

January 2026

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 a Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra performance and a reception in March, also known as *Music in Our Schools* month!

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. You can scan your forms and supporting documents and send via email, or mail then **postmarked on or before 12/5/2026**. That information is provided on the bottom of the nomination form.

Feel free to contact Executive Director Nancy Herro at 414/375-4875 or info@civicmusicmilwaukee.org if you have any questions. Thank you for your help in recognizing outstanding educators!

Sincerely,

The BOARD OF DIRECTORS



2027 NOMINATION FORM

CATEGORY:

All **Certificate of Excellence** nominees will be considered for **Music Teacher of the Year** by the CIVIC MUSIC MKE board of directors.

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: _____ Non-school 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, 2026** to:

info@civictimilwaukee.org

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