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"Regarding the question of when it is advisable to start music education, I initially answered: nine months before the child's birth. Since then, I have changed my opinion. I believe it is more appropriate now to say: nine months before the mother's birth. (...) The mother not only gives her body to her child, she also builds their soul from her own." – Zoltán Kodály

Dear Interested,

I warmly recommend the following book to music educators living in any country worldwide, who wish to engage in early music education with babies, toddlers, and parents in their own language and country. I look forward to hearing from those interested and working together for early music education.

I myself am a music educator, having collaborated with Katalin Forrai, the world-renowned professor of Hungarian music education and a student of Zoltán Kodály, for over 20 years. The Ringató method is based on Zoltán Kodály's principles of music education and the teachings of Katalin Forrai.

In Hungary Ringató is one of the most well-known and successful parent-child activities recognized with multiple awards. The name "Ringató" is difficult to translate into other languages but conveys a dear, beautiful meaning in Hungarian. It refers to gentle embraces and rocking movements that mothers around the world use to comfort their babies.

The Ringató method is a music-centered arts education tailored to a nation's musical traditions and aimed at families with young children, some as young as a few months old, with the oldest being three years. Like the Kodály method, it can be adapted for any nation.

I am seeking music educator colleagues who wish to implement the Ringató method in their own countries.

What is needed to implement the Ringató method in your country and language?

- Translation of the book into your native language
- Appropriate musical materials: folk songs, children's songs, lap games, rhymes
- Well-prepared session leaders who sing confidently
- Musical knowledge

- Good presentation skills, persuasive ability
- Openness, good organizational skills

I look forward to hearing from those interested in working together! Please contact me via email.

Let's work together!

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For more information, visit Ringató's English website:

<https://www.ringato.hu/english> Ringató YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFusF-mnzLoX_IeV75iHSvg