

# 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!

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## 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 (25<sup>th</sup> 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