

Orff-Schulwerk Association of South Australia - (OSASA)

Presenter Biographies



Introduction to creative music education - Orff-Schulwerk Association of South Australia - (OSASA)

Kirrabelle Lovell



Kirrabelle Lovell is the music teacher at Highbury Primary School where she teaches students from Reception to Year 6, conducts two concert bands, two choirs, recorder ensemble and coordinates the instrumental music program.

She has completed a large variety of professional development in Orff Schulwerk in Australia including the 4 Australian Orff Schulwerk Levels courses. In 2018-2019 she completed the 'Advanced Studies in Music and Dance Education: Special Course' at the Orff Institute, Mozarteum University Salzburg. She has also completed training in the Kodály approach to music education.

Kirrabelle has presented at local workshops, national conferences and Level Courses and is a past Board member of the Orff Schulwerk Association of SA. She has written and taught courses in music education for Flinders University and the University of SA and participates as a mentor for the national Music in Me program.

Michael McConnochie



Michael McConnochie is the Performing Arts Teacher at Golden Grove Primary School (SA), where he delivers a dynamic program in Music, Dance, Drama, and Media for students from Foundation to Year 6. In addition to weekly lessons, he coordinates an extensive extra-curricular program that includes two choirs, two concert bands, a boys' percussion ensemble, a dance troupe, and a thriving Instrumental Music program.

Beyond his school role, Michael is the Orchestra Manager for the South Australian Public Primary Schools Festival of Music, overseeing the orchestral components of this prestigious event. He has also contributed to the development of future educators as a tutor at the University of South Australia, delivering sessions on music pedagogy.

An active leader in the broader education community, Michael serves on the Board of Educators SA, the peak body for professional teaching associations in South Australia. He has completed Levels 1 and 2 of the Australian Orff Schulwerk certification and is a regular presenter at Orff workshops at state, national, and international levels.

Susan Marshall



Susan is the classroom music teacher at Unley Primary School. She teaches students from foundation to year 6. Susan has been involved with Orff Schulwerk since 2002 and has completed the 4 Australian Orff Schulwerk Levels courses.

Susan is a regular presenter at Orff Schulwerk conferences in South Australia. Since 2017, Susan has been involved in the Music in Me Mentoring Program. Susan enjoys playing her violin in an orchestra and learning the art of Taiko drumming.

Maria Stone



Maria teaches music at Hendon Primary School to students from foundation to year 6. She is also the Troupe Manager for the SA Public Primary Schools Festival of Music.

Maria has been involved with Orff Schulwerk in SA since in 1985, holding various positions on the OSASA committee over the years. Maria has completed the 4 Australian Orff Schulwerk Levels courses and her knowledge and skills of Orff Schulwerk is outstanding. In 2006, Maria won the Minister's Arts Award, which enabled her to attend the summer course at the Orff Institute in Salzburg in 2007.

In her spare time, Maria performs regularly as a vocalist with the band Finger Bun.

Kristie Fudge



Kristie has been teaching for over 20 years, both as a classroom teacher, and a performing arts teacher. Kristie is currently working as a field officer for the Music Education Strategy. From 2011-2019, she worked at Woodcroft Primary School, teaching performing arts to 700+ students each week, from foundation through to year 7. As a part of her program, Kristie also ran numerous choirs, dance groups, and percussion ensembles for students in years 2-7.

Kristie has completed all 4 Australian Orff Schulwerk Levels courses, is the current president of the Orff Schulwerk of South Australia board, and is a regular presenter at Orff workshops in South Australia. Kristie also has experience in the Dalcroze method of music education.

Joanna Patrick



Joanna has been teaching for many years, both as a classroom teacher, and specialist Music teacher.

She has completed the 4 Australian Orff Schulwerk Levels courses and attended international symposium and international summer course at the Orff Institute in Salzburg Austria in 2011.

She has been an active member of the Orff Schulwerk of SA board since 2006 and presents regularly for both OSASA and Musica Viva in schools.

She is a highly qualified and experienced Orff Schulwerk Level 1 presenter and enjoys sharing ideas to inspire others.

Susie Davies-Splitter



Susie Davies-Splitter (M.Ed) is a dynamic music educator at Le Page Primary School in Melbourne, where she directs an F-6 music and performing arts program, choir, and band. A celebrated musician and award-winning composer, she is also an accredited ANCOS (Australian National Council of Orff Schulwerk) trainer and twice past President of VOSA (Victorian Orff Schulwerk Association). Together with her husband Phil, Susie co-founded '[Welcome to Music](#),' a global enterprise providing innovative programs, Courses, Resources and [Membership Community](#) for Early Childhood and Primary School Educators. She hosts the '[Take Orff with Webinar](#)' Series and the [Welcome to](#)

[Music Podcast and Blog](#).

The 'Welcome to Music' Series, known for its engaging and award-winning collection of original, traditional, jazz, and world music songs, includes activities, teacher books, ukulele and recorder programs, musicals, storybooks, and choral arrangements. This series is widely enjoyed by teachers, parents, and children across Australia and worldwide. Over many years, Susie and Phil have composed hundreds of fun, educational, humorous, and inspiring songs and videos that can be found on the streaming services such as [Spotify](#) and [Apple Music](#) and on their [YouTube Channel](#)

Susie's vision is to enrich lives and build confidence and creativity through the joy of music, always keeping the child's experience at the heart of her work.

Audrey Klein



Audrey Klein has been a well known and respected name within Music education and the Orff Schulwerk world since the 1980s, working as a performer, resource creator and educator. For several years Audrey has taught in Levels courses around Australia and in Hong Kong, taking great delight in seeing how participants evolve so much from the start to the end of the week!

Although Audrey has now formally retired from being the in-house Music teacher in Primary school, she is still heavily involved in movement and dance education through:

- creating resources on her website - <https://smorgasbordmusicanddance.com.au/>
- offering international dance workshops in schools, teaching students dances and sharing some of her instrument collection
- offering international folk dance classes in Melbourne
- working with klezmer bands in Melbourne and interstate as a dance leader
- filling in for Music teachers on leave in schools
- continuing to supply Shenanigans CDs to the dance and education community (Syncopated Cyril, anyone?)
- or pretty much anything else she is asked to do (some retirement!)
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Audrey is hugely excited to be visiting the Adelaide Orff community, and can't wait to share her passion for all things world music with you all!