

President's Message: Summer 2021

As music educators, after a school year of COVID related restrictions involving months of adapting, pivoting, masking, self-isolating and remote learning as well as in-person learning while social distancing, many of us are looking forward to a well-deserved rest. We are also looking forward... to being able to resume more normal activities in the coming months...to attending in-person workshops, courses and events...to playing, moving and singing with our students. Yet, the experiences of the past months have left an indelible mark and we are aware that we will be facing a new normal that will require us to do more than take up where we left off, particularly after the recent revelation of the unmarked gravesites at the sites of residential schools. We are deeply saddened by this tragic news and we stand in support with all Indigenous peoples across Canada, the residential school survivors and their families. In our society, we know that music educators play a role as bearers of culture and we acknowledge that creating a new normal (and hopefully a better normal) will involve understanding and shouldering the responsibility of advocating for diversity, equity and inclusion in our teaching practice.

Carl Orff Canada has been working to support educators in these difficult times. We invite you to explore our website, to discover the numerous resources that can be found particularly under the tabs for the Journal, Professional Development and Resources.

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