

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

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

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
2006	Moorhead Public Schools

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 <i>String Notes</i>
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 <i>String Notes</i> editor
2008	Doug Geston, Westmark Productions recordings
2009	Michael Watson, MNSOTA website
2010	Amir Kats, GTCYS Artistic Director