



## *Neighbors in Harmony: Creating Connections*

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Dear PGTAOSA and Greater Cleveland AOSA,

As conference hosts, you have an invitation to apply for the use of AOSA owned instruments for one year. AOSA has ten such sets. They will be shipped to Pittsburgh after the Spokane, WA conference next November, arriving to Pittsburgh, PA on a Saturday that will be designated, shortly thereafter. There are certain conditions that must be met and an application must be filed. Acceptance of your application will be done by a committee comprised of your local people and approved by your National Conference Chairs, Diane Sabourin and Alice Pratt. These applications will be available soon and will be posted on your chapter website. An announcement will be made as to when they are available.

Here are the conditions.

1. Your school district would need to pay a \$250 fee towards the insurance that AOSA carries for the instruments in the event of loss or damage. You must report any such loss or damage by August, 2011. You must maintain the inventory of borrowed instruments.
2. You will make a formal application which must be signed by your administrator.
3. The instruments must be kept in a locked room that has the appropriate climate.
4. You will pick them up with your vehicles or district vehicle on a Saturday after the Spokane conference, which is November 2010. They will be removed from large containers called "Blacks and Blues".

5. You must return the instruments to the David Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, PA on a designated date and time. Most likely this will be the Tuesday before our conference.
6. It is recommended that the borrower have Level I training. However, an exception can be made with the approval of the Local Conference Chairs.

Many people have taken advantage of this offer and have been able to demonstrate how Orff instruments enhance instruction. Often, this results in the purchase of instruments for your school!

Thank you! Alice and Diane