

Personal Reflection – October 19, 2024

## Being a Conductor of Learning

*You Are the Music While the Music Lasts*

TS Eliot's The Four Quartets

*Saturday is Met Opera Day for me! From my list of 50 HD operas (Met Opera on Demand) this morning I chose Mozart's "Clemencia di Tito". What I heard and saw evoked the following thoughts.*

### **Dialogue Educator as conductor of learning.**

When the conductor entered the "pit", the whole orchestra stood up. I love that moment! He shook hands with the first violin; then, a moment of pregnant silence. He raised his slim bow and MUSIC! Notice: he is the only one **not** making music. He is the conductor. From the Latin root *conducere*, meaning "bring together," a conductor does just that.

He is the music; his body commands, leads, informs, conducts!

He is the music while the music lasts.

This morning, listening to Mozart, I saw an immediate reference to what you, as Dialogue Educators do. Dialogue education is conducting learning: leading it out of each student, evoking knowledge, skills, attitudes. Moving it forward. Creating it. Celebrating it.

How are you the learning, while the learning lasts?

--Jane Vella