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Let's welcome a new Children's Choir Director Erin LaFond!



Erin LaFond is a Manitowoc native currently living in Two Rivers. Erin began her teaching career as a private voice teacher and maintained a studio for 10 years. Erin received her Master's of Music Education from Silver Lake College and worked for 9 years as a classroom music and choir teacher. She recently resigned her position and is focusing on her family and personal endeavors. Erin is honored to return to the Conservatory to teach choir.

Meet a new violin/viola instructor Jane Finch!

Michigan native Jane Bradshaw Finch holds degrees from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and the American Suzuki Institute, located at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point. After completing her graduate degree in Suzuki Pedagogy, she continued studying viola with Professor Matthew Michelic of Lawrence University, Louis Rossove, late of the Milwaukee Symphony and Theresa Bourke, Irish fiddling champion residing in Thurles, Tipperary.

Jane has played viola in orchestras of Ontario, Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin. She has developed and taught Suzuki-inspired orchestra programs in Appleton and Menasha and currently teaches viola and violin privately in Appleton and Manitowoc. For many years she has played in the Fox Valley Symphony, Manitowoc Symphony and most recently joined the Weidner Philharmonic Orchestra. Although viola is her primary instrument, her graduate work was completed on the violin.



With great regret, we would like you to know that Dr. Luis Fernandez will leave his teaching position at the Conservatory. He has accepted a new position as the Conductor of Fox Valley Youth Orchestra. Congratulations to Dr. Fernandez!

We would like to thank Dr. Fernandez for his wonderful personal qualities, investment in our students, and high level of teaching at the Conservatory!



Fall of 2023, Session 1, September 5-October 21

Registration for private lessons for the
ENTIRE school year is ready for you

▶ **Private Lessons**

- ▶ Violin
- ▶ Cello
- ▶ Guitar
- ▶ Harp
- ▶ Piano
- ▶ Clarinet
- ▶ Flute
- ▶ Trumpet
- ▶ Voice
- ▶ Drum/Percussion



6:15-7:00
Musical Moments,
Level 1, Ages 6-10
for all instruments/voice



▶ **Group Classes, Thursday**

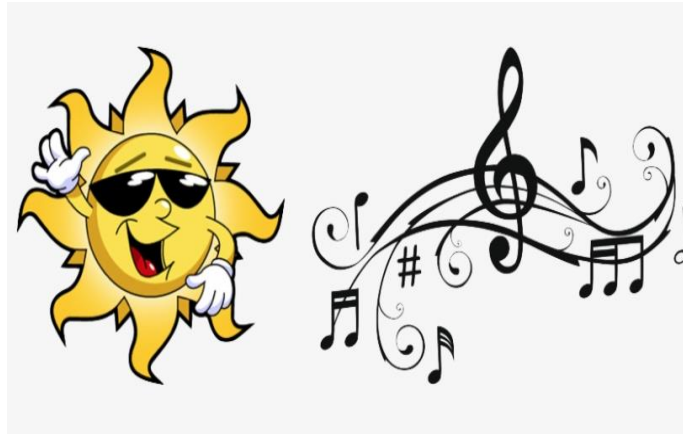
- ▶ 4:00-4:45
Lakeshore Ringers, Beginners
- ▶ 5:00-6:30
Conservatory Ringers,
Advanced
- ▶ 4:30-5:15
Piano Discoveries, Beginners,
Ages 5-8
- ▶ 5:15-6:00
Piano Discoveries, Level 2B,
Ages 5-8

Musical Moments Class is designed for children ages 6-10 who will be able to dive into the world of music through active listening and discussion of a new instrumental/orchestra piece every week. Students will continue developing their fluency in musical literacy and deepen musicianship while participating in games and playing piano and Orff instruments.

Prerequisites:

At least four (4) sessions (28 weeks) of group piano classes or three (3) sessions (21 weeks) of private lessons (any instrument).

New Class
at the Conservatory
for any
instrument/voice
students:
Musical Moments
ages 7-12



Sister Lorna Zemke and Sister Carol Ann Gambsky Attendees of the International Kodaly Symposium



Sister Lorna Zemke and Sister Carol Ann Gambsky had the privilege to attend the International Kodaly Symposium (IKS) held at Colburn Music School in Los Angeles California July 31-August 4, 2023. The symposium days were filled with inspiring keynote speeches, pedagogy, dancing, singing, informative breakout sessions, panel presentations and many excellent concerts. It was an amazing experience to meet and interact with musicians from all over the world to learn, share and grow as persons and as educators.

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“The (IKS) Symposium is a biennial international event, serving as a platform to educate, engage, support and foster connections for aspiring and experienced music educators, ethnomusicologists and musicians internationally. This Symposium celebrates 50 years of support for the International Kodály Society, which is active in 34 countries and has Affiliated National Organizations in 16 countries. The theme for the 2023 Symposium is ‘Golden Anniversary: Connecting Humanity Through Music’”. (from IKS website)



Sister Lorna Zemke and Sister Carol Ann Gambsky were invited to attend International Kodaly Symposium

Sister Lorna was a Golden Honoree during the opening ceremonies. She was honored for having served on the planning committee of the first International Kodaly Symposium held in 1973. She travelled to Hungary for the planning meetings and attended the 1973 Symposium which was held in Oakland CA.



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On the fourth day of the 2023 Symposium Sister Lorna was one of the Round Table Speakers on a panel entitled "Pioneers of the Kodaly Movement". The other panelists were Dr. Hongky Cho (south Korea), Judith Johnson (Australia), Judith Neszlenyi (Hungary), Susanna Saw (Malaysia) as moderator.



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