



# MUSICNOTES

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## BACK TO SCHOOL BACK TO MUSIC

### HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION



CIVIC MUSIC MKE will host another exciting performances and scholarship competition for high school students. Vocal and instrumental musicians in grades 10-12 who are performing at the WSMA Class A level or above are eligible to apply. Plans are in place for an in-person event back at First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa who has been such an important partner for CIVIC MUSIC by hosting this event as well as the Private Lesson Program.

Last season, we held the entire competition online. Four wonderful workshops were held online for applicants as well as the general public. We are in the planning stages and expect that all of the workshops will return. The Showcase Recital is also in the planning stage. We hope to return to the Milwaukee Art Museum. We are on their calendar but await their plans for opening their building to outside groups.

### PRIVATE LESSON PROGRAM LIFE LESSONS THROUGH MUSIC



The Private Lesson Scholarship Program was established in 1982 with funds provided in part by legendary Milwaukee music store owner, Norbert J. Beihoff. Initially, the Private Lesson Program provided a single year of private music lessons to Milwaukee area wind and percussion students who had not yet had the opportunity for private study. Over the last five years, enrollment has grown from a single year program with an average of 17 students to a 3-year program offering opportunity to up to 60 string, wind, percussion, piano and vocal students. Young musicians can earn a scholarship for 25 half-hour private lessons during the school year with a vetted professional musician. Students apply and audition for Year 1 scholarships. Year 1 and 2 students recommended by these private teachers may apply for Year 2 and 3. The current three-year program was developed to address feedback received from schoolteachers, private teachers, parents and students

who expressed the need for more opportunities. Students can lose their curiosity about music and the arts when extracurricular programs like the Private Lesson Program are no longer available to them.

 Get all of the High School Competition event details and Private Lesson Program information on page 3. 

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We are grateful for the funding that CIVIC MUSIC MKE has received for both of these important programs. We believe that all children should know the joy of making music, and we appreciate the support of like-minded supporters. Take a look at our generous supporters listed on page 6.

### 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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We celebrate the opportunity to come back together to make music with one another. This past pandemic year has taught us that we can continue to provide meaningful programming even when not in the same room. We have all learned that we can adapt. Resilience is the key to success.

Our Private Lesson Program, what we call *Life Lessons through Music*, is up

and running with 28 teachers and 51 students. Most are happy to be back together again in person while a few are proceeding more cautiously and staying online for the time being. All are being safe and considerate of one another. Our Program Committee is working on a way for these students and their families to gather for community and learning. We call this program Life Lessons through Music as through the study of music we hone transferable life skills like collaboration, time management and perseverance. Students become contributing community members, even leaders, and future champions for the importance of the arts in our world.

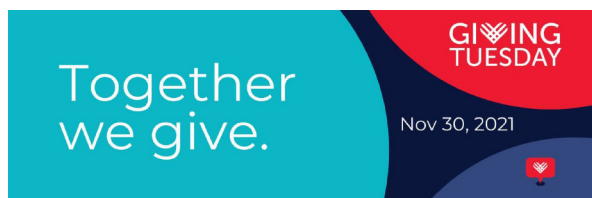
**"WE HAVE ALL LEARNED THAT WE CAN ADAPT. RESILIENCE IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS."**

Our High School Competition will repeat last year's successful online workshops, this time in-person. We are also working on ways to give these advanced students more opportunities throughout the year. We are eager to receive your nominations for the Educator Awards due in December and the Distinguished Citizen Awards due next June. Certainly there are educators who have gone above and beyond this past year to make sure that their students were not without the joy of music. Nominate them! Our celebration will once again be with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra in their new home. How exciting!

As always, we were so grateful to all of the donors who have walked alongside us as we navigated the past year. You showed your generosity and your confidence in our organization. Thank you!

We encourage you to get out to cautiously but joyfully support the many wonderful musicians who have continued to provide music to our community.

Nancy Herro, Executive Director  
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Every year, on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving Day, people take the time to greet the holiday season by giving back to their community. Whether it is making a donation or volunteering, Giving Tuesday is a day that benefits the community. CIVIC MUSIC MKE will again participate in this year's #GIVINGTUESDAY set for Tuesday, November 30.

Giving Tuesday was founded in 2012 by New York's 92nd Street Y in partnership with the United Nations Foundation. The purpose of the day is to inspire people and companies to **take action**, just like Black Friday and Cyber Monday created a platform for retailers to kickstart the holiday season. It has grown leaps and bounds since then and in 2018, Facebook and PayPal announced they would match up to \$7 million on donations to United States nonprofits on a first come first serve basis. The match limit was hit after only one hour! A total of \$125 million was raised via Facebook, the highest for a single day on the platform. In 2020, a remarkable \$2.47 billion was donated to U.S. nonprofits by a reported 34.8 million people on Giving Tuesday.

CIVIC MUSIC will not be the only organization whom you support that will participate. Please consider giving to the organizations that you can, but definitely make sure to Like and Share any social media posts that you receive about Giving Tuesday. It helps all of us!

## HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION

**Applications Due:** December 15, 2021  
**Audition Day:** January 22, 2022  
 First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa

Visit our website for applications and instructions.  
 Watch for Workshops and Master Classes.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Classical and jazz, 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 classical and one jazz performer from Audition Day will be presented in recital. Each musician will receive an honorarium of \$250.

#### Young Artist Scholarships

for classical instrumentalists and vocalists  
 \$1,500 in scholarships is distributed to musicians at the discretion of the judges

#### Lee Guse Memorial Jazz Scholarship

for jazz instrumentalists and vocalists  
 \$750 scholarship for one high school jazz musician

#### Additional Recital Performance Opportunity

Recital performers will have the opportunity to perform on another recital being planned.  
 Date, time and venue will be available soon.

#### SHOWCASE RECITAL

Sunday, February 6, 2:00 PM  
 Venue TBA  
 Performance and Scholarship Announcements

## PRIVATE LESSON PROGRAM LIFE LESSONS THROUGH MUSIC

**Year 1 Applications Due:** March 10, 2022  
**Audition Day:** Saturday, April 2, 2022  
 First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa

Visit our website for applications and instructions.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Instrumental musicians entering grades 4 - 11, and vocal musicians entering grade 8 - 12 new to private lessons (25 hours or less) whose family is in need of 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.

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

### 2021-22 FINAL RECITALS

**Saturday, May 14, 2022**

First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa  
 Current families please mark your calendars!



**ALL RECITALS** are free and open to the public.

### APPLICATIONS

all application forms can be found at  
[www.civicmusicmilwaukee.org](http://www.civicmusicmilwaukee.org)

# CIVIC MUSIC LEADERSHIP W E L C O M E !

We are grateful to the Nominating Committee, chaired by Kent Tess-Mattner, for their diligence in recruiting the highest caliber of candidates and their generous contribution of personal time. Meet the newest members of the CIVIC MUSIC Board of Directors:



**Carl Brown**, CEO, Fresh Coast Jazz Festival; Retired CEO, Red Brown Kle' Marketing Communications



**Deborah Musante**, City of Brookfield, Director, Civic Chorus; Milwaukee Co. Zoological Society-Development; Freelance Musician



**Fran Richman**, Consultant, Richman Nonprofit Strategies; Retired Executive Director, Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra



**Veronica Thompson**, Retired Librarian and Media Specialist, Milwaukee Public Schools; Freelance Musician

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### EDUCATOR AWARDS

**Nominations Due:** December 5, 2021  
**Presentation:** Saturday, March 5, 2022  
MSO Concert, Bradley Symphony Center

### HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC COMPETITION

**Application Deadline:** December 15, 2021  
**Audition Day:** January 22, 2022  
First Congregational Church  
of Wauwatosa

### HIGH SCHOOL SHOWCASE RECITAL

Sunday, February 6, 2022, 2:00 PM  
Venue TBA

### PRIVATE LESSON PROGRAM

**Application Deadline:** March 10, 2022  
**Audition Day:** Saturday, April 2, 2022  
**Recitals:** Saturday, May 14, 2022  
12:00 Noon and 3:00 PM  
First Congregational Church  
of Wauwatosa

## Thank You and Farewell!

We bid a very fond farewell to board member **Rob Engl** who has served on the board for ten years! Rob served as President 2016-2020 and as Past President 2020-21. He has been instrumental in keeping us going through many highs points, a few challenges and all the territory in between. He made important connections with people and organizations and was a huge champion for CIVIC MUSIC. Thank you, Rob!

We also thank board members Kathy Swoboda, Janet Day and Sarah Zawadiwsky who are stepping away from the board. We appreciate the many contributions that you have all made and we will miss you!

## Join Us by Serving on a Committee

Would you like to get involved in shaping the future of CIVIC MUSIC? Our committees are humming but there is always room for more members. Meetings have been working well online this past year, so we will continue to meet online. Grab this great opportunity to work alongside old and new friends who have the same passion for music as you!

Board and committee members are good connectors, enthusiastic advocates and stewards of an 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.

# RECOGNITION

## EDUCATOR AWARDS

NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING MUSIC EDUCATOR



2021 Award Recipients:

L-R: Lauren King Driscoll, Stephanie Blue, Priscilla Nokovic and Elizabeth Warne

We know that music education can make all the difference in a child's life. Each season CIVIC MUSIC presents the Music Educator Awards, a wonderful show of appreciation for music educators or administrators supportive of music.

**Nominations are now open for:**

All **Certificates of Excellence** awards, **Administrator of the Year**, **Emerging Music Educator** and **MSO ACE Teacher of the Year**. The Board will choose the **CIVIC MUSIC Teacher of the Year** from the candidates presented.

Do you know an educator who should be honored for their work? Nominate them today!

**NOMINATIONS DUE:** December 5, 2021

## CITIZEN AWARDS

**HONOR A DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN!**

Show your appreciation for an important person in Milwaukee's musical life by nominating them to receive one of these awards:

- **Lifetime Achievement in Music:** honors music educators and/or performers for their exceptional professional expertise and commitment to the community.
- **Distinguished Citizen-Professional in the Arts** recognizes professional musicians and arts administrators who have demonstrated significant professional achievements and leadership.

- **Distinguished Citizen-Patron of the Arts** honors music supporters who have distinguished themselves by their leadership, generosity and passion for music.

Do you find that the most deserving individuals are often the least likely to blow their own horn? That's where you come in! Seize the opportunity to nominate someone to be recognized publicly for their dedication and contributions. Award presentations will be made at a special event being planned for November 2022. Stay tuned for the specific date.

**NOMINATIONS DUE:** June 1, 2022

## HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS

Thousands of awards have been presented to music students since this program began in 1927. Students can be nominated by their music directors to recognize exceptional musicianship, scholarship, leadership and service to school. Students 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 area, utilize this award as a way to recognize an exceptional student in your program.

**NOMINATIONS DUE:** May 22, 2022

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

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## 2021 HIGH SCHOOL AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to this year's 22 recipients. Our best wishes to you for a bright future as a continuing musician or a supporter of music in your community!

**Brookfield East High School**  
Amelie Liu, Flute

**Cedarburg High School**  
Laura Wilcox, Soprano

**Greendale High School**  
Luke Terry, Piano, Sound Engineer

**Greenfield High School**  
Noah Ferguson, Alto Saxophone

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Kathleen Westrup, Trombone  
Amelia Stephens, Alto

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