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Orff Teacher Training Summer 2008

MUSICA POETICA

MUSIC, LITERACY & ORFF SCHULWERK with Doug Goodkin

AUGUST 18 WORKSHOP *or* FIVE-DAY COURSE

Date: Workshop: August 18, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm / Course: August 18 – 22, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Location: 90 Croatia Street, Toronto (Dufferin & Bloor)

Cost: TBA / **Prerequisite:** None

Using approaches developed by Orff and Keetman, this course explores how language is an entry into musical understanding, and how it enlivens and intensifies literacy programs. The class is of equal interest to music teachers seeking to expand their understanding of the language/music connection and classroom teachers looking for ways to broaden their language arts programs. Material covers the full spectrum from babies to elders, with specific activities for preschool, elementary and middle school children. Topics covered will include:

- Poetry and poetic forms – classic and contemporary, for children to adult
- Recitation and memorization
- Childhood lore – clapping and name games, chants, nursery rhymes, fairy tales and myths
- Songs – structures, themes and meanings
- Creative writing – poetry and songs
- Percussion – Orff instrument ensemble and body percussion
- Movement choreography and dramatic enactment
- Phonemic awareness and exploration
- Syllables, rhythm and accent and mathematical structures in rhymes

Doug Goodkin recently completed his 33rd year working with preschool, elementary and middle school children at The San Francisco School. His work in Orff Schulwerk in over 30 countries worldwide earned him the Pro Merito Award in 2000. A respected author of six books, Doug has a lifelong passion for both reading and writing poetry, fiction and non-fiction. This course will be the first gathering of over three decades of work at the interface between language and music.

Please Note: Course dates are subject to change. Registration will open in Spring 2008. To be placed on the mailing list for information about RCM Summer Teacher Training Courses, or to enquire about registration, please contact the Community School at (416) 408-2824, or email communityschool@rcmusic.ca.

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