



# Welcome to Estonia

**ESTONIAN SOCIETY FOR MUSIC EDUCATION (ESME)** was founded in 1990 to bring together music teachers from general education schools and kindergartens. In 1992 the Orff-section was formed, which took the lead at disseminating the ideas of Orff- Schulwerk. At that time contact with Orff-Schulwerk Forum Salzburg and the Orff Institut were created. The aim of the ESME is to support music teachers in their professional work, to provide modern information about music education, to develop international relations and to offer opportunities for life-long learning.

The most important achievement of the Orff Section is that the ideas of Orff approach are included in the national curriculum for music education in schools and kindergartens. Orff Pedagogy is also compulsory for the students who specialize in teaching music in the Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre, Tartu University and Tallinn University. Estonian folkmusic, children`s songs, worldmusic, Kodaly method and elements of Orff approach have intertwined in music coursebooks used at our schools. This way ideas of Orff approach reach our music lessons.



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„Schoolmusic. Rhythm, Game and Music“



Monika Pullerits  
„Schoolmusic. From Speech Game To Playing Instruments“



Tuuli Jukk and Monika Pullerits

The Orff Section in ESME is a part of a wide field of activities - music education in general schools, in Russian-language schools, in intensive classes, at preschool age; instrumental music in general schools and school choirs. ESME is a non-profit-making organisation and has 250 members.

## Activities:

- Festival Rhythm and Music inside and around me held in Kehra every two years since 1998 (directed by Ülle Raud).
- International Summer Courses Rhythm, Movement, Improvisation in Põltsamaa in 2001 and 2008, participants from Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian schools and kindergartens and Russian schools in Estonia (directed by Tuuli Jukk, Monika Pullerits, Inge Raudsepp).
- Orff-Schulwerk Courses in Tallinn and other places in Estonia organized since 1994.
- Publishing teaching materials: Several Estonian coursebooks based on the ideas of Orff Schulwerk and purely Estonian materials have been published.

