

Michigan Kodaly Educators
(An Affiliate Chapter of OAKE)

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Hello Michigan Kodaly Educators, Members, and Friends!

We hope you have had a great summer of relaxation, refreshment, and rejuvenation. MiKE has been busy organizing workshops, conducting Level I and Level II classes through Central Michigan University, and creating 8-10 minute basics videos for some more ideas and basic information about the Kodaly method. We hope everyone continues to enjoy the information given by our Website, <https://www.mikodaly.org>, by our Facebook group, Michigan Kodaly Educators, and our YouTube channel, Michigan Kodaly.

Kodaly Level I and II were conducted by Central Michigan University from July 13th-24th. Instructors were Dr. Ashley Allen, Dr. Joy Nelson, and Dr. Nina Nash-Robertson. The collaborative pianist was Mina Son. Special topics session was Arabic Music in the Elementary Music Classroom by Lorelei Zwiernikowski.

- Level I Graduates: Melissa Sapienza, Melissa Stouffer, Jennifer Filipiak, Jessica Groosbeck, Jessica Gonder, Deidra Ross, Jesse Belkiewicz, Tina DeLong
- Level II Graduates: Katie Hoyt, Zach VanderGraaff



We have an exciting season of workshops coming up in this next school season starting off with a great session being offered by Past-President of the Midwestern Region of OAKE, Aileen Miracle on **September 19th** from 10am-1pm at Central Michigan University. Her workshop is titled as “Nurturing Musical Growth through Assessment.” A pre-registration PayPal option is available or you may pay at the door. If you are planning on attending please email mikodaly@gmail.com or register on our webpage. Cost is \$20 for OAKE members and \$35 for non-members. For information and registration visit the workshops page on our website, www.mikodaly.org.



Looking ahead, we will also be having an all day workshop in early May featuring Roger Sams, Director of Publications and Music Education Consultant at Music is Elementary. We will also be having a Chapter Share Folk Dance workshop. Stay tuned to our website and the Michigan Kodaly Educators Facebook group for more detailed information.

Growing and Continuing membership is a necessity for our chapter to grow and provide more and more workshops. If you are interested in joining MiKE or OAKE you need to go to <https://www.oake.org/join/>. One great thing about the Organization of American Kodaly Educators is that there are NO chapter dues. Join the national organization and you are in MiKE as well!

A reminder to current members that you must renew your membership every year on the month you joined the year previous (i.e. I joined in July, so I could renew every July). Go to <https://www.oake.org/renew/> after logging in to the OAKE page.

Students may also join for free although if they would like to receive the Kodaly Envoy publication they must pay a subscription amount. Student members may not hold positions with the Chapter or National Organization.

To see the benefits of joining please go to <http://www.oake.org/become-a-member/>. And while you're there, go ahead and join!

We thank you for your support in starting our new chapter and bringing the Kodaly philosophy to Michigan! We appreciate the expertise and caring you show to your students and look forward to continuing to work with you all.

Keep on Singing,

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