

Abstract: Legacy and Vision

This introductory lecture will report on Orff's visions which led to the founding of the Institution – International Orff-Schulwerk Forum Salzburg - which has changed its name but never its main aims and tasks. The changes of the times and the needs of the people who were fascinated by the Orff Schulwerk and wanted to work with it have always created new visions and led to their realisation.

From its beginnings in the 1960s to the present day, worldwide networks of Orff Schulwerk Societies and Associated Schools and institutions have developed, a bilingual magazine has informed about developments and new topics and has intensified communication between the members. There have numerous publications in various languages and annual international conferences have made possible a lively exchange and discussion of current topics.

The legacy of these experiences provides a strong foundation on which new visions, new developments will be developed. In defining the identity of the IOSFS, its networks, activities and tasks will be presented together with its mission statement. The change of leadership style will be mentioned. The present and the future of the IOSFS – an international community of Orff-Schulwerk practitioners - build on the legacy and can develop visions for the future.