



Association of Wisconsin Area Kodaly Educators
Saturday, February 21st, 2026 8:30-3:30
Lakeland University, W3718 South Drive, Plymouth, WI 53073



Karrie Been is a seasoned music educator with over 35 years of experience in choral and general music instruction. A graduate of Bonduel High School, she holds a Master of Music Education with a Kodály emphasis from Silver Lake College and a B.S. in Music Education from Carroll University.

Karrie recently retired from teaching general music and choir to grades 5 and 6 in the Kimberly Area School District. Throughout her career, she has taught music to students of every level, from infants through high school, and including classroom music to general education majors at Carroll. She has mentored student teachers, taught at the Lawrence Community School Girl Choir program, and founded the Association of Wisconsin

Area Kodály Educators Choral Festival. Karrie has been a member of AWAKE, WCDA, WMEA, and NafME, and has led multiple regional choral festivals. She is the alto section leader with the newVoices community choir in Appleton, WI. Karrie has previously served the Wisconsin Choral Directors Association board as Refresh Chairperson, All State Middle Level and Children's Choir Coordinator, and has assisted at countless WCDA and AWAKE State Choir Festivals. She was recently elected to the position of President-Elect of the Wisconsin Choral Directors Association.

Choral music packets will be mailed out in December, along with directions to our website to access rehearsal recordings and director's notes. The 4th-8th grade students you select should represent your most talented and cooperative singers. Please be sure to balance your group with an equal number of students per part.

Please see the tentative schedule for the day listed on the registration form. The concert is open to the public and tickets will be available for purchase at the door, \$5 for adult tickets and \$3 for children's tickets. Cash or check is preferred but an electronic option will be available with a processing fee. Teachers should plan to have at least one other chaperone/adult in addition to yourself available at all times during the rehearsal that day.

Tentative Schedule for February 21st

8:00 Registration
8:30 Rehearsal
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Rehearsal for students
3:00 Doors open for concert
3:30 Concert (open to public)

Please fill out the registration form and return it with **one check payable to AWAKE** to arrive no later than **November 21st** to:

Attn: Kaye Schmitz
Sheboygan Falls Middle School
2 W. Alfred Miley Way
Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085

Health and permission forms must be signed and sent with the registration form.

You can download additional forms and find more information on our website: <https://www.wisconsinkodaly.org> If you have any questions please contact Kaye Schmitz or Brittany Ward (awakepresident@gmail.com). You will not regret signing your students up for this exceptional opportunity! We look forward to seeing you in February!

Sincerely,
Caitlin Dahl
AWAKE Secretary

AWAKE CHILDREN'S CHOIR FESTIVAL
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REGISTRATION FORM
Due November 21st, 2025

Include *one check* payable to **AWAKE** with this registration form. To facilitate prompt delivery of music, please register as soon as possible. Please divide your students equally into parts I and II.

(Use as many lines as needed--copy as needed; print or type, this info will be used for the program)

Voice (Part I, Part II)

Student: _____ Grade: _____ Voice: _____
Student: _____ Grade: _____ Voice: _____
Student: _____ Grade: _____ Voice: _____
Student: _____ Grade: _____ Voice: _____
Student: _____ Grade: _____ Voice: _____
Student: _____ Grade: _____ Voice: _____
Student: _____ Grade: _____ Voice: _____

Director's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (H): _____ (W): _____

Email: _____

School Name: _____

Number of **youth** t-shirts: size s _____ size m _____ size l _____ size xl _____ size xxl _____

Number of **adult** t-shirts: size s _____ size m _____ size l _____ size xl _____ size xxl _____

Directors t-shirts: size s _____ size m _____ size l _____ size xl _____ size xxl _____

Number of Adult Lunches: _____ (X \$8.50) = \$ _____

Number of Director's Music Packets: _____ (X \$15) = \$ _____ OR

Free Director's Music Packet for AWAKE Members _____

Number of Children Attending: _____ (X \$35-AWAKE Members or \$45-non-AWAKE members)

Mail Registration, Permission, and Health forms to:

Attn: Kaye Schmitz
Sheboygan Middle School
2 W. Alfred Miley Way
Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085

by November 21st

= \$ _____

Total Enclosed = \$ _____

HEALTH FORM

Student: _____ Age: _____ M ___ F ___

Parent(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Insurance Provider: _____

Group #: _____ Subscriber #: _____

Please list below any known allergies or other health conditions:

Contact in case of an emergency (if different from above)

I/We hereby give permission for our son/daughter to be given treatment by a medical professional under advice from a member of AWAKE during the Children's Choir Festival on February 21st, 2026

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

STUDENT PERMISSION FORM

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Student Participation Permission Form:

I hereby give permission for _____ (Student's name, PLEASE PRINT) to participate in the AWAKE Children's Choir Festival to be held at Lakeland University on February 21st, 2026.

I understand the fee of \$35.00 (\$45.00 for students of non-members) will cover lunch, music and other costs incurred by the festival. Students will also receive a t-shirt, the day of the festival, to wear at our performance.

Please check the correct size for your child:

My child will need a **youth** size shirt:

size s _____ size m _____ size l _____ size xxl _____

My child will need an **adult** size shirt:

size s _____ size m _____ size l _____ size xxl _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

AWAKE is not responsible for travel arrangements to and from Lakeland University.

Student Release Form

I, _____ (Parent/Guardian name, PLEASE PRINT) agree not to hold The Association of Wisconsin Area Kodaly Educators (AWAKE) or the hosting school district responsible for any injury sustained by my son/daughter during his/her participation in the Choral Festival. I understand that my child may be photographed, audio or videotaped while participating in the Choral Festival. These photographs and recordings may be used in programs or publications for educational and promotional purposes. I therefore release all claims against AWAKE with respect to privacy issues pursuant to Wis. Stat. 895.50, copyright ownership and publication, and any claim for compensation related to the use of these materials.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____