

News

News from the Orff Institute

The new curricula for the Bachelor's and Master's programmes were launched in autumn 2022. Several new courses were created and the overall study profiles were sharpened. In the Bachelor Elemental Music and Dance Education, students can choose between three specialisations: Dance, Instrument/Vocal, Music and Dance in Inclusion and Diversity. All study programmes include an artistic-performative and a subject didactic examination. Students who take the instrument/vocal specialisation now also acquire the teaching qualification to give individual artistic lessons at music schools.

In the Master's degree in Elemental Music and Dance Pedagogy (EMDP), which builds on this, the area of speech has been expanded and the module Community Music and Community Dance has been included. Students can also choose between an artistic-performative or a pedagogical-scientific focus. The Master's degree in Elemental Music and Movement Education has been extended with supplementary modules to enable students to take appropriate courses depending on their previous studies (artistic studies in music or dance, pedagogical studies). For further information:

<https://www.moz.ac.at/en/orff-institute>

From 5 - 6 May, 2023, 150 alumni of the Orff Institute gathered. It was a celebration meeting of former students and teachers, an exchange of memories and current topics and a great pleasure to meet people from different regions and decades. Current teachers at the Institute as well as alumni presented their work. Anna Maria Kalcher gave a keynote speech on current projects at the Institute and excerpts of her research on creativity. She also encouraged people to think about current and future challenges facing Elemental Music and Dance Pedagogy.



Previous page: Alumni Meeting at the Orff Institute. Photo by Michael Klimt

In July, the International Summer Course will take place again after the Covid-related break: “Elemental Music and Dance Pedagogy – Orff-Schulwerk”, July 9–15, 2023, directed by Ari Glage, Andrea Ostertag, and Ruth Burmann.

https://www.moz.ac.at/Veranstaltungsprogramme/2023/Summer_Course_2023_nL.pdf

In October 2024, the postgraduate course “Advanced Studies in Music and Dance Education - Orff-Schulwerk” will start, directed by Andrea Ostertag and Doris Valtiner.

For further information:

<https://www.moz.ac.at/en/advanced-studies-in-music-dance-education>

Currently we have students from Switzerland, Italy, Brazil, China, Korea and Finland as well as people from Germany and Austria studying at the Orff Institute. The formats developed in the new curricula have been very well received.

We are pleased that the Convention of the International Orff-Schulwerk Forum Salzburg (IOSFS) will meet again in the Orff Institute (July 17-19, 2023) and thus a vital exchange will be deepened on an international level.

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