



## MEET THE PRESENTER!



James Allen is beginning his 24th year as a K-5 music teacher in Darien, Connecticut. Currently the treasurer of the Connecticut Orff chapter, he is a lifelong percussionist, adept at African, Latin, and Middle Eastern percussion instruments.

Combining his love of percussion and teaching children has been his groove as long as he has been teaching! James will be presenting at the 2021 AOSA National Conference in Charleston, South Carolina in November of 2021. He has presented workshops for MusicPlay online and for numerous Orff chapters. James recently returned from Portland, Oregon where he obtained level II of his Orff certification. James received a BFA from SUNY Purchase and an MM from Yale University.