The Brazilian Orff-Schulwerk Association / ABRAORFF was founded in 2004 with support and guided by the Carl Orff Stiftung represented by Professor Verena Maschat, the Santo Américo School in São Paulo represented by Emeritus Rector Dom Gabriel Iróffy, the coordinator of the music department Elizabeth Peissner Sertorio, and the music teacher Mayumi Takai.

**Organization**

Featuring nowadays 100 members, ABRAORFF promotes once a year a General Assembly formed by all the members of the association. All members pay an annual membership to support the activities of the association.

ABRAORFF has a board of directors that is formed by members elected every two years by the general assembly and also honorific members appointed by the association.

**Goals and Activities**

ABRAORFF’s main goal is to spread all over Brazil the pedagogic ideas of the German composer Carl Orff through music and movement in all school levels, following the guidelines of Orff-Schulwerk’s Salzburg Forum.

Our specific goals are:
- To promote courses of music and movement for teachers and educators.
- To release information about music and movement courses held in Brazil as well as conventions and symposiums organized by the Orff-Schulwerk Associations in other countries.
- To participate in the process of awareness of the importance of Music and Movement Education.
- To promote and stimulate exchange programs with other music associations in the country and overseas.

The members of the association gather once a month performing study groups in different cities (São Paulo, Campinas, Recife, Aracatuba). ABRAORFF organizes professional development courses and workshops all over the year, and every two years promotes an International Summer Course. Since 2008, ABRAORFF issues an annual newsletter including articles and interviews.

**Board of Directors**

- President: Décio Luiz Berni
- Vice-president: Gabriela Vasconcelos Abdalla
- 1st secretary: Patrícia Siomi Cavicchioli
- 2nd secretary: Elizabeth Carrascosa
- 1st treasurer: Mayumi Takai
- 2nd treasurer: Thiago Abdalla

**Honorary Members**

- Helder Parente (Brazil)
- D. Gabriel Iróffy (Hungary/Brazil)
- Verena Maschat (Austria/Spain)
- Elisabeth Peissner Sertorio (Brazil)