



THE HUMANITARIAN MUSICIAN

WITH DOUG GOODKIN



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*Rediscover the joy, purpose and
humanity at the heart of music
education*

Orff Schulwerk is well-respected as an approach to music education that is playful, child-centered, dynamic, artistically and musically effective. As a composer, Carl Orff and his colleague Gunild Keetman worked assiduously to draw forth the music and movement intelligence of each and every child. Yet surprisingly Orff suggests that good music education isn't perhaps the most important quality of this work. He wrote: It (the Schulwerk) is not exclusively a question of musical education; this can follow but it does not have to. It is rather a question of developing the whole personality."

Hence, The Humanitarian Musician. In this workshop I gather together activities that help accent certain qualities of our humanitarian promise, while also fulfilling all standards of effective music education. Come prepared to play, sing & dance as always, but with a deeper look at the why behind it all.

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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

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.



FEES

Members	Non Members
£100	£120

*Doug is also leading a Jazz Workshop the following 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 £30 annually

Student/Retired £20 annually

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





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 ten 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.