



219 QUARTERFINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR 2022 MUSIC EDUCATOR AWARD™ PRESENTED BY THE RECORDING ACADEMY® AND GRAMMY MUSEUM®

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WHO: A total of 219 music teachers from 204 cities have been announced as quarterfinalists for the Music Educator Award™ presented by the Recording Academy® and GRAMMY Museum®. In addition to our quarterfinalists, 189 legacy applicants from 2021 will also be eligible to win the award this year.

QUARTERFINALISTS

Name	School	City	State
Adrian Jermaine Adams	Richland Northeast High School	Columbia	South Carolina
Shirene Agahi-Patterson	Denver South High School	Denver	Colorado
John Aguilar	Robert Eagle Staff Middle School	Seattle	Washington
James Alder	Greenbrier East High School	Caldwell	West Virginia
David Allinder	Shades Valley High School	Helena	Alabama
DJ Alstadt	Naperville Central High School	Naperville	Illinois
Corey Ames	Deer Path Middle School	Grayslake	Illinois
Kathryn Ananda-Owens	St. Olaf College	Northfield	Minnesota
Bonnie Anderson	Miller's Point Elementary School	Converse	Texas
Jeanne Andrews	Pauline Petway Elementary School	Sewell	New Jersey
Justin Antos	Dwight D. Eisenhower High School	Frankfort	Illinois
Tristianne Asbury	Capitol Hill High School	Norman	Oklahoma
Robert Athayde	Stanley Middle School	Orinda	California
Michelle Bade	West View Elementary	Muncie	Indiana
Tim Baird	Ellicott school district 22	Fountain	Colorado
Wade Baker	Olney Central College	Vincennes	Indiana
Andrew Bennett	Fredonia High School	Fredonia	New York
Gregory Bennett	Middletown High School	Middletown	New York
Brandon Benson	J. U. Blacksher	Monroeville	Alabama
Gary Bernice	Springfield High School of Science and Technology	Springfield	Massachusetts

Robert Bertke	St. Francis School	Louisville	Kentucky
Monica Bertrand	St. Charles East High School	Geneva	Illinois
Justin Binek	Kansas City Kansas Community College	Kansas City	Kansas
Stephen Blanco	Las Vegas High School	Las Vegas	Nevada
Michael Blostein	Averill Park High School	East Greenbush	New York
Ær Boline	Dennis Lab School	Decatur	Illinois
Adrain Bonner	Lancaster High School	Lancaster	Texas
Brittany Booth	Person High School	Roxboro	North Carolina
Darrell Boston	Loretto High School	Loretto	Tennessee
Cherie Bowe	Pascagoula High School	Gautier	Mississippi
Andrew Bowerly	Tenino High School	Tenino	Washington
Joshua Boyd	Newnan High School	Newnan	Georgia
Nathaniel Boyd	George Wythe High School	Highland Springs	Virginia
Jonathan Boysen	Eastside Catholic School	Sammamish	Washington
Darcy Brandenburg	Davies High School	West Fargo	North Dakota
Gwendolyn Brazier	Barnette Magnet School	Fairbanks	Alaska
Sedalia Brown	Christel House Academy South	Indianapolis	Indiana
Matthew Brusseau	East Lincoln High School	Lincolnton	North Carolina
Shantavia Burchette	East Side High School	Summit	New Jersey
Ben Burge	Jones College	Hattiesburg	Mississippi
Chris Burkhart	Cape Henlopen High School	Milton	Delaware
Teresa Cameron	Eastside Elementary School	Lake City	Florida
Jessica Campbell	Legacy Traditional School, NW Tucson	Tucson	Arizona
Jennifer Canales	Weeksville Elementary School	Elizabeth City	North Carolina
Helen Capehart	Bridgeport Middle School	Bridgeport	Texas
Marcos Carreras	Springfield Conservatory of the Arts	Springfield	Massachusetts
Kevin Carroll	Waubonsie Valley High School	Aurora	Illinois
Josh Chapel	Deerfield Windsor School	Albany	Georgia
Michalee Christy	Mercer High School	Mercer	Pennsylvania
Christopher Clark	Mt. Everett High School	Lee	Massachusetts
Michael Coelho	Ipswich High School	Newburyport	Massachusetts
Kyle Cook	Western Branch Middle School	Portsmouth	Virginia
JD Cooney	Mayville High School	Sun Prairie	Wisconsin
Stephen Cox	Eastland High School	Eastland	Texas
Cory Joy Craig	Benton Intermediate School	Shreveport	Louisiana

Kessler Cuffman	Howard Connect Academy	Chattanooga	Tennessee
Christine Cumberledge	Central Junior High School	Eules	Texas
Nicole Davidson	Susan E. Wiley Elementary	Copiague	New York
Beth Davies	Franklin Middle School	Cedar Rapids	Iowa
David Davis	Clear Springs Elementary	Minnetonka	Minnesota
David DePriest	MCGavock High School	Nashville	Tennessee
Robert DeSantis	Millville Senior High School	Millville	New Jersey
Shelby Dickey	Gorzycki Middle School	Austin	Texas
Thomas DiNuoscio	Northeastern High School	Fairborn	Ohio
Heather Dipasquale	Todd County Middle School	Elkton	Kentucky
Doris Doyon	Norwalk High School	Long Beach	California
John Drechen	Lower Cape May Regional High School	North Cape May	New Jersey
Dwayne DuBose	Burke County High School	Waynesboro	Georgia
Dale Duncan	Henderson Middle School	Atlanta	Georgia
Jody Dunn	Crestview High School	Crestview	Florida
Brandon Elliott	Moorpark College	Moorpark	California
Kyle Engelhardt	Cedar Falls High School	Cedar Falls	Iowa
Edward Ercilla	Doral Academy Preparatory	Miami	Florida
Kevin Erickson	J. Frank Dobie High School	Houston	Texas
Cuauhtemoc Escobedo	Eckstein Middle School	Seattle	Washington
Wayne Fanning	Niu Valley Middle School	Honolulu	Hawaii
Jordan Ford	Norwood Elementary School	Birmingham	Alabama
Nicholas Gaudette	Edina High School	Minneapolis	Minnesota
Julie Gentry	Westover Hills elementary	Midlothian	Virginia
Andrew Gibb-Clark	Highland High School	St. Peter's	Missouri
Christian Giddings	Deering High School	Portland	Maine
Jason Gillette	Brookfield Central HS	Brookfield	Wisconsin
Chris Gleason	Patrick Marsh Middle School	Sun Prairie	Wisconsin
Ryan Gonzales	James Monroe High School	Sylmar	California
Vivian Gonzalez	Miami Arts Studio 6-12 @ Zelda Glazer	Miami	Florida
David Grant	Manor New Tech Middle School	Austin	Texas
Robert Green	Lakeland High School	Highland	Michigan
Keith Griffis	Walter L. Sickles High School	Tampa	Florida
Shanti Mae Gruber	Glenwood Springs High School	Glenwood Springs	Colorado
Sarah Gulish	Lower Moreland High School	Huntingdon Valley	Pennsylvania
Melissa Gustafson-Hinds	O'Fallon Township High School	O'Fallon	Illinois
Mike Guzman	Hewitt-Trussville High School	Trussville	Alabama

Matthew Hammond	Lawrence County High School	Louisa	Kentucky
Hamilton Hayes	Barnesville School of Arts and Sciences	Barnesville	Maryland
Lynn Herbel	Moore High School	Moore	Oklahoma
Elizabeth Hering	Churchill High School	Livonia	Michigan
Spencer Hile	McHenry Community High School	Oakwood Hills	Illinois
Montgomery Hill	Marion High School	Marion	Arkansas
Billy Hochkeppel	Southside High School	Youngsville	Louisiana
Jerell Horton	Vestavia Hills High School	Vestavia Hills	Alabama
Michael Huebner	Kennesaw Mountain High School	Kennesaw	Georgia
Gene Hundley	Swainsboro Middle School	Swainsboro	Georgia
Bobby Jenks	Capital High School	Hurricane	West Virginia
Jennifer Jimenez	South Miami Sr. High School of the Arts	Miami	Florida
Luke Johnson	Victoria Elementary School	Victoria	Kansas
Natalie Kerr	Bloomfield High School	Rochelle Park	New Jersey
Robin King	Fountain International Magnet School	Pueblo	Colorado
Scott Krijnen	Castillero Middle School	San Jose	California
Marissa Kyser	Spokane R-VII High School	Nixa	Missouri
John Landers	Lakenheath High School	APO	U.S. Armed Forces – Europe
Jacqueline Langley	Haverford Middle School	Havertown	Pennsylvania
Megan LaRose	Mount Abraham Union High School	Bristol	Vermont
Brandon Larsen	Herriman High School	Herriman	Utah
Derek Larson	St. Regis School	St. Regis	Montana
Matt Leder	Gadsden State Community College	Rainbow City	Alabama
Monica Leimer	DeLand High School	DeLand	Florida
Michael Leone	Gardner South Wilmington High School	Spring Valley	Illinois
Derek Limback	John F. Hodge High School	Rolla	Missouri
Michael Linert	Westminster High School	Westminster	Colorado
Kevin Longwill	Copper Beech Elementary School	Abington	Pennsylvania
Wes Lowe	The King's Academy	West Palm Beach	Florida
Pamela Lowell	Cranston High School East	Cranston	Rhode Island
Matt Martindale	Shelby County High School	Hoover	Alabama
Jesus Martinez	Sam Houston High School	Arlington	Texas
Atsuko Masuyama	Richwoods High School	Peoria	Illinois
Chris Maunu	Arvada West High School	Arvada	Colorado
Emily Maurer	Slidell Junior High	Slidell	Louisiana
Margaret Maurice	Hidden Valley Elementary School	Charlotte	North Carolina

Eric McAllister	Las Vegas Academy of the Arts	Las Vegas	Nevada
Richard McCready	River Hill High School	Columbia	Maryland
Angela McKenna	Classen SAS @ Northeast High School	Oklahoma City	Oklahoma
Bob Mecozzi	Amos Alonzo Stagg High School	Western Springs	Illinois
A.J. Merlino	Albright College	Reading	Pennsylvania
Nicole Mihalek	Centre Avenue School	Deer Park	New York
Today Milford	Druid Hills Middle	Tucker	Georgia
Jasper Miranda	Rochelle School	Rochelle	Texas
Amberle Mitchell	Washington HS	Hayward	California
Wanda Mitchell	Hampton High	Hampton	Virginia
Ashleigh Moffit	Gateway Science Academy Middle School	Saint Louis	Missouri
Charles Mooror	McArthur High School	Hollywood	Florida
John Mooror II	Bethune - Bowman Elementary	Orangeburg	South Carolina
Lauren Morabito	Hendrick Hudson High School	Montrose	New York
Alicia Moreno Mulloy	Liberty Middle School	Madison	Alabama
Charles Morgan	Joliet Junior College	Joliet	Illinois
Christopher Nicholas	West Adams Preparatory High School	Los Angeles	California
Trevor Nicholas	Nicholas Senn High School	Chicago	Illinois
Adam Nobile	Big Spring High School	Mechanicsburg	Pennsylvania
Jason Noble	Scarsdale High School	Scarsdale	New York
Amanda Nottingham	William C. Jack	Goodyear	Arizona
Keely Abeln	Parkway South Middle School	Ballwin	Missouri
Laura O'Konski	Liberty High School	Fredericksburg	Virginia
Meredith Olson	Elmwood Elementary School	Chicago	Illinois
Todd Oxford	Texas State University	Austin	Texas
Brian Parrish	Parkway West High School	Ballwin	Missouri
Cale Patton	Dawes Elementary School	Chicago	Illinois
Peter Perry	Richard Montgomery HS	Montgomery Village	Maryland
Jordan Peters	People's Preparatory Charter School	Newark	New Jersey
Robert Pettigrew	Westside High School	Anderson	South Carolina
Daniel Philpott-Jones	Mohonasen High School	Schenectady	New York
Brendan Pitts	Berrien High School	Nashville	Georgia
Zachary Pitt-Smith	Edna Brewer Middle School	Oakland	California
Courtney Powers	South Philadelphia High School	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
Ær Queen	Braddock Elementary School	Fairfax	Virginia
Michael Rais	Frost Middle School	Livonia	Michigan

Marc Ratner	Mineola High School	Mineola	New York
Christopher Redd	Dover High School	Dover	Ohio
Stanley Renda	Ogden High School	Ogden	Utah
Kathleen Riser	Scott Central Attendance Center	Forest	Mississippi
Raymond Roberts	Milwaukee High School of the Arts	West Allis	Wisconsin
Bethany Robinson	Noblesville High School	Noblesville	Indiana
Marcos Rodriguez	Avant Garde Academy of Broward	Pembroke Pines	Florida
Yael Rothfeld	Thurston Elementary School	Ann Arbor	Michigan
Edgar Rubio	Silver Trail Middle	Pembroke Pines	Florida
	Arthur and Polly Mays 6-12		
Sarah Ruff	Conservatory of the Arts	Homestead	Florida
Elizabeth Savage	Colquitt County High School	Moultrie	Georgia
Jason Schayot	Berkner High School	Richardson	Texas
Caitlin Schmidt	JL Long Middle School	Mesquite	Texas
Kati Seiter	Oregon Middle School	Oregon	Wisconsin
Matthew Shephard	Meridian Early College High School	Coleman	Michigan
	Central Visual and Performing Arts High School		
Dustin Shrum	Oñate High School	St. Louis	Missouri
Shawn Silva	Urbana Elementary and Jr. High School	Las Cruces	New Mexico
Michele Slone	Forrest County Agricultural High School	Urbana	Ohio
Andrew Smigielski	Hickory Ridge Middle School	Hattiesburg	Mississippi
Derek Smith	Cooperative Arts & Humanities Magnet High School	Harrisburg	North Carolina
Patrick Smith	Bourne Intermediate School	New Haven	Connecticut
Michael Francis Smith	Lake Orion High School	Bourne	Massachusetts
Michael Steele	Matthew Whaley Elementary	Waterford	Michigan
Jordan Stehle	Wayne County High School	Williamsburg	Virginia
Jonathan Steltzer	University Academy	Jesup	Georgia
Shannon Stem	Belgrade Middle School	Panama City	Florida
Cindy Stone	S. H. Rider High School	Bozeman	Montana
Loy Studer	La Crosse Elementary School	Wichita Falls	Texas
Elizabeth Taylor	Unity Junior High	South Hill	Virginia
Laura Taylor	Fairport High School	Palos Hills	Illinois
William Tiberio	Mary Lyon Elementary School	Farmington	New York
Sarah Todd	Chapel Hill High School	Chicago	Illinois
Michael Tosh	Glendale High School	Mount Pleasant	Texas
Julie Trent	Roan Forest Elementary	Glendale	Arizona
Matthew Trevino		San Antonio	Texas

Alice Tsui	New Bridges Elementary	Brooklyn	New York
Patrick Van Arsdale	Ben Davis High School	Indianapolis	Indiana
Shirley Van Paepeghem	North Star Charter School	Eagle	Idaho
EJ Villanueva	Orange Grove Elementary School	Anaheim	California
Derrick Walker	Cedar Hill High School	Cedar Hill	Texas
Rebecca Wand	New Castle High School	Anderson	Indiana
Heaven Watson-Weary	Hunter Huss High School	Gastonia	North Carolina
Christopher Weatherly	Alice Deal Middle School	Washington	District of Columbia
Christopher Weddel	Yutan public schools	Omaha	Nebraska
Carissa Werner	Ries Elementary	Las Vegas	Nevada
Tammy White	Kiser Middle School	Greensboro	North Carolina
Brian Willett	Monrovia Schools	Monrovia	Indiana
David Wiseman	Lexington School	Lexington	Alabama
Jacqueline Witherspoon	JC Magill Elementary School	Lawrenceville	Georgia
William Woods	Crown Point High School	Chesterton	Indiana
Arthur Wright, III	Berkmar High School	Lilburn	Georgia
Reginald Yarbrough	Hard Elementary	Birmingham	Alabama
Tammy Yi	Chapman University	Long Beach	California
Kevin Young	Enka High School	Candler	North Carolina
Jayne Zimmerman	Bellefonte Elementary School	Bellefonte	Pennsylvania

LEGACY APPLICANTS

Name	School	City	State
Samantha Alexander	Dyker Heights Intermediate School IS 201	Brooklyn	New York
Ellice Amendolare	Eastridge High School	Rochester	New York
Peter Antony	The Bayard School	Wilmington	Delaware
Gabriel Arnold	Nicholls State University	Thibodaux	Louisiana
Nathaniel Arnold	Upper Dublin	Fort Washington	Pennsylvania
Ashleigh Moffit Ashleigh Moffit	Gateway Science Academy Middle School	St. Louis	Missouri
Michelle Bade	West View Elementary	Muncie	Indiana
Kendra Balmer	Russell Byers Charter School	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
Kenneth Bedwell	St.James High School	Murrells Inlet	South Carolina

Christopher Behrens	Beloit Memorial High School	Beloit	Wisconsin
Deanna Bell	Vestavia Hills Elementary East	Vestavia Hills	Alabama
Lisa Bennett	PA Leadership Charter School, Center for Performing and Fine Arts	West Chester	Pennsylvania
Brandon Bitner	Central Dauphin High School	Harrisburg	Pennsylvania
Alisha Bowden	Richmond Hill Middle School	Richmond Hill	Georgia
Nathan Bowman	West Rowan Middle School	Salisbury	North Carolina
Chris Branam	North Carolina State University	Raleigh	North Carolina
Brittany Brings	Centennial High School	Boise	Idaho
Tashundra Brown	Southwind High School	Memphis	Tennessee
Steve Browne	Nashville Community High School	Nashville	Illinois
Casey Buck	Conway Public Schools	Conway	Arkansas
David Buckle	Jonas Salk Middle School	Old Bridge	New Jersey
Vashti Burgess	Marlton Elementary	Upper Marlboro	Maryland
Brian Buterbaugh	Hershey High School	Hershey	Pennsylvania
James Byrn	Maconaquah High School	Bunker Hill	Indiana
Teresa Cameron	Eastside Elementary School	Lake City	Florida
Kendall Carrier	Parrish Community High School	Parrish	Florida
Andrew Challman	John Bartram High School	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
Christopher Cherry	Hampshire High School	Hampshire	Illinois
Candace Chun	Eldorado High School	Las Vegas	Nevada
Jenna Cipolla	Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy	Elizabeth	New Jersey
Carol Clark	Gray - New Gloucester High School	Gray	Maine
Robert Clark	Long Branch High School	Long Branch	New Jersey
Michael Clements	Longfellow Elementary School	Eastlake	Ohio
Sean Cohen	Great Valley High School	Malvern	Pennsylvania
Matthew Cole	Tahoma High School	Maple Valley	Washington
Melissa Colvin	Lorenzo de Zavala Middle School	Irving	Texas
Megan Cooney	St. Ambrose University	Davenport	Iowa
James Cooney	Mayville Middle/High School	Mayville	Wisconsin
Tiffany Cox	Lake Worth Community High School	Lake Worth	Florida
Michael Craner	Schuylerville Central Schools	Schuylerville	New York
Christina Custode	Niagara Falls High School	Niagara Falls	New York
Mark D'Angelo	Roosevelt High School	Wyandotte	Michigan
Jim Daughters	Arkansas Tech University	Russellville	Arkansas
David Dehner	Monte Vista Christian	Watsonville	California

Maria Del Valle Brin	The Equity Project Charter School	New York	New York
John Denton	Sunset Ridge School	Phoenix	Arizona
Christopher Dollar	Fishers Island School	Fishers Island	New York
Lawrence Dubill	Hamburg High School	Hamburg	New York
David Eckert	New Braunfels High School	New Braunfels	Texas
Alison Ellis	Peninsula High School	Gig Harbor	Washington
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Kevin Erickson	J. Frank Dobie High School	Houston	Texas
T.J. Eriksen	Eagle High School	Eagle	Idaho
Jesse Espinosa	S. P. Waltrip High School	Houston	Texas
Krista Fanning	Caddo Middle Magnet	Shreveport	Louisiana
Christina Farrell	Long Beach Middle School	Lido Beach	New York
Amy Fetterly	Clarence High School	Clarence	New York
Deborah Fleischer	Schofield Middle School	Las Vegas	Nevada
Claire Foote	Jesse S. Bobo Elementary School	Spartanburg	South Carolina
Mindy Forehand	Ola High School	McDonough	Georgia
Arturo Fuerte	Willard Elementary School	Evanston	Illinois
Michael Gabriel	Charles W. Flanagan High School	Pembroke Pines	Florida
Kevin Garcia-Hettinger	Brandeis High School	San Antonio	Texas
Jason Giachetti	Huntington High School	Huntington	New York
Trey Giddens	New Manchester High School	Douglasville	Georgia
David Gleason	Green Mountain High School	Lakewood	Colorado
Andrew Glenn	Estrella Foothills High School	Goodyear	Arizona
Carlos Goncalves	Wilson Avenue School	Newark	New Jersey
Sheena Graham	Warren Harding High School	Bridgeport	Connecticut
Melissa Gustafson-Hinds	O'Fallon Township High School	O'Fallon	Illinois
Michael Guzman	Tuscaloosa County High School	Northport	Alabama
Amanda Hallam	Garrett Junior High School	Boulder City	Nevada
Elise Hepworth	Missouri Western State University	Saint Joseph	Missouri
Josh Hettinger	Garrett High School	Garrett	Indiana
Kaitlin Holt	Saugus High School	Santa Clarita	California
Camilla Horne	Lincoln University	Lincoln University	Pennsylvania
Vernon Huff	The State University of New York at Fredonia	Fredonia	New York
Nathan Johnston	Eastmark High School	Mesa	Arizona
Gerard Patrick Jones	University High School	Fresno	California
John Jones	Lincoln Hall Middle School	Lincolnwood	Illinois

Samuel Kallaos	Ruby Major Elementary	Nashville	Tennessee
Richard Kane	Mount Union Area High School	Mount Union	Pennsylvania
Michael Kasper	Carpentersville Middle School	Carpenteresville	Illinois
Caroline Kaupa	Palo Verde Middle School	Phoenix	Arizona
Matthew Komula	Trinity High School	Washington	Pennsylvania
Rachel Kramer	Orange County School of the Arts	Santa Ana	California
Matt Lamb	Glenwood City School District	Glenwood City	Wisconsin
Jenny Lanier	McDowell High School	Marion	North Carolina
Jordan Lee	Western Guilford High School	Greensboro	North Carolina
David Lewis	Preble Shawnee Jr Sr High School	Camden	Ohio
Joshua Light	Soddy-Daisy HS	Soddy-Daisy	Tennessee
Paul Litten	Homewood Middle School	Homewood	Alabama
Julianna LoBiondo	Hillsborough High School	Hillsborough	New Jersey
Clarissa Lopez	Meridian World School	Round Rock	Texas
Ed Luckey	Wilson Southern Middle School	West Lawn	Pennsylvania
Ryan Mack	P.S. 52K Sheepshead Bay	Brooklyn	New York
Lisa MacVicar	Hackensack High School	Hackensack	New Jersey
Dean Marino	West Port High School	Ocala	Florida
Jacob Martin	Kaukauna High School	Kaukauna	Wisconsin
David Matchim	Centennial High School	Ellicott City	Maryland
Melinda Mauter	Charles R. Drew Charter School	Atlanta	Georgia
Alyxis Mayeaux	Brusly High School	Brusly	Louisiana
Jay McCulley	Sunset Middle School	Brentwood	Tennessee
Kayla Medlen	Cox Landing Elementary	Huntington	West Virginia
Chris Mettert	East Noble High School	Kendallville	Indiana
Jay Miller	Columbia High School	Lake City	Florida
Marc Monroe	Butler Traditional High School	Louisville	Kentucky
Amber Moss	Lakeside Middle School-Garland County	Hot Springs	Arkansas
Stephanie Nelson	Liberty-Eylau High School	Texarkana	Texas
Mark Nichols	Brazoswood High School	Clute	Texas
Adam Nobile	Big Spring High School	Newville	Pennsylvania
Lonnie Norwood, Jr.	Chicago Children's Choir	Chicago	Illinois
Amanda Nottingham	William C. Jack	Glendale	Arizona
Jeremy Overbeck	Century High School	Bismarck	North Dakota
Ryan Palmer	Coon Rapids High School	Coon Rapids	Minnesota
Chung Park	University of Central Florida	Orlando	Florida
Kelly Parra	PS/IS 266	Bellerose	New York

Matt Pendrak	Amherst Central High School	Amherst	New York
Craig Peterson	Fergus Falls Public Schools	Fergus Falls	Minnesota
Alan Posner	Bloomfield Hills High School	Bloomfield Hills	Michigan
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Courtney Powers	South Philadelphia High School	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
Bryan Poyzer	North Dakota State College of Science	Wahpeton	North Dakota
Debra Price	Paden City High School	Paden City	West Virginia
Timothy Price	Newport Elementary School	Newport	North Carolina
Shawna Quinn	Vista Ridge High School	Colorado Springs	Colorado
Kameron Radford	Stuart W. Cramer High School	Belmont	North Carolina
Jose Ramos	Beaumont Magnet Academy	Knoxville	Tennessee
Christina Randall	Hardeeville-Ridgeland Middle School	Hardeeville	South Carolina
Becca Rhodes	Farmington High School	Farmington	Utah
Daniel Robbins	La Paz Intermediate	Mission Viejo	California
Marcos Rodriguez	Avant Garde Academy of Broward	Hollywood	Florida
Brent Rose	Kelly Walsh High School	Casperq	Wyoming
Lenae Rose	Morgan County High School	Madison	Georgia
Stefanie Sagaro	Academy for International Education Charter School	Miami Springs	Florida
Erin Scalisi	Nimitz High School	Irving	Texas
Mathew Schick	Crescenta Valley High School	La Crescenta	California
Kevin Schoenbach	Oswego High School	Oswego	Illinois
Natalie Sheeler	Sturgis Charter Public School (East Campus)	Hyannis	Massachusetts
Alex Shive	Cartersville High School	Cartersville	Georgia
Christopher Shumick	Milton High School	Milton	Georgia
Katie Silcott	Olentangy Shanahan Middle School	Lewis Center	Ohio
Michelle Smith	Heathrow Elementary School	Lake Mary	Florida
Suzanne Spencer	Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
Betsy Stambach-Fuller	South Glens Falls High School	South Glens Falls	New York
Shannon Stephens	Lookout Valley Middle/High School	Chattanooga	Tennessee
Kokoe Tanaka-Suwan	Purchase Elementary School & Parsons Memorial Elementary School	Harrison Central	New York
Rachel Taylor	East Silver Spring Elementary School	Silver Spring	Maryland
Michelle Tolvo-Chan	Helix Charter High School	La Mesa	California
Christopher Toomey	Mineola High School	Garden City Park	New York
Brenna Tripp	Manteno Elementary School/Dennis Lab School	Manteno/Decatur	Illinois



Neil Underwood	Lenoir-Rhyne University	Hickory	North Carolina
Casey Unger	West Allis Central High School, West Milwaukee Intermediate School, Irving Elementary	West Allis	Wisconsin
David Vickerman	San José State University	San José	California
Patrick Volker	Scarborough High School	Scarborough	Maine
Erich Wald	Russell O Brackman Middle School	Barneгат	New Jersey
Lynne Weimer	Portville Central School	Portville	New York
Nick Weiser	The State University of New York at Fredonia	Fredonia	New York
Joshua Wentz	Los Angeles Mission College	Sylmar	California
Lisa Williamson	Casselberry Elementary	Casselberry	Florida
Kelly Winovich	Northgate Middle/Senior High School	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
Jeanine Woodman	John S Clark Elementary	Waukegan	Illinois
Mark Wozniak	Padua Franciscan High School	Parma	Ohio
Ryan Wright	South Lake High School	Groveland	Florida
Christina Young	Atrisco Heritage Academy High School	Albuquerque	New Mexico
Ronnie Ziccardi	Avonworth Elementary School	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania

WHAT: The **Music Educator Award** was established to recognize current educators (kindergarten through college, public and private schools) who have made a significant and lasting contribution to the field of music education and who demonstrate a commitment to the broader cause of maintaining music education in the schools. A joint partnership and presentation of the Recording Academy and GRAMMY Museum, the recipient will be recognized during GRAMMY® Week 2022.

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. The eighth annual honoree will be flown to Los Angeles to attend the 64th Annual GRAMMY Awards® and a range of GRAMMY Week events. The nine additional finalists will receive a \$1,000 honorarium, and the schools of all 10 finalists will receive matching grants.

Fifteen 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, American Choral Directors Association, National Association for Music Education, The NAMM Foundation,



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WHEN: The **semifinalists** will be announced in **September**.

WHERE: For more information, please visit www.grammymusicteacher.com.

ABOUT THE GRAMMY MUSEUM

Established in 2008, the GRAMMY Museum is a nonprofit organization dedicated to cultivating a greater understanding of the history and significance of music through exhibits, education, grants, preservation initiatives, and public programming. Paying tribute to our collective musical heritage, the Museum explores and 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.

For more information, visit www.grammymuseum.org, "like" the GRAMMY Museum on Facebook, and follow @GRAMMYMuseum on Twitter and Instagram.

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.

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