

MUSIC FOR CHILDREN – CARL ORFF CANADA – MUSIQUE POUR ENFANTS

ORFF CHILDREN'S DAY

DESAUTELS FACULTY OF MUSIC, UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA (150 DAFOE RD)
THURSDAY MAY 14, 2026

Dear Music Educator,

The Manitoba Orff Chapter is pleased to present their annual Orff Children's Day, providing a fantastic learning opportunity for grade 5 students as well as excellent professional development for teachers.

This fun-filled and musically enriching day will take place on Thursday May 14, 2026, at the Desautels Faculty of Music, at the University of Manitoba (150 Dafoe Rd) from 8:50 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Throughout the day, five Orff trained clinicians will lead sessions in choral singing, recorder, movement, drumming and barred instrument ensembles. The day will culminate at 3:00 p.m. with a sharing session presented by the students.

Please consider the following when inviting your grade 5 students to participate:

- Students should have a positive attitude and be responsible.
- Students should be proficient and comfortable in the five areas of the Orff process: singing, movement, speech, improvisation, and instrumental playing. *For the recorder session, it would be helpful to know the notes B, A, G, low E, and low D on the soprano recorder. However, there will be another instrument option if your students do not play recorder.*
- Students must be accompanied by a teacher and supervised at all times.

There is no limit to how many grade 5 students you may bring. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Register early to avoid disappointment!

You must have one teacher/adult in attendance for every 10 students participating.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 23, 2026

Final Registration Deadline: April 17, 2026

Please note, you must be a member of the Manitoba Orff Chapter in order to participate in this event. If you have any questions about membership, visit www.manitobaorff.org. Enclosed you will find the Teacher Registration Form, Parent Letter, and Student Registration/Media Release Form. Please make a copy of the Parent Letter and Student Registration/Media Release Form for each participating student. **Student Registration/Media Release Forms must be submitted by May 1, 2026**, as long as the Teacher Registration Form and full payment have been received by April 17, 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact Chantal Courcelles Lancaster at chantal.courcelles-lancaster@dsfm.mb.ca

We are looking forward to a very exciting Orff Children's Day 2026!

Sincerely,
Orff Children's Day Committee 2026

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TEACHER REGISTRATION FORM

Teacher Name: _____

Email: _____

School Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

School: _____

School Division: _____

Participating Student Teacher (FREE): _____

My students play recorder at school: ☐ YES ☐ NO

I am interested in submitting a write-up about this event for the Manitoba Modes publication: ☐ YES ☐ NO

Teachers must be current members of Manitoba Orff Chapter to participate in this event.
There is no limit to how many grade 5 students you can bring - first-come, first-served!

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EARLY BIRD Registration (before January 23, 2026)	Regular Registration (Jan 24, 2026 - April 17, 2026)
# Students _____ x \$16 = _____	# Students _____ x \$20 = _____
Teacher (no students) = \$16	Teacher (no students) = \$20
Teacher with students = FREE	Teacher with students = FREE
TOTAL PAYMENT: \$ _____	

Student names and forms need to be submitted by May 1, 2026.

Please submit one cheque per school (payable to *Manitoba Orff Chapter*) along with all forms to:

**Orff Children's Day, c/o Diane Steffensen
67 Camirant Cres, Winnipeg MB, R3X 1T5**

- Registration will not be accepted unless full payment is enclosed
- Confirmation of registration and receipts will be issued by email
- Schools can also pay by e-transfer (NEW!) at childrensdaysmcc@gmail.com

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child has been invited to Orff Children's Day, sponsored by the Manitoba Orff Chapter, on Thursday May 14th, 2026. Orff Children's Day is an opportunity for grade 5 students and their teachers from across the province to come together for a day of creative music making. Sessions will include choral singing, recorder, movement, drumming and instrumental ensemble playing. This event will take place at the Desautels Faculty of Music at the University of Manitoba (150 Dafoe Rd) from 8:50 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Your music teacher is a member of this organisation and will be in attendance during the day.

Please note the following details regarding the day:

- Registration will take place starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Desautels Faculty of Music concert hall at the University of Manitoba. Use the entrance on Maclean Cres. There will be a no-parking drop off zone with a committee member outside to receive your child. Parents are responsible for the transportation of their child.
- Please provide your child with a nut-free bagged lunch, a reusable water bottle, and two snacks. Please note that there are no microwaves available.
- Students must bring their own soprano recorder labelled with their name (if they play this instrument at school).
- Students should dress comfortably for movement and wear running shoes.
- The day's activities will culminate at 3:00 p.m. with a sharing session presented by the participating students. Family and friends are most welcome to attend. It will take place in room T2-266, on the 2nd floor of the building. A map of the parking options and music faculty building will be provided prior to the event.
- The day will end at 3:30 p.m. Please arrange for your child to be picked up at that time. There will be no supervision of students after 3:45 p.m.

Orff Children's Day is a wonderful opportunity to enrich your child through a shared experience of music-making using the Orff process. Thank you for your support of Orff Children's Day and of your child's music education. Should you have any questions, please contact your child's music teacher.

Sincerely,

Your Elementary Music Teacher, on behalf of the Orff Children's Day Committee
2026

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STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM

Please print neatly and return to your music teacher

Student Name: _____

School Name: _____

Emergency Contact and Phone: _____

- ☐ Please enclose a cheque payable to your child's school, or pay by cash, in the amount of \$ _____
- ☐ The school will cover the registration fee. No payment is needed.

STUDENT MEDIA RELEASE FORM

Parent/Guardian permission for publishing of student photographs/video

Name of Student: _____

Members of the Manitoba Orff Chapter and/or the media may take photographs/video of students at Orff Children's Day. Your child's photograph/video may be published by the Manitoba Orff Chapter for educational purposes for, including but not limited to, brochures, display boards, and on their website.

I give permission for the publishing of my child's photograph/video from Orff Children's Day.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Name of Parent/Guardian (please print)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date