



RECORDING ACADEMY® AND GRAMMY MUSEUM® HONOR LOCAL TEACHERS AS 2023 MUSIC EDUCATOR AWARD™ FINALISTS

TEN MUSIC TEACHERS WILL RECEIVE CASH HONORARIUMS PROVIDED BY FORD MOTOR COMPANY FUND, ONE AWARD WINNER TO BE ANNOUNCED DURING GRAMMY® WEEK

WHO: A total of 10 music teachers from 10 cities across eight states are finalists 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 www.grammymusicteacher.com. A complete list of finalists is below:

| Name | School Name | City | State |
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| Phil Aguglia | Kenmore East High School | Tonawanda | New York |
| Ernesta Chicklowski | Roosevelt Elementary | Tampa | Florida |
| 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 |
| Trevor Nicholas | Senn Arts at Nicholas Senn High School | Chicago | Illinois |
| Matthew Shephard | Meridian Early College High School | Sanford | Michigan |
| Tony Small | Pallotti Arts Academy | Laurel | Maryland |
| Alice Tsui | New Bridges Elementary | Brooklyn | New York |

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.

WHEN: The **recipient** will be announced during **GRAMMY Week**. For more information, please visit www.grammymusicteacher.com.

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

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.

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