the completed form postmarked by June 5, 2015 to:

Orff-Schulwerk Level I & III
Baker University Dept. of Music and Theatre
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