

## Kodaly Society of Ontario Report

The Kodály Society of Ontario's annual August workshop was held on August 23, 2011 in Grimsby, ON. We continue to be grateful for the wonderful support of Jayne Evans and the Niagara Catholic District School Board. Our morning guest clinicians included Lisa Shuh who presented a choral reading session as well as Jane Wamsley who presented an informative session about the revised Ontario Arts Curriculum. Sessions in the afternoon included a presentation by Dr. Gerard Yun on choral improvisation as well as folk dances led by Georgina Galba. Participants also had the opportunity to share some of their own ideas in Primary/Junior and Intermediate sessions led by various board members.

Membership Report as of 2012-01-06

Total members: 64

Individual members: 58

Student members: 1

Retired members: 5

Since 2008, the University of Wilfrid Laurier's department of Continuing Studies teamed up with the Kodály Society of Ontario to provide a course that enabled teachers to finely tune their music teaching skills. The course, which is called Joyous Music Making: the child and the classroom ran from August 8th to 19th. This two week intensive course offered continued musicianship training, a multitude of suggestions for the music classroom presented in a logical sequence, rehearsal and choral conducting techniques for the elementary choir and exposure to music of our Canadian heritage as well as other cultures. This year 5 teachers completed the course which now means they have received their Kodály Level 1 training. Continued thanks to Heather Morris for her leadership in this course and to KSO for their financial sponsorship. The course will run again this year from August 13 – 24, 2012. Registration information can be found at: [http://www.wlu.ca/page.php?grp\\_id=160&p=2317](http://www.wlu.ca/page.php?grp_id=160&p=2317)

Our print newsletter is now available on line. Members of KSO can access handouts, lesson plans, etc. through the website at <http://Kodallysocietyofontario.com>. We continue to work hard to solicit articles from our board members as well as the general membership.

We are looking forward to our August 2012 workshop to be held on August 23, 2012 at Jubilee United Church in Toronto. KSO is excited to announce that Dr. John Feierabend will be our full day clinician. His topic is: First Steps in Music: Developing Tuneful, Beatful and Artful Children.

KSO said goodbye and thanks to several board members leaving the KSO board including Carolyn Yip, Ryan Wettlaufer, Diana Bowe, Georgina Galba and Jennifer Myers. President Carolyn Neumann VanderBurgh also completed her term as President as of August 2011. We thank those board members who continue on the good work of KSO.