

October 2024

Dear Music Education Enthusiasts,

**CIVIC MUSIC** has supported music education and performance in our community since 1918. We are proud to annually recognize educators for their outstanding work in the field of music education. We are asking for your help by nominating educators in the categories listed below whom you feel are deserving of this recognition because of their dedication and contributions to area music programs.

Nominations are open to educators in the five-county Milwaukee metropolitan area (Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington, Waukesha and Racine). The final selection of those to be honored will be made by the CIVIC MUSIC Education Awards Committee from the nominations submitted.

The awards are:

**Certificates of Excellence:** Special recognition is given to outstanding teachers in any or all the following categories.

**Instrumental Music Instruction • Choral Music Instruction • General Music Instruction  
Studio Music Instruction • Youth Music Instruction**

**Music Teacher of the Year:** All Certificate of Excellence nominees will be considered for this award.

**Educational Administrator of the Year:** This award honors educational administrators who have shown outstanding support for music education and teachers of music. By applauding outstanding educational administrators, we encourage and draw attention to those lending important support for music education.

**Emerging Music Educator of the Year:** This award honors outstanding school music educators who have been teaching for five years or less.

**MSO ACE Teacher of the Year:** This award honors grade level classroom teachers who demonstrate outstanding commitment to arts integration through the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra's Arts in Community Education (ACE) program, and support music and the arts throughout their schools.

**RECOGNITION DAY:** This year's **EDUCATOR AWARD** recipients will be presented at the 2:30 PM Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra performance on Sunday, March 9, 2025, and at a reception to follow.

Please submit your nomination(s) by completing the attached nomination form. There are many outstanding music educators doing great work. This can sometimes be a very difficult decision! Providing additional support letters for your nominee helps the Board get to know your nominee, which is important in making their decisions.

Submissions may be submitted electronically or through the U.S. Mail. Scan your forms and supporting documents and send them to [info@civicmusicmilwaukee.org](mailto:info@civicmusicmilwaukee.org) or mail then with a **postmark no later than December 5, 2024**. Feel free to contact Executive Director Nancy Herro at 414/375-4875 or [info@civicmusicmilwaukee.org](mailto:info@civicmusicmilwaukee.org) if you have any questions. Thank you for your help in recognizing outstanding educators!

Sincerely,

**The BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



## 2025 NOMINATION FORM

**Nomination Category:**

(check all that apply)

- Instrumental (school band/orchestra teacher)
- Choral (school choral teacher)
- General (school music specialist teaching grades K-8)
- Youth (serving non-school or youth organizations ages 5-18)
- Studio (private lesson teacher serving primarily ages 5-18)
- Educational Administrator of the Year (school administrator)
- Emerging Music Educator of the Year (teaching K-12 for 5 years or less)
- ACE Teacher of the Year (grade level classroom teacher in MSO's ACE program)

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Yrs. In Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ School District or City: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Years of Educational Experience \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate sheet, please provide support for this nomination as it relates to your nominee's achievements and accomplishments in music education. Include any professional affiliations of which you are aware. **We encourage you to enlist the help of others who know this educator's accomplishments. Nominations with personal testimony from multiple individuals are very helpful when our committee is making its decision.**

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a  Music Educator  Administrator  Parent  Student  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return via email or postmarked no later than December 5, 2024 to:**

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