Orff UK

Nurturing Creativity Through Music

NOW'S THE TIME: JAZZ FOR ALL AGES

WITH DOUG GOODKIN

Sunday 18 October 2026

Making jazz accessible through the Orff approach

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Orff Schulwerk's adaptability to musical styles of diverse countries is one of its most profound contributions to music education. However, the marriage of the Schulwerk with a particular musical culture works best when the partners agree on the importance of learning through the body, the voice and the ear, using simple elements that combine to create complex, dynamic music, keeping movement side-by-side with the music and improvisation at the center of it all. Hence, the perfect wedding of Jazz and Orff Schulwerk, a theme I've developed with children and adults for over 40 years.

Come prepared to learn how to make the complexities of jazz accessible to young children, how to adapt jazz pieces to the Orff instruments and discover your own hidden jazz musician in the process. Those who play band instruments should bring them to add to the ensemble. This workshop is suitable for those working with the primary and secondary age range.

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TIMETABLE

9:30AM Coffee/Registration

10AM Workshop

12PM Lunch*

1PM Workshop

2:30PM Break

2:45PM Workshop

4PM End

*Lunch is not provided, there are places nearby to purchase lunch or you may bring your own

FEES

Members	Non Members
£100	£120

*Doug is also leading 'The Humanitarian Musician' workshop the previous day. Attend both days for a discounted rate: **£180 for members and £220 for non-members.**

MEMBERSHIP

Orff UK membership entitles you to

- Orff Times magazine 3 times a year
- A discounted rate on all our courses
- Access to free members' events
- Access to members' resources on the website

Standard £40 annually
Student/Retired £20 annually

https://www.orff.org.uk/join-us/

ABOUT US

Orff Society UK is a non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting the Orff Approach to music and movement education. Our mission is to provide high-quality training and resources for educators while keeping our course fees as affordable as possible. We believe that every child deserves a creative and inclusive music education, and we support teachers in developing engaging, child-centred learning experiences. Through workshops, training courses, and community outreach, we aim to make the Orff Approach accessible to educators across the UK.

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DOUG GOODKIN

Doug Goodkin is an internationally recognised Orff Schulwerk teacher, training teachers in over 50 countries worldwide. He worked with children in The San Francisco School for 45 years until his retirement in 2020 and continues working as a consultant, mentor, guest teacher, workshop leader and performer in schools locally, nationally and internationally. He is the director of and teacher in the prestigious San Francisco International Orff Course and the Jazz/Orff Course, is the author of many books and produces his own Podcast, The ABC's of Education. Doug is featured in the documentary film The Secret Song that screened in some 25 film festivals and is currently streaming on Amazon Prime, Apple TV and PBS.

WHY ORFF?

Builds Musical Foundations ✓

Lays the groundwork for lifelong musical skills in rhythm, melody, and harmony.

Inclusive & Accessible ✓

All children can participate and succeed.

Developmentally Appropriate ✓

Aligned with how children naturally learn, making music education joyful and effective.

Flexible & Adaptable ✓

Works across different ages, abilities, and cultural backgrounds.