

**!!! MSMEA/ACDA State Conference  
DATE CHANGE - November 16-18, 2026 !!!**

## 2026 ELEMENTARY HONOR CHOIR INFORMATION

2026 Elementary Honor Choir Information

<https://www.msmea.org/elementary-all-state-honor-choir>

Remember: any teacher may audition up to 15 students as passed by a 91% vote in favor in January 2025.

**REMINDER:** Per NAFME national guidelines - any music teacher auditioning students **MUST** be an active member of NAFME. Membership number is required to register. If any of your students are selected to be a part of the All-State Honor choir you **MUST** be registered for conference and be in attendance.

## VIRTUAL KODÁLY WORKSHOP

Prepare, Present, or Practice?

In this session, we will explore a variety of children's songs to determine how they might be used most effectively in a Kodály classroom. Join us for this virtual meeting, presented to you by the Kodály Mississippi chapter!

Dr. Becky Halliday is a professor of music education at the University of Montevallo (AL). In addition, she teaches Pre-K - 6th grade general music at Randolph Elementary School in Randolph, AL. She is the director of the OAKE-endorsed University of Montevallo Kodály Institute, where she also instructs a master class in Kodály-based curricular development. Her certifications include both the Kodály Concept and the Orff Schulwerk Approach.



Dr. Becky Halliday

For more info contact Shannon Watt - [wattsh@gosaints.org](mailto:wattsh@gosaints.org)

Monday, May 11, 2026 - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (EST) - Link to Join:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/236637023181248?p=6Cn0SM91RTpaTNn3xE>

# ELEMENTARY LEADERSHIP

ELEMENTARY PAST PRESIDENT



PRINCESS THOMPSON

ELEMENTARY PRESIDENT



TAB ASH KEETON

ELEMENTARY PRESIDENT-ELECT



JENNIFER TIMIDAIKI

HONOR CHOIR CHAIR



GAYSEE SANDERS

HONOR CHOIR CHAIR ELECT



ANNA FORTENDERRY

HONOR CHOIR CO-CHAIR



DR. BOBBY HELMS

HONOR CHOIR CO-CHAIR ELECT



SHANNON WATT

## WORKSHOP CHAIRS

NORTHERN SITE

CHAIR

CHAIR-ELECT



AMY KILLBREW



HEATHER JENKINS

CENTRAL SITE

CHAIR

CHAIR-ELECT



REGAN JACKSON



HEATHER HOWELL

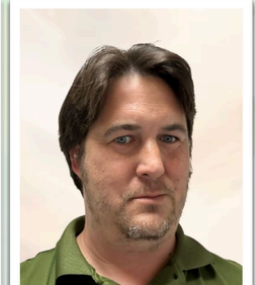
SOUTHERN SITE

CHAIR

CHAIR-ELECT



HANNAH DEDEAUX



MICHAEL GINN

## SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

UNIVERSITY OF MONTEVALLO  
KODALY INSTITUTE

July 6-17, 2026

University of Montevallo - Montevallo, AL

On-campus housing will be available

Courses offered: Levels 1, 2, and 3

(elementary and secondary tracks),

and a Master Class

**REGISTRATION LINK:**

<https://www.montevallo.edu/academics/colleges/fine-arts/departments/department-of-music/kodaly-institute/>

ORFF-SCHULWERK  
SUMMER INSTITUTE

July 6-17, 2026

Jackson State University - Jackson, MS

Courses offered: Levels 1, 2, and 3

and a Master Class

**MORE INFO:**

<https://www.msmea.org/mississippi-orff-chaper-100>

**REGISTRATION LINK:**

<https://jsums.nbsstore.net/30th-annual-orff-schulwerk-summer-institute>