

DSA Press Release - 2018
Steven Calantropio

AOSA is pleased to announce Steven Calantropio as a 2018 American Orff-Schulwerk Association Distinguished Service Award recipient. The Distinguished Service Award is intended to recognize and honor those who have supported the mission of AOSA through exemplary service at the national level and who have contributed to the growth of Orff Schulwerk in the United States.

Steven taught music and movement in the River Edge, NJ public schools for 31 years prior to his retirement in 2004. During that time, Mr. Calantropio presented workshops and lectures at many Orff Schulwerk chapters as well as many national AOSA Professional Development conferences. Steven holds certificates in Orff Schulwerk, Kodály, and Dalcroze from the Manhattan School of Music as well as a certificate from the Orff Institute in Salzburg, Austria. He taught Orff Level III courses for over 30 years and has been a guest lecturer, levels teacher, and conference presenter at Orff Schulwerk training programs in Canada, Sydney, Adelaide, Melbourne, and Hobart, Australia, Seoul, Korea, and at the Orff Institute in Salzburg.

His two most recent books *Pieces and Processes* and *Lessons in Elemental Style* have been well received by music educators and are published by Schott Music Company. Steven's innovative Master Class in Elemental Music was presented more than 25 times during his years of teaching at various institutions of higher learning.

Mr. Calantropio retired in 2018 as the Education Director of the American Orff-Schulwerk Association, a position he held for 11 years. Steven is also the president and a founding member of the American Center for Elemental Music and Movement (ACEMM). He lives in New Jersey's scenic Sussex County.