MUSIC EDUCATOR AWARD™ SEMIFINALISTS ANNOUNCED BY THE RECORDING ACADEMY® AND GRAMMY MUSEUM®

WHO: A total of 25 music teachers, from 25 cities across 18 states, have been announced as semifinalists for the Music Educator Award™ presented by the Recording Academy® and GRAMMY Museum®. In total, more than 1,205 initial nominations were submitted from 47 states. Nominations for the 2024 Music Educator Award are now open at grammymusicteacher.com.

WHAT: The Music Educator Award recognizes current educators who have made a significant and lasting contribution to the music education field and demonstrate a commitment to the broader cause of maintaining music education in the schools. The recipient will be recognized during GRAMMY® Week 2023.

The award is open to current U.S. music teachers, and anyone can nominate a teacher — students, parents, friends, colleagues, community members, school deans, and administrators.

Teachers are also able to nominate themselves, and nominated teachers are notified and invited to fill out an application.

Each year, one recipient is selected from 10 finalists and recognized for their remarkable impact on students' lives. They will receive a $10,000 honorarium and matching grant for their school's music program. The nine additional finalists will receive a $1,000 honorarium and matching grants. The remaining 15 semifinalists will receive a $500 honorarium with matching school grants.

The matching grants provided to the schools are made possible by the generosity and support of the GRAMMY Museum's Education Champion Ford Motor Company Fund. In addition, the American Choral Directors Association, National Association for Music Education, NAMM Foundation, and National Education Association support this program through outreach to their constituencies.

The finalists will be announced in December. For more information, please visit grammymusicteacher.com.

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Aaron Bush
Foxborough High School
Foxborough
Massachusetts

Ernesta Chicklowski
Roosevelt Elementary
Tampa
Florida

Cory Joy Craig
Benton Intermediate School
Benton
Louisiana

Christine Cumberledge
Central Junior High School
Euless
Texas

David Davis
Park Spanish Immersion Elementary School
St. Louis Park
Minnesota

Pamela Dawson
DeSoto High School
DeSoto
Texas

Antoine Dolberry
P.S. 103 Hector Fontanez School
Bronx
New York

Jack A. Eaddy, Jr.
Western Carolina University
Cullowhee
North Carolina

Marisa Frank
Explore! Community School
Nashville
Tennessee

Jorge L. Garcia
Elias Herrera Middle School
Laredo
Texas

Kevin McDonald
Wellesley High School
Wellesley
Massachusetts

Matthew McKagan
Lindero Canyon Middle School
Agoura Hills
California

Brian McMath
Northwest Guilford High School
Greensboro
North Carolina

Trevor Nicholas
Senn Arts at Nicholas Senn High School
Chicago
Illinois

Bethany Robinson
Noblesville High School
Noblesville
Indiana

Matthew Shephard
Meridian Early College High School
Sanford
Michigan

Katie Silcott
Olentangy Shanahan Middle School
Lewis Center
Ohio

Tony Small
Pallotti Arts Academy
Laurel
Maryland

Patrick Smith
Cooperative Arts and Humanities Magnet High School
New Haven
Connecticut

Wayne Splettstoeszer
Torrington High School
Torrington
Connecticut

Alice Tsui
New Bridges Elementary
Brooklyn
New York

Tammy Yi
Chapman University
Orange
California

ABOUT THE RECORDING ACADEMY
The Recording Academy represents the voices of performers, songwriters, producers, engineers, and all music professionals. Dedicated to ensuring the recording arts remain a thriving part of our shared cultural heritage, the Academy honors music’s history while investing in its future through the GRAMMY Museum, advocates on behalf of music creators, supports music people in times of need through MusiCares®, and celebrates artistic excellence through the GRAMMY Awards® — music’s only peer-recognized accolade and highest achievement. As the world’s leading society of music professionals, we work year-round to foster a more inspiring world for creators.

For more information about the Academy, please visit www.grammy.com. For breaking news and exclusive content, follow @RecordingAcad on Twitter, "like" Recording Academy on Facebook, and join the Recording Academy’s social communities on Instagram, YouTube, TikTok, and LinkedIn.

ABOUT THE GRAMMY MUSEUM
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celebrates all aspects of the art form — from the technology of the recording process to the legends who've made lasting marks on our cultural identity.

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