

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to past award recipients for their work in enhancing the string community within the state! MN ASTA awards began in 1986 when *Teacher of the Year* and *Outstanding Community Service* awards were first presented. The following year, the *Meritorious Orchestra* award was added to recognize on-going excellence in a school or youth orchestra program. In 1990, *Outstanding String Educator* was added to recognize significant achievements in school teaching. This award was renamed *Master String Educator* in

1997. In 1990 and 1991, two awards for individual accomplishments were presented, one named *Teacher of the Year* and one named *Master Teacher*. Since 1992, this award has been known as *Master Teacher*. MNSOA awarded *Teacher of the Year* from 1996–1997.

Beginning in 1998, MNSOTA has presented four annual awards: Master Teacher: Studio, Master Teacher: School Orchestra, Meritorious Orchestra Program, and Community Service Award. Nominate a colleague for an award this year!

Teacher of the Year / Master Teacher

1986 Mary West, violin
1987 Mark Bjork, violin
1988 James Clute, bass
1989 Shirley Thomson Santoro, violin
1990 Robert Jamieson, cello
1990 Mary Solie, violin
1991 Lea Foli, violin
1991 M. Beatrix Lien, violin
1992 Ann Anderson, violin
1993 Mary Budd Horozaniecki, violin
1994 John Dunham, cello
1995 Stella Anderson, viola
1996 Faith Farr, cello
1997 Richard Adams, violin
1998 Nancy Lokken, violin
1998 Alice Preves, viola
1999 Nancy Bjork, double bass
2000 Sally O'Reilly, violin
2001 Peter Howard, cello
2002 Marilyn Bos, violin
2003 Tom Rosenberg, cello
2004 Sarah West, cello
2005 Jane Linde Capistran, violin
2006 Lucinda Marvin, violin
2007 Tanya Remenikova, cello
2008 Charles Gray, violin
2009 Kathy Kienzle, harp
2010 Ray Shows, violin
2011 Mary Sorlie, violin
2012 Ellen Kim, violin
2013 Korey Konkol, viola
2014 David Holmes, cello
2015 Lucia May, violin
2016 Yuko Heberlein, violin

Outstanding String Educator / Master String Educator

1990 Arnold Krueger, Owatonna Public Schools
1991 Howard Evenson, Minneapolis School District, Student Symphonies of Greater Minneapolis founder
1992 Kenneth Davenport, Anoka-Hennepin Public Schools
1993 Helen K. Loing, Wayzata Public Schools
1994 Barbara Lamb, Wayzata Public Schools
1995 Cheryl Paschke, Minneapolis Public Schools
1996 James Hainlen, Stillwater Public Schools
1996 Gerard Jones, Duluth East High School

1997 Sandra Haines, Wayzata Public Schools
1997 Karen Olson, Robbinsdale School District
1998 Pat Kelly, Ramsey International Fine Arts School
1998 Diane Wright, Marshall Public Schools
1999 Steve Borgstrom, Osseo Area Schools, Park Center HS
2000 Elizabeth Deger, Stillwater Junior High School
2001 Gwen Armwood, Wayzata High School
2002 Brian Cole, Robert Asp School, Moorhead
2003 Lorie Hippen, Ramsey International Fine Arts School
2004 Mark Gitch, Owatonna High School
2005 Deborah Sittko, Mounds View Schools
2006 Linda Bell, Robbinsdale School District
2007 Jennifer Arco, Owatonna Junior High School
2008 Ed Schaeffe, Blaine High School
2009 John Madura, Mounds View High School
2010 Connie Aiken, Chippewa Middle School, Mounds View
2011 Julie Vanderstappen, Stillwater Public Schools
2012 Val Buchmeier, Crookston and Woodbury Public Schools
2013 Matthew Oyen, St. Paul Central High School
2014 Dianne Brady, St. Cloud Area School District
2015 Sandy Collins, Mounds View District Elementary Schools
2016 Michael Halstenson, Anoka High School

Meritorious Orchestra Program

1987 Anoka-Hennepin Public Schools
1988 Owatonna Public Schools
1988 Longfellow International Fine Arts Elementary Center
1989 The Young Peoples' Concerts of the Minnesota Orchestra
1990 Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies
1991 St. Cloud Public Schools
1992 Mounds View Public Schools
1993 Stillwater Public Schools
1995 Wayzata Public Schools
1996 St. Olaf College Orchestra
1997 Red Wing Public Schools
1997 Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies (25th anniversary)
1998 Shattuck-St. Mary's School, Faribault
1998 Duluth Public School District
1999 Austin Public Schools
2000 Robbinsdale Area Schools
2001 Winona School District
2002 Anoka-Hennepin Public Schools
2003 Minnesota Youth Symphonies
2004 Brainerd School District
2005 Roseville School District

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2006 Moorhead Public Schools
 2012 University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, School of Music
 2013 South Washington County School District
 2014 Minnetonka School District
 2015 Staples-Motley School District
 2016 Northfield School District

Outstanding Community Service Award

1986 Orchestra Fellowship Program, administered by Susan Vaughan through the MN Department of Education
 1987 Schmitt Music Company
 1988 James Berg, Robbinsdale Public Schools and GTCYS
 1989 Richard Massman, UM professor & String Task Force chair
 1990 Clifford Brunzell, Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra member, Hopkins High School Orchestra founder, Golden Strings founder and leader, Jazz Quartet leader
 1991 Minnesota Youth Symphonies, Claudette and Manny Laureano co-music directors
 1992 Playing (Less) Hurt Conference, Janet Horvath director
 1993 Norman Selness, Upper Midwest String and Chamber Music Conference founder, private teacher
 1996 Thelma Johnson, accompanist

1997 Richard Zgodava, accompanist
 1998 Minnesota Sinfonia, Jay Fishman conductor
 1998 Gary Alan Wood, Minnesota Orchestra Education Outreach
 1999 House of Note
 2000 John Farr, layout and graphic design for *String Notes*
 2001 Harry Dunscombe, director of the Upper Midwest String and Chamber Music Conference
 2002 MacPhail Center for Music, Outreach Programs
 2003 Susan Garrelts, accompanist
 2004 Julie Guerber, MNSOTA Leadership
 2005 Jim Bartsch, Minnesota Orchestra Director of Education
 2006 Tom Nelson, Superintendent of SoWashCo district
 2007 Faith Farr, MNSOTA *String Notes* editor
 2008 Doug Geston, Westmark Productions recordings
 2009 Michael Watson, MNSOTA website
 2010 Amir Kats, GTCYS Artistic Director
 2011 Carl Anderson, Minneapolis Schools instrument repair
 2012 Stella Anderson, MNSOTA Leadership
 2013 Kerri LeJeune, accompanist
 2014 Claire Givens Violins
 2015 David Arnott, Director, Upper Midwest String Camp
 2016 Kristine Wiese, MNSOTA Honors Orchestra Leadership