

Carl Orff

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Carl Orff was born on July 10, 1895. He was a German composer and music educator, best known for his cantata *Carmina Burana* (1937). The concepts of his Schulwerk were influential for children's music education.

Carmina Burana was a big hit with Nazis during WWII. For years afterwards, Orff was accused of being a collaborator. His name was cleared in 1999 after key documents showed no such references.

Carolyn and I saw *Carmina Burana* at Seattle symphony many years ago. *Carmina Burana* has literally become overused. Here is a fresher look as performed by a flash mob in the Westbahnhof airport in Vienna.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PJNp5UKRtbQ>

Orff did composed a lot of other music, but it has been overshadowed by *Carmina Burana*. Here is part of the oratorio *Catulli Camina*.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1HnKQO6Ulc4>