Dear Kodály Friends,

Welcome to the Wichita State University Kodály Program. On behalf of Dean Rodney Miller and the entire College of Fine Arts let me tell you that we are delighted to have you join us. You are embarking on a journey that will open your ears, your eyes, and your heart to a special philosophy of teaching that embraces all that is wonderful in music education.

The WSU program is a team approach. Each person has a role in the process. The administrators and teachers work throughout the year to prepare for your visit. Your job is to immerse yourself into the wonderful world of Kodály teaching through the experiences they have created for you. Be aware that some days you may feel a little “in over your head” but trust us—you’ll look back on this experience as a wonderful voyage.

Our program crew has worked together for almost a decade. We always have a few new folks on the journey but the team you will experience knows how to work together, play together, and help you learn. As with any program, we continue to learn and adjust. We value your input toward that end and we trust that while we spend two intense weeks together here on campus, you will stay connected to the friends and colleagues through Kodály Music Educators of Kansas (KMEK) and the Organization of American Kodály Educators (OAKE) through workshops, conference, and publications. We want to support you during these two weeks, but we want to be a support system for you for many years to come.

Please ask any of the crew if you need help along the way. We will get you to the right person. The Dean’s office works throughout the year to support the WSU Kodály Program. If you need assistance regarding the program goals, requirements, enrollment, the master’s program, financial aid, obtaining transcripts or licensure renewal, we will try to help. Don’t forget that by going to www.wichita.edu/kodaly you can often find the information online. Remember that our email is Kodaly@wichita.edu. My personal email is elaine.bernstorf@wichita.edu. I’ll be happy to help you with anything that I can related to music education at Wichita State University. Welcome aboard! You’ll sail through with flying colors.

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