

President's Report - Kodály Society of Ontario - 2009

The Kodály Society of Ontario's annual August workshop was held at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School in London on August 24, 2009 with 70 participants from various parts of Southern Ontario. Many thanks to Celeste Weber for hosting us at her school! Our clinicians this year included Wendy Landon (London) who offered an informative presentation on rehearsal techniques, repertoire and choral warm-ups. Our afternoon consisted of four different sessions. Bryan Rankine shared ideas to use in the intermediate classroom, Sarah Quartel showed participants some interesting ways of including composition in the classroom, Kim Eyre suggested ways music teachers could use resources from U Tube effectively and Dr. Shelley Griffin led participants in various movement activities.

Membership Report as of October 7, 2009

Total members: 74

Nancy Buckland Scholarship winners (students) 2

Other Students: 3

Honourary members (retired): 3

Other retired: 3

Regular: 63

KSO and the Continuing Education Department of Wilfrid Laurier University continue to run the two-week summer Kodály program entitled "Joyous Music Making." The course had 10 participants, and each person received excellent instruction under Heather Morris and Lynn Janes. Special lectures were presented by: Kim Eyre, Laura Meren, Connie Walz and Carolyn Neumann. KSO continues to believe that this is a worthwhile endeavour and hopes to offer this course again next year. Many, many thanks to Heather Morris for her organization and persistence!

Scholarship winners for the 2009 Nancy Buckland Memorial Scholarship were Erika North and Brooke Taylor, students at the University of Western Ontario.

We have also moved our print newsletter on-line. Members of KSO can access recent workshop handouts, lesson plans and CDs reviews through the website located at: <http://www.kodalysocietyofontario.com/> Please check us out!

Respectfully submitted:

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