

CIVIC MUSIC MILWAUKEE PRESENTS



# MUSICNOTES

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## JOIN US FOR A FUN NEW EVENT!

**WHEN:** Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 6:00-9:00 PM

**WHERE:** The Ivy House  
906 South Barclay Street, in Walker's Point

**THE EVENING:**

- Live Music!
- Cash Bar
- Free Popcorn and Food Trucks on-site

**ADMISSION:** FREE!

NOVEMBER 8, 2023

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**IVY HOUSE LIVE**

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**CIVIC MUSIC MKE PRESENTS**

**LIVE AT THE IVY**

Wednesday, November 8, 2023  
Time: 6:00 — 9:00 pm

**FEATURING:**

- Ben Piette and Friends Jazz Combo
- Shining Strings
- The Yardbirds
- Milwaukee Trombone Quartet

**CASH BAR**

Cocktails & Mocktails  
Free Popcorn  
Food Trucks

## CIVIC MUSIC MKE Presents Live at the Ivy

Where Milwaukee Musicians Take Center Stage!

An idea in the works for a few years is coming to fruition this season. Following the success of CAN'T STOP THE MUSIC this past May, our Special Events Committee is ready to roll out this new event! The music will be great, engaging, of various genres and admission is free!

**CIVIC MUSIC MKE: Live at the Ivy** is being planned as a regular music event held at The Ivy House in Walker's Point. It will feature performances by CIVIC MUSIC alumni, teachers, students, and other musicians associated with CIVIC MUSIC. We anticipate that the laidback venue, free admission and the promise of something new each time will bring in a wide audience. We want to present a performance that eliminates any barriers, real and imagined, so that everyone is able to enjoy the presentation of great music performed well.

Musicians featured on November 8 will include Ben Piette and Friends Jazz Combo, Shining Strings, The Yardbirds, Milwaukee Trombone Quartet, and more to announce soon. Our lineup is almost complete, but if you would like to perform, or have a group that would like to perform, please contact us at [info@civictimusicmilwaukee.org](mailto:info@civictimusicmilwaukee.org).

### Mission:

CIVIC MUSIC MKE supports music education and provides performance opportunities for young musicians in the greater Milwaukee area.

### Music Notes

Music Notes is published semiannually to provide ongoing information about our programs and events.

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Autumn greetings to you! I hope that you enjoyed your summer. For me, it just flew by! I had the chance to attend a few concerts, play a few concerts and experience the joy of the bonds and friendships that come with being a musician.

We are excited for another year of great opportunities for young musicians to learn and grow by making music. Our

cover page announced our new event, **LIVE AT THE IVY HOUSE**. We had a wonderful time there at **CAN'T STOP THE MUSIC** this past May where we were able to honor our **CITIZEN AWARDS** recipients for their contributions to Milwaukee music. (Read more about them on our website.) We are planning this new event to become a permanent addition to our event schedule.

**"WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO ATTEND AND SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC."**

The **PRIVATE LESSON PROGRAM**, *Life Lessons through Music*, has 30 teachers and 57 students. Students will receive 25 lessons beginning in September, hopefully attend one or two Musician Meet-Ups and perform on a Final Recital. Accelerated learning that comes with one-on-one lessons can lead to exciting opportunities in the future.

The **HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION** returns in January with all the popular workshops and masterclasses. The Showcase Recital is always remarkable. We hope that you will join us on Saturday evening, February 10 for an inspiring performance.

We look forward to receiving your nominations for the **EDUCATOR AWARDS** due this season on November 30. Music educators always go above and beyond. Let's celebrate their great work by nominating them for an award! We will celebrate them with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra in March, Music in Our Schools Month.

We are so grateful to all the donors who support CIVIC MUSIC MKE. That support embodies our vision: "to be a catalyst to ensure every student in the greater Milwaukee area has access and opportunity to participate in music." We're glad to be on the same journey with you!

We encourage you to continue to attend and support live music. The wonderful musicians and artists are part of what makes our community great!

Wishing you a joyful autumn with loads of music!

Nancy Herro, Executive Director



The Tuesday following Thanksgiving Day continues as the day when people kick off the holiday season by giving back to their community. Whether it is donating or volunteering, #GIVINGTUESDAY is a day that benefits the community. CIVIC MUSIC MKE will be participating again this year.

Created in 2012, GivingTuesday stemmed from a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. We will certainly not be the only participating organization whom you support. Please consider giving where you can, but make sure to Like and Share any social media posts that you receive about GivingTuesday. Those efforts help all participants!

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS

## HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION

**Applications Due:** December 15, 2023  
**Audition Day:** January 27, 2024  
First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa

Visit our website for applications and instructions.  
Watch for Workshops and Master Class announcements.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Classical vocal and instrumental musicians in grades 10-12 who perform at or above the WSMA Class A level and live in the five county greater Milwaukee area.

### COMPETITION AWARDS

#### Showcase Recital Performance Opportunity

Up to ten top musicians from Audition Day will be presented in recital. Each performer will receive an honorarium of \$250.

#### Young Artist Scholarships

\$1,500 in scholarships are distributed to musicians at the discretion of the judges.



### SHOWCASE RECITAL

**Saturday, February 10, 7:30 PM**  
Milwaukee Youth Arts Center (MYAC)  
Performance and Scholarship Announcements  
Admission is free and open to the public.

## PRIVATE LESSON PROGRAM LIFE LESSONS THROUGH MUSIC

**Year 1 Applications Due:** March 1, 2024  
**Audition Day:** Saturday, April 13, 2024  
First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa

Visit our website for applications and instructions.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Instrumental musicians entering grades 4 – 11, and vocal musicians entering grades 8-12 who are new to private lessons (25 hours or less), living in the five county greater Milwaukee area, whose family could use a financial helping hand.

Students must be recommended by a teacher. Music teachers with students thought to meet this criterion are encouraged to make this application available to those students. Students are welcome to bring this opportunity to their teachers.

The opportunity for advancement to Year 2 and Year 3 lessons is available to Year 1 students who first earn their private teacher's recommendation. Applications will be sent to recommended students in March.



### FINAL RECITALS

**Saturday, May 4, 12:00 Noon & 3:00 PM**  
First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa  
Current families: please mark your calendars!

**A P P L I C A T I O N S**  
all application forms can be found at  
[www.civicismusicmilwaukee.org](http://www.civicismusicmilwaukee.org)



# LEADERSHIP

## WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

We are grateful to the Nominating Committee, chaired by Kent Tess-Mattner, for its diligence in recruiting the highest caliber of candidates. We are pleased to introduce our newest members of the CIVIC MUSIC MKE Board of Directors:



**Jillian Bruss**, Singer soloist and ensemble performer, former voice teacher, middle school, high school and university level



**Brett Dawsey**, Baird, Vice President



**Scott Emmons**, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Peck School of the Arts, Dean Emeritus



**Michelle Klotz**, Saint Sebastian Parish, Director of Liturgy and Music

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### EDUCATOR AWARDS

Nominations Due: November 30, 2023  
Presentation: Saturday, March 9, 2024  
MSO Concert, Bradley Symphony Center

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First Congregational Church  
of Wauwatosa

## Thank You and Farewell!

We bid farewell to board members **Rosalie Avery** and **Jonathan Winkle**. Both are pursuing other opportunities. We appreciate their contributions to the board.

## There's a Place for You

Would you like to get involved in molding the future of CIVIC MUSIC MKE? Our committees are humming but there is always room for more members. Meetings are held online. Committee work is a great opportunity to work alongside lifelong friends and new friends who have the same passion for music as you!

Board and committee members are good connectors, enthusiastic advocates and stewards of our organization's financial health. If you have skills and experience to share and want to learn more, please contact Nancy Herro at [nancyherro@civicmusicmilwaukee.org](mailto:nancyherro@civicmusicmilwaukee.org) or 414.375.4875.

## We are grateful to these 2022-23 major donors:



# RECOGNITION

## EDUCATOR AWARDS

### NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING MUSIC EDUCATOR



#### 2023 Award Recipients:

L-R: Jessica Maxwell, Victor Montañez Cruz, Lindsay Patterson, Karen Wysocky, Dennis Gephart, Matt Mueller

### Nominations are now open for a total of nine awards

Certificates of Excellence (Instrumental, Choral, General, Studio, and Youth)  
Emerging Music Educator • Administrator of the Year • MSO ACE Teacher of the Year  
CIVIC MUSIC Teacher of the Year, the ninth award, is selected by the Board from the candidates who are nominated.

Do you know an educator who should be honored for their work to make music coming alive to their students? Please nominate them today!

**NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2023 AWARDS DUE:** November 30, 2023

A solid music education can make all the difference in a child's life. What is your story? Is there a music teacher in your life who inspires you? Each season CIVIC MUSIC MKE presents the EDUCATOR AWARDS, a wonderful show of appreciation for the work of inspiring music educators or administrators supportive of music.



Randy Skowronski, 2023 MUSIC TEACHER OF THE YEAR, had to dash off before the presentation to conduct his school's music that evening. A music educator's work is never done!

## CITIZEN AWARDS

The 2022-23 season award recipients were celebrated at CAN'T STOP THE MUSIC this past May. Friends were reunited, new friends were made and those in attendance helped to raise funds for CIVIC MUSIC Youth Music programming. It was wonderful to hear about all of the accomplishments of our recipients and to learn about all of the generational combinations of students and teachers at the event!



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## HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS

Thousands of awards have been presented to outstanding music students in the greater Milwaukee area since the first presentations made in 1927. Students displaying exceptional musicianship, scholarship, leadership, and service to school receive a certificate and a gold lapel pin presented at a final school concert or awards ceremony.

If you are a school music teacher in the five county greater Milwaukee area, please consider using this award to recognize an exceptional student in your program.

**NOMINATIONS DUE:** May 22, 2024

**N O M I N A T I O N S**  
Find all nomination forms at  
[www.civictimusicmilwaukee.org](http://www.civictimusicmilwaukee.org)

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## 2023 HIGH SCHOOL AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to this year's 29 recipients. Our best wishes to you for a bright future as a continuing musician and/or a supporter of music!

### **Brookfield Central High School**

Brendan King, Percussion

### **Burlington High School**

Juliana Lyle, Violin

### **Cedarburg High School**

Jasmine Storck, Alto

### **Greendale High School**

Ella Hanizeski, Band, Orchestra, and Theatre

### **Milwaukee Lutheran High School**

Latagia Greer, Clarinet  
Ny'emia Rodgers-Evans, Soprano

### **Mukwonago High School**

Julia Rady, Alto

### **New Berlin Eisenhower High School**

Max Letellier, Violin

### **Nicolet Union High School**

Kristen Laiosa, Alto

### **Oak Creek High School**

Anna Melik, Flute

### **Pius XI Catholic High School**

Cecilia Koth, Violin  
Josiah Lyons, Percussion

### **Shorewood High School**

Arthur Christiansen, Tenor  
Ethan Emanuelson, Violin  
Jonah Javorsky, Saxophone

### **University School of Milwaukee**

Lucy Flack, cello  
Ellie Lin, violin

### **Wauwatosa East High School**

Lily Knaack, Alto Saxophone  
Joshua Steiner, Violin

### **Wauwatosa West High School**

Ethan Espinosa, Jazz Band - Bass  
Carolyn Molter, Oboe / Alto Saxophone

### **West Allis Central High School**

Danielle Mauhar, Clarinet  
Meadow Seeber, Viola  
Alex Sheremeta, Jazz- Saxophone

### **West Allis Nathan Hale High School**

Olivia Gross, Euphonium/Trombone

### **West Bend High Schools**

Brady Guth, Saxophone

### **Whitefish Bay High School**

Anavi Prakash, Clarinet

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John Handeland, French Horn  
Joseph Lindenberg, Tenor & Piano

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