



Sophia Institute

Mission and Purpose

The Sophia Institute's mission and purpose is to support and enhance the work of schools, non-profit organizations, small businesses, educators, therapists, parents and others working out of the impulse of Anthroposophy. The Sophia Institute provides Waldorf teacher training, adult education courses, Foundation Studies Courses in Anthroposophy and the Arts, online courses, workshops and retreats, renewal courses, consulting services, administrative services, newsletters, puppet theater, puppetry courses, counseling and publications.

History

The Sophia Institute was founded in 2000 when a group of parents and teachers requested a foundation course in Anthroposophy and Waldorf Education in Viroqua, Wisconsin (USA). Conrad Rehbach, a certified Waldorf teacher with many years of teaching experience in Waldorf grade school teaching, Waldorf High School teaching and therapeutic work in the Camphill Movement, founded the Sophia Institute Foundation Courses in Anthroposophy and the Arts. Within a year's time the first group of students graduated from the course. Over the years a diverse faculty has contributed to the growth of the programs including Waldorf Teacher Certificate Programs, Foundation Courses Programs, Introductory Courses and Summer Intensives Courses, which became successful programs attracting students from a near and far, and preparing them for Waldorf teaching and/or deepening their understanding of Waldorf pedagogy and Anthroposophy.

Sophia Institute Faculty, Adjunct Faculty and Staff

Martha Buche (Early Childhood Education)

Jacqueline Beecher (Foundation Studies)

Sarah Caldwell (Nurturing Arts)

Annette Conlon (Eurythmy)

Christine Cook (Foundation Studies)

Anna-Jo Doerr (Spatial Dynamics)

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Carla Mattioli, M.A. (Arts, Waldorf Curriculum)

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Sophia Institute Early Childhood courses