

## **Alberta Kodaly Association: Fall 2009**

### **President's Message**

The month of November is probably the busiest month of the year for Music teachers. For those teaching elementary school, it means preparing progress reports for all students, parent meetings, Remembrance Day assemblies, and preparing music and concerts for the Christmas season. There never seems to be enough hours in November to accomplish the many tasks that needs attention.

The Alberta Kodaly Association is involved in two major events at this time. The first was Music Conference Alberta in Red Deer on October 30 and 31. Music Conference Alberta is a provincial conference sponsored by five provincial organizations. They are the Alberta Choral Federation (the prime organizer of this event), the Alberta Band Association, Alberta Music Educators Foundation, Alberta Guild of English Handbell Ringers and Alberta Kodaly Association. We welcome the opportunity to work together with these organizations to better Music education in the province.

The Alberta Kodaly Association sponsored three clinicians at this conference; Susan Drayson, "Big Ideas for Little Folks", Jody Stark, "Musical Understanding Through Listening", and Betty Radford, "Reporting Assessment in the Elementary Music Classroom".

The AKA is organizing "Singposium 2010, Road to Song" which is happening in Edmonton on January 30 at Concordia University College. Dr. Sandra Mathias will present a day-long workshop on singing in the classroom. Dr Mathias will demonstrate how singing leads to musical literacy and the joy of making music together. Please check our website HYPERLINK "http://www.albertakodaly.ca" [www.albertakodaly.ca](http://www.albertakodaly.ca) for details. On-line registration and membership is available on our website.

We wish you the many joys that the music of the upcoming Christmas season brings.

Betty Radford, President  
Alberta Kodaly association