

The New Mexico Music Educators Association

Awards of Excellence in Music Education

MUSIC EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of music education in New Mexico.

1984	Gregg Randall	Las Cruces	2003	Ken Van Winkle	Las Cruces
1985	K. Lloyd Higgins	Albuquerque	2004	John Sanks	Albuquerque
1986	Floren Thompson	ENMU, Portales	2005	Virginia Morrison	Clovis
1987	Harold Van Winkle	UNM, Albuquerque	2006	Henry Estrada	Los Lunas
1988	Norvil Howell	Clovis	2007	Brian Uerhling	Clovis
1989	Dale Kempter	Albuquerque	2008	Kathleen Dollahon	Las Cruces
1990	William Clark	NMSU, Las Cruces	2009	Aaron Fleming	Albuquerque
1991	Ben Canfield	Hobbs	2010	Arnell David Arellanes	Las Vegas
1992	Art Sheinberg	Albuquerque	2011	Virginia Nickels-Hircock	Farmington
1993	No Recipient		2012	Pam Towry Chuch	Red River
1994	Wayne Anderson	Clovis	2013	Chuck Gerheart	Tyrone
1995	Gordon Hart	Clovis	2014	Bernie Chavez	Deming
1996	John Schutz	Las Cruces	2015	Dustin Seifert	Portales
1997	Ed White	Silver City	2016	Donna Schmidt	Albuquerque
1998	Nikki Shed	Hobbs	2017	Joseph Flores	Las Cruces
1999	Bob Myers	Cloudcroft	2018	Deanna Amend	Albuquerque
2000	Charles Faulkner	Clovis	2019	Marilyn Barnes	Santa Fe
2001	Tony Montano	Las Cruces	2020	Ryan Finn	Los Alamos
2002	Diane Schutz	Las Cruces			

JOHN BATCHELLER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING MUSIC IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to the field of music education in the elementary schools.

1985	Darlene Van Winkle	Albuquerque	2004	Catherine Estrada	Los Lunas
1986	Mildred Greeson	Albuquerque	2005	Rick Wild	Albuquerque
1987	Diane Bonnell	Albuquerque	2006	Sharon Williams	Albuquerque
1988	Harriet Heltman	Santa Fe	2007	Nicole Glass	Las Cruces
1989	Jim Elyce Wade	Clovis	2008	Bambi Hays	Clovis
1990	Connie Hill	Clovis	2009	Jayne Berry	Alamogordo
1990	Juanita Poff	Farmington	2010	Amy Anderson	Rio Rancho
1991	Janet Barnard	Clovis	2011	Linda Parker	Aztec
1992	Donna Moore	Albuquerque	2012	Mika Proctor	Rio Rancho
1993	Judy Hart	Clovis	2013	Sara Hennessy	Clovis
1994	Marie Esquibel	Albuquerque	2014	No Submissions	
1995	Eleanor McKinney	Clovis	2015	Todd Hansen	Santa Fe
1996	Paul Halstead	Las Cruces	2016	Christine Strickland	Albuquerque
1997	Laurie Norman	Las Cruces	2017	Sarah S. Silva	Las Cruces
1998	Amy Beegle	Los Alamos	2018	Caroline Glass	Farmington
1999	Louise Loomis	Albuquerque	2019	Kim Letellier	Los Alamos
2000	Kathleen Anderson	Albuquerque	2020	Alexander Flores	Los Lunas
2001	Melissa Martinez	Albuquerque			
2002	Misti Miller	Albuquerque			
2003	Holly Gilster	Albuquerque			

HALL OF FAME

Recognizes the invaluable service given by members of the profession in bringing the best in music education to young people.

1988	Carl Jacobs Virginia LaPine Rollie Heltman William Rhoads Greg Randall Bennett Schacklette Marvin Wadley Ted Rush	Las Cruces Albuquerque Santa Fe Albuquerque Las Cruces Roswell Anthony Albuquerque	1995	Ben Canfield Robert Felix Don Gerheart	Hobbs Espanola Los Alamos
1989	Carl Cramer H. N. Bailey Harry Taylor William Kunkle Harry Barton Douglas Cornwall Kenneth Bender Gillian Buchanan Mary McFie Lackey Jean Hook Don Beene Bob Lane	Albuquerque Santa Fe Clovis Albuquerque Clovis Clayton Alamogordo ENMU, Portales Santa Fe Albuquerque Los Alamos Hobbs	1996	John Buhalts, Jr. John Damgaard Marcia Walrath	Hobbs Santa Fe Santa Fe
1990	James Bonnell Duane Bowen Win Christian Kurt Fredrick Ray Tross	Albuquerque ENMU, Portales Albuquerque UNM-Albuquerque Las Cruces	1997	Phil Pressler Twyla Wade Nancy Soltero	Lordsburg Melrose Santa Fe
1991	Litra Romero Abramo Parotti Diane Bonnell James Whitlow John Bealmear Champ Tyrone	Las Vegas Silver City Albuquerque Albuquerque Portales NMHU, Las Vegas	1998	Jim Young	Silver City
1992	Irma Caldwell Melvin Hill Jackson Reynolds Ross Ramsey Clarissa Webber Don Thorp	Lovington NMHU, Las Vegas Hobbs Las Cruces Raton Alamogordo	1999	Charles S. Siebenthal	Carlsbad
1993	Wallace Cleaveland John Romero Harold Van Winkle J.D. Fry	Albuquerque NNMSS, El Rito Albuquerque Lovington	2000	Ron Teare John Schutz Diantha Swoboda	Albuquerque Las Cruces Albuquerque
1994	Howard Chrisman Bill Seymour Vidal Gallegos Louise Drlik Lou Ann Hunt Roy Showalter Bernie May	Farmington UNM, Albuquerque Las Vegas Las Vegas Santa Fe Hobbs Albuquerque	2001	Dr. Thomas Dodson Norvil Howell Sylvia Alarcon Richard Snider	UNM, Albuquerque Clovis Alamogordo Santa Fe
			2002	Dr. Warner Hutchison Nina Hobbs Les Leach Tom Martin Dick Valenzuela	Las Cruces Albuquerque Farmington Albuquerque Albuquerque
			2003	Pat Henry Scott Ramsey Ron Thielman Floren Thompson Jr. Ed White	Portales Farmington Las Cruces Portales Silver City
			2004	Gordon Hart Ron Lipka Ellen McCullough-Brabson Art Sheinberg	Clovis Albuquerque Albuquerque Albuquerque
			2005	Orin Bartholomew Stuart Fessinger Diane Schutz	Eunice Albuquerque Las Cruces
			2006	K. L. Higgins David Gerig	Albuquerque Clovis
			2007	Dr. William Clark Diane Hahn Patricia Jones	Las Cruces Albuquerque Albuquerque
			2008	David Allen Robert Myers Jean Ornellas	Hobbs Cloudcroft Portales

2009	Paul Hallsted Jeff Jolly	Las Cruces Belen
2010	Doug Poff Barbara Mahan	Las Cruces Farmington
2011	Linda Servold	Carlsbad
2012	Janet Isham	Kirtland
2013	John Sanks	Albuquerque
2014	Henry Estada Wayne Anderson	Los Lunas Clovis
2015	Kieth Jordan Kurt Chrisman Pam Towry Church	Albuquerque Farmington Cimarron
2016	Shelly Andes	Albuquerque
2017	Luis Delgado Arnell David Arellanes Keith Rall	Albuquerque Las Vegas Hobbs
2018	Chuck Gerheart Jane Gerheart	Tyrone Los Alamos
2019	Virginia Nickels-Hircock Bruce Dalby John Clark	Farmington Albuquerque Albuquerque
2020	Marianna Gabbi Kathleen Hill	Las Cruces Las Cruces

ROLLIE V. HELTMAN EXEMPLARY SERVICE AWARD

Recognizes individuals or groups that have provided continuous support to NMMEA.

2003	Harriet Heltman	Santa Fe	2012	Diantha Swoboda	Albuquerque
2004	Elaine Howell	Clovis		Larry Wheeler	
2005	Joe Keith	Albuquerque	2013	Jane Gerheart	Los Alamos
2006	Bill & Mary Krum	Albuquerque		Ron Lipka	Albuquerque
2007	Mike White	Las Cruces	2014	Charles Brandon	Clovis
2008	Jimmy Olivas	El Paso	2015	Diane Otts	Albuquerque
2009	UNM Music Department	Albuquerque	2016	Jean Ornellas	Portales
2010	NM National Guard 44 th Army Band		2017	Don Gerheart	Los Alamos
2011	Luis Delgado	Albuquerque	2018	Neil Swapp	Las Cruces
			2019	Joseph Flores	Las Cruces
			2020	Kathy Espinoza	Las Cruces

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Recognizes an outstanding school administrator who has demonstrated support for and commitment to a high-quality music education program in their school.

1991	Rick Purvis	Clovis	2007	Kristin Rauch	Rio Rancho
1992	Taylor Stephenson	Artesia	2008	Wayne Anderson	Clovis
1993	Timothy Whalen	Albuquerque	2009	Daniel Davis	Las Cruces
1994	Del Hanson	Las Cruces	2010	Gene Parson	Las Vegas
1995	Robert Hennig	Albuquerque	2011	Deborah Fleming	Rio Rancho
1996	Jim McDaniel	Clovis	2012	Marin Sandoval	Albuquerque
1997	Marty Wilson	Albuquerque	2013	Joan Gilmore	Grants-Cibola
1998	Robert Ogas	Las Cruces	2014	Alan Dropps	Clovis
1999	LaWayne Leonard	Kirtland	2015	Ricky Espinoza	Aztec
2000	Mike Gladen	Ruidoso	2016	Troy Hughes	Albuquerque
2001	Lucille Getz	Las Cruces	2017	Leanne DeVane	Santa Fe
2002	Mark Hartshorne	Las Cruces	2018	Dana Lee	Albuquerque
2003	Luis Delgado	Albuquerque	2019	Jacob Lain	Santa Fe
2004	Anna Perez	Bayard	2020	Dana Sanders	Los Lunas
2005	Christine Sanchez-Cantrell	Gadsden			
2006	Lonnie Leslie	Clovis			

New & Emerging Teacher of the Year

Recognizes those who are new to the profession and have demonstrated significant success in their early years of teaching.

2010	Trae Blanco	Las Cruces	2016	Jordan Sayre	Los Lunas
2011	Jadira Flamm	Rio Rancho	2017	Laura Eberhardt	Santa Fe
2012	Tony Schillaci	Santa Fe	2018	Justin McMurdo	Moriarty
2013	Sarah Rede	Las Cruces	2019	Miguel Jaramillo	Rio Rancho
2014	Janice Needham	Rio Rancho	2020	Jonathan Robak	Rio Rancho
2015	Nichols Prior	Albuquerque			

Emeritus Teacher Award

Recognizes the contributions of retired music educators who continue to contribute to the New Mexico music education community through the Emeritus Teacher Award.

2008	Jim Young	Las Cruces	2015	Diane Schutz	Las Cruces
2009	Nina Hobbs	Albuquerque	2016	Bill Clark	Las Cruces
2010	Don Gerheart	Los Alamos	2017	Mike Lee	Roswell
2011	Ron Lipka	Albuquerque	2018	Gloria Velasco	Albuquerque
2012	Gregg Randall	Las Cruces	2019	Henry Estrada	Los Lunas
	Dave Kendrick	Silver City	2020	Neil Swapp	Silver City
2013	Kathy Dollahon	Las Cruces			
2014	John Schutz	Las Cruces			

Award of Distinction

Recognizes a school district that has demonstrated support for and commitment to high-quality music education programs district wide.

2010	Farmington Municipal Schools	2016	No Recipient
2011		2017	No Recipient
2012	Clovis Municipal Schools	2018	Farmington Municipal Schools
2013	Albuquerque Public Schools	2019	Los Alamos Public Schools
2014	Rio Rancho Public Schools	2020	Rio Rancho Public Schools
2015	Las Cruces Public Schools		

