



207 QUARTERFINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR 2023 MUSIC EDUCATOR AWARD™ PRESENTED BY THE RECORDING ACADEMY® AND GRAMMY MUSEUM®

RECIPIENT, FINALISTS AND SEMI-FINALISTS TO RECEIVE CASH HONORARIUMS, WITH GENEROUS SUPPORT AND RESOURCES PROVIDED BY FORD MOTOR COMPANY FUND

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 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. The 10th annual honoree will be flown to Los Angeles to attend the 65th 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, the American Choral Directors Association, National Association for Music Education, NAMM Foundation, and National Education Association support this program through outreach to their constituencies.

WHO: A total of 207 music teachers from 180 cities have been announced as quarterfinalists for the Music Educator Award presented by the Recording Academy and GRAMMY Museum. In total, nearly 1,500 initial nominations were submitted. In addition to our quarterfinalists, 125 legacy applicants from 2022 will also be eligible to win the award this year.

QUARTERFINALISTS

Name	School	City	State
Phil Aguglia	Kenmore East High School	Tonawanda	New York
John Aguilar	Robert Eagle Staff Middle School	Seattle	Washington
Heather Akers	Central Middle School	Dover	Delaware
Calandria Allen	West Feliciana Middle School	Saint Francisville	Louisiana
Eric Allen	Western Middle School for the Arts	Louisville	Kentucky
Abigail Alwin	Clague Middle School	Ann Arbor	Michigan
David Amos	Heritage Middle School	Painesville	Ohio
Bonnie Anderson	Miller's Point Elementary School	Converse	Texas
Justin Antos	Dwight D. Eisenhower High School	Blue Island	Illinois
Rich Armstrong	Waxahachie High School	Waxahachie	Texas
Luke Aumann	Appleton North High School	Appleton	Wisconsin
Elizabeth Baker	Ilima Intermediate School	Ewa Beach	Hawaii
William Bares	UNC Asheville	Asheville	North Carolina
Andre Barnes	Science Park High School	Newark	New Jersey
Conesha Washington-Barron	Lanier High School	Jackson	Mississippi
Lyndra Bastian	Woodstock High School	Woodstock	Illinois
William Bennett	Cane Bay High School	Summerville	South Carolina
Randell Bertsche	Conner Middle School	Hebron	Kentucky
Heather Bice	Ridgeview High School	Orange Park	Florida
Mario Boccali	Cabrillo Middle School	Ventura	California
Cherie Bowe	Pascagoula High School	Pascagoula	Mississippi
Charlie Bradberry	Iowa Park High School	Iowa Park	Texas
Justin Britt	Kingston Public Schools	Kingston	Oklahoma
William Brown	FJ Turner High School	Beloit	Wisconsin
Ryan Bulgarelli	Loyalsock Township High School	Williamsport	Pennsylvania
Shantavia Burchette	East Side High School	Newark	New Jersey
John Burn	Homestead High School	Cupertino	California
Alexander Busby	Oviedo High School	Oviedo	Florida
Aaron Bush	Foxborough High School	Foxborough	Massachusetts
Meg Byrne	Pleasant Valley High School	Bettendorf	Iowa
Leonard Al Campbell Jr.	Westbury High School	Houston	Texas
Brett Carroll	Burbank High School	Burbank	California

Elizabeth Carter	Snowden School	Memphis	Tennessee
Philip Carter	O'Fallon Township High School	O'Fallon	Illinois
Francis Cathlina	University of Memphis	Memphis	Tennessee
Amberleigh Cellak	Starbuck World IB Middle School	Racine	Wisconsin
Tiffany Chiang	Mark Twain I.S. 239	Brooklyn	New York
Ernesta Chicklowski	Roosevelt Elementary	Tampa	Florida
Michael Coelho	Ipswich High School	Ipswich	Massachusetts
Leah VanDoran Cohen	Ewa Makai Middle School	Ewa Beach	Hawaii
Cory Joy Craig	Benton Intermediate School	Benton	Louisiana
Christina Crivelli	South Fayette Intermediate School	McDonald	Pennsylvania
Christine Cumberledge	Central Junior High School	Eules	Texas
Austin Cunningham	KIPP Austin Brave High School	Austin	Texas
Pamela Dawson	DeSoto High School	DeSoto	Texas
Kelly DeHaan	Mountain Ridge High School	Herriman	Utah
Maria Del Valle Brin	The Equity Project Charter School	New York	New York
Heather Dipasquale	Todd County Middle School	Elkton	Kentucky
Antoine Dolberry	P.S. 103 Hector Fontanez School	Bronx	New York
Jack A. Eaddy, Jr.	Western Carolina University	Cullowhee	North Carolina
Dominique Eade	New England Conservatory of Music	Boston	Massachusetts
Benjamin Easley	Nolensville High School	Nolensville	Tennessee
Brandon Elliott	Moorpark College	Moorpark	California
Jasmine Faulkner	Polaris Expeditionary Learning School	Fort Collins	Colorado
Daniel James Felton	DeLaSalle High School	Minneapolis	Minnesota
Nicholas Fernandez	Bentonville High School	Bentonville	Arkansas
Kelly Ford	Siena Heights University	Adrian	Michigan
Cathryn Fowler	Health Careers High School	San Antonio	Texas
Marisa Frank	Nashville Classical Charter School	Nashville	Tennessee
Jasmine Fripp	KIPP Nashville Collegiate High School	Nashville	Tennessee
Jorge L. Garcia	Elias Herrera Middle School	Laredo	Texas
Jacob Garcia	Tennyson Middle School	Waco	Texas
Tina Gibson	Jefferson County Traditional Middle School	Louisville	Kentucky
Alex Gittelman	Haverford Middle School	Havertown	Pennsylvania
Guillermo Gonzalez	James A. Garfield High School	Los Angeles	California
John Gordon	Odessa High School	Townsend	Delaware
Mansa Gory	Denzel Washington School of the Arts	Mount Vernon	New York



Deanna Grandstaff	Cecil Intermediate School	McDonald	Pennsylvania
Jessica Gronberg	Hawkes Bluff Elementary	Davie	Florida
Melanie Gunn	Whitman Middle School	Seattle	Washington
Amanda Hanzlik	Edwin O. Smith High School	Storrs	Connecticut
Marvin Haywood	John Ehret High School	Marrero	Louisiana
Colette Hebert	Yonkers Public Schools	Yonkers	New York
Kristin Howell	Syosset High School	Syosset	New York
Emmanuel Hudson	Booker T. Washington High School	Shreveport	Louisiana
Karla Hulne	Blair-Taylor Middle & High School	Blair	Wisconsin
(Andrea) Dalene Husky	Chandler Traditional Academy-Liberty Campus	Chandler	Arizona
Mia Ibrahim	Health Opportunities High School	Bronx	New York
Luis Ingels	BASIS Independent Brooklyn	Brooklyn	New York
Justin Janer	Pinewood School Middle Campus	Los Altos	California
Daryl Jessen	Dakota Valley School	North Sioux City	South Dakota
Mary Johnson	Jardine Elementary	Topeka	Kansas
De'Evin Johnson	Duncanville High School	Duncanville	Texas
Amir Jones	Thomas W. Harvey High School	Painesville	Ohio
Jean-Marie Kent	Roosevelt High School	Seattle	Washington
Brandon Kiesgen	Perry High School	Gilbert	Arizona
Allison Kline	Northwestern Lehigh High School	New Tripoli	Pennsylvania
Rod Kosterman	Rockwall-Heath High School	Rockwall	Texas
Joshua Krohn	Brent Elementary School	Washington	District of Columbia
Sarah Labovitz	Arkansas State University	Jonesboro	Arkansas
Eli Lambie	Washington Lands Elementary School	Moundsville	West Virginia
J. Alan Landers	Lakenheath High School	Lakenheath	New Jersey
David Leach	Pioneer High School	Ann Arbor	Michigan
Jeffrey Leager	Central Middle School	Dover	Delaware
Heather Leppard	Girls Academic Leadership Academy	Los Angeles	California
Hope Lewis	Charles O. Dickerson High School	Trumansburg	New York
Angie Liss	Howe High School	Howe	Texas
Christopher Little	Jim Hill High School	Jackson	Mississippi
Meredith Lord	Burncoat High School	Worcester	Massachusetts
Christian Lozano	Canyon Springs High School	Moreno Valley	California
Brendon Lucas	Nyack Middle School	Nyack	New York
Christian Lucas	Mariners Christian School	Costa Mesa	California
Andrew Macaione	Benavides STEAM Academy	Aurora	Illinois

Kurtina Cyntel Maholmes	Sykes Elementary School	Jackson	Mississippi
Thomas Mann	W. Charles Akins Early College High School	Austin	Texas
Jessica Martin	Crosby Park Elementary School	Lawton	Oklahoma
Jesus Martinez	Sam Houston High School	Arlington	Texas
Alison McCarrey	Romig Middle School	Anchorage	Alaska
Angie McDaniel	Forest Creek Elementary	Round Rock	Texas
Kevin McDonald	Wellesley High School	Wellesley	Massachusetts
Matt McKagan	Lindero Canyon Middle School	Agoura Hills	California
Brian McMath	Northwest Guilford High School	Greensboro	North Carolina
Phillip McMullen	Silver Creek Central Schools	Silver Creek	New York
Tracy Meldrum	Verrado High School	Buckeye	Arizona
Xochilt Melendez	Gainesville Middle School	Gainesville	Virginia
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A.J. Merlino	Albright College	Reading	Pennsylvania
Kris Milby	Greenup County High School	Greenup	Kentucky
Jasper Miranda	Coleman ISD	Coleman	Texas
Ashleigh Moffit	Gateway Science Academy Middle School	Saint Louis	Missouri
Dana Monteiro	Frederick Douglass Academy	New York	New York
Shelby Montgomery	George Jenkins High School	Lakeland	Florida
David Moore	Inspire Charter Academy	Baton Rouge	Louisiana
Marcus Morris	Dorman High School	Roebuck	South Carolina
Ryan Moseley	Appoquinimink High School	Middletown	Delaware
David Moss	West Hopkins School	Nebo	Kentucky
Deborah Muhlenbruck-Fleischer	Barry and June Gunderson Middle School	Las Vegas	Nevada
Jenny Neff	The University of the Arts	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
Ailisa Newhall	Inglemoor High School	Kenmore	Washington
Trevor Nicholas	Senn Arts at Nicholas Senn High School	Chicago	Illinois
Vicki Nichols	Grandview Elementary	Grandview	Texas
Heather Niederer	Navarrete Elementary	Chandler	Arizona
Adam Nobile	Big Spring High School	Newville	Pennsylvania
Benjamin Noyes	Hillsboro High School	Hillsboro	Oregon
Tanner Oglesby	Bryant High School	Bryant	Arkansas
Jeremy Overbeck	Century High School	Bismarck	North Dakota
John Pachence	Penn State University, Abington College	Abington	Pennsylvania
Donald Edward Padgett	Hartford Conservatory School of Music	Hartford	Connecticut

Jennifer Page	Niles North High School	Skokie	Illinois
Robert Pate Jr.	L.W. Higgins High School	Marrero	Louisiana
Carrie Pawelski	Jefferson Middle School	Jamestown	New York
Jordan Peters	Dr. E Alma Flagg School	Newark	New Jersey
Sedric Pinkney	O. Henry Middle School	Austin	Texas
Brendan Pitts	Berrien High School	Nashville	Georgia
Matthew Pitts	Robert JC Rice Elementary School	Gilbert	Arizona
Coutney Powers	South Philadelphia High School	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
Natalie Pratt	Brentwood High School	Brentwood	Tennessee
Harvey G. Price Jr.	Muskogee High School	Muskogee	Oklahoma
William Rank	Oak Prairie Junior High School	Lockport	Illinois
Brett Rankin	Wilde Lake High School	Columbia	Maryland
Annie Ray	Annandale High School	Annandale	Virginia
Tracy Resseguie	Staley High School	Kansas City	Missouri
Bethany Robinson	Noblesville High School	Noblesville	Indiana
Marcos Rodriguez	Avant Garde Academy of Broward	Hollywood	Florida
John Ross	Appalachian State University	Boone	North Carolina
Nikia Russell	Success Preparatory @ Thurgood Marshall	New Orleans	Louisiana
Giovanni Santos	La Sierra University	Riverside	California
Mathew Schick	Crescenta Valley High School	La Crescenta	California
Kyle Schoeller	Northside Elementary	Rogers	Arkansas
Ruth Schwartz	Chugiak High School	Chugiak	Alaska
Laura Shapovalov	Walden III Middle School	Racine	Wisconsin
Jim Sheffer	Medford Memorial Middle School	Medford	New Jersey
Matthew Shephard	Meridian Early College High School	Sanford	Michigan
Shahniz Shirazi	Arizona Conservatory for Arts and Academics	Phoenix	Arizona
Katie Silcott	Olentangy Shanahan Middle School	Lewis Center	Ohio
Dylan Sims	York Middle School	York	South Carolina
Thomas Slater	Chestnut Oaks Middle School	Sumter	South Carolina
Michele Slone	Urbana Elementary and Jr. High School	Urbana	Ohio
Tony Small	Pallotti Arts Academy	Laurel	Maryland
Benjamin Smith	Escalante Middle School	Durango	Colorado
Andrew Smith	Charlotte Central School	Charlotte	Vermont
Ashleigh Spatz	Burgess Peterson Elementary	Atlanta	Georgia
James Spence	Berta Cabaza Middle School	San Benito	Texas
Wayne Spletstoeszer	Torrington High School	Torrington	Connecticut

David Starnes	Kennesaw Mountain High School	Kennesaw	Georgia
Elizabeth Steege	Case High School	Racine	Wisconsin
Jonathan Steltzer	Wayne County High School	Jesup	Georgia
Lawrence Stoffel	California State University, Northridge	Los Angeles	California
Tyler Swick	Robert and Sandy Ellis Elementary	Henderson	Nevada
Cami Tedoldi	Foxborough High School	Foxborough	Massachusetts
Kylie Teston	Leonardtwn High School	Leonardtwn	Maryland
Timothy Thomas	Basic Academy of International Studies	Henderson	Nevada
Kaitlynn Tobias	Lake Asbury Elementary School	Green Cove Springs	Florida
Jonathan Todd	Crestdale Middle School	Matthews	North Carolina
Michael Tosh	Chapel Hill ISD High School	Mount Pleasant	Texas
Matthew Trevino	Roan Forest Elementary	San Antonio	Texas
Susan Trost	Gateway Elementary	Conneaut	Ohio
Alexis True	Thomas Downey High School	Modesto	California
Alice Tsui	New Bridges Elementary	Brooklyn	New York
Gregory Urban	Dunedin Highland Middle School	Dunedin	Florida
Jon Usher	Hidden Springs Elementary School	Moreno Valley	California
Michael Vasquez	Charles L. Kuentz Jr. Elementary	Helotes	Texas
Aaron Vogel	Mountain Ridge High School	Glendale	Arizona
Derrick Walker	Cedar Hill High School	Cedar Hill	Texas
Timothy Wallner	Juan Navarro Early College High School	Austin	Texas
Antwuan Walters	Heights High School	Houston	Texas
Bryen Warfield	Homestead High School	Fort Wayne	Indiana
Sarah Wehmeier Aparicio	Waukesha South High School	Waukesha	Wisconsin
Tammy White	Kiser Middle School	Greensboro	North Carolina
Christopher White	Hickory Ridge High School	Harrisburg	North Carolina
Alexander Wilga	Davenport Central High School	Davenport	Iowa
Tyron Williams	New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities IV	Far Rockaway	New York
Krista Williams	Chastang-Fournier	Mobile	Alabama
Kelly Winovich	Northgate Middle & Senior High School	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
Hayley Winslow	Snow Canyon Middle School	St. George	Utah
John Woodrome	Permian High School	Odessa	Texas
Tammy Yi	Chapman University	Orange	California
Ronnie Ziccardi	Avonworth Elementary School	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania

LEGACY APPLICANTS

Name	School	City	State
Keely (O'Hara) Abeln	Parkway South Middle School	Ballwin	Missouri
Adrian 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
David Allinder	Shades Valley High School	Birmingham	Alabama
Kathryn Ananda-Owens	St. Olaf College	Northfield	Minnesota
Jeanne Andrews	Pauline Petway Elementary School	Vineland	New Jersey
Tristianne Asbury	Noble High School	Noble	Oklahoma
Michelle Bade	West View Elementary	Muncie	Indiana
Andrew Bennett	Fredonia High School	Fredonia	New York
Gregory Bennett	Middletown High School	Middletown	New York
Brandon Benson	J. U. Blacksher School	Uriah	Alabama
Gary Bernice	Springfield High School of Science and Technology	Springfield	Massachusetts
Robert Bertke	St. Francis School	Louisville	Kentucky
Monica Bertran	St. Charles East High School	St. Charles	Illinois
Justin Binek	Kansas City Kansas Community College	Kansas City	Kansas
Michael Blostein	Averill Park High School	Averill Park	New York
Darrell Boston	Loretto High School	Loretto	Tennessee
Andrew Bowerly	Tenino High School & Middle School	Tenino	Washington
Jonathan Boysen	Eastside Catholic School	Sammamish	Washington
Sedalia Brown	Christel House Watanabe Manual High School	Indianapolis	Indiana
Matthew Brusseau	Davie County High School	Mocksville	North Carolina
Ben Burge	Jones College	Ellisville	Mississippi
Teresa Cameron	Eastside Elementary School	Lake City	Florida
Jessica Campbell	Legacy Traditional School - NW Tucson	Tucson	Arizona
Jennifer Canales	Weeksville Elementary	Elizabeth City	North Carolina
Helen Capehart	Bridgeport Middle School	Bridgeport	Texas
Marcos Carreras	Springfield Conservatory of The Arts	Springfield	Massachusetts
Josh Chapel	Deerfield Windsor School	Albany	Georgia
Christopher Clark	Case Western Reserve University	Cleveland	Ohio
Kessler Cuffman	Howard Connect Academy	Chattanooga	Tennessee

Nicole Davidson	Susan E. Wiley Elementary School	Copiague	New York
Beth Davies	Franklin Middle School	Cedar Rapids	Iowa
Robert DeSantis	Millville High School	Millville	New Jersey
Shelby Dickey	Gorzycski Middle School	Austin	Texas
Thomas DiNuoscio	Northeastern High School	Springfield	Ohio
Heather Dipasquale	Todd County Middle School	Elkton	Kentucky
Doris Doyon	Mt. San Antonio College	Walnut	California
Dale Duncan	Henderson Middle School	Atlanta	Georgia
Cuauhtemoc ("Moc") 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	Edina	Minnesota
Julie Gentry	Westover Hills Elementary School	Richmond	Virginia
Andrew Gibb-Clark	Kirkwood High School	Kirkwood	Missouri
Ryan Gonzales	James Monroe High School	Los Angeles	California
Vivian Gonzalez	Miami Arts Studio 6-12 @ Zelda Glazer	Miami	Florida
Robert Green	Lakeland High School	White Lake	Michigan
Keith Griffis	Walter L. Sickles High School	Tampa	Florida
Shanti Gruber	Glenwood Springs High School & Middle School	Glenwood Springs	Colorado
Melissa Gustafson-Hinds	O'Fallon Township High School	O' Fallon	Illinois
Matthew Hammong	Lawrence County High School	Louisa	Kentucky
Montgomery Hill	Marion High School	Marion	Arkansas
Michael Huebner	Kennesaw Mountain High School	Kennesaw	Georgia
Gene Hundley	Swainsboro Middle School	Swainsboro	Georgia
William R. Jenks	South Charleston Middle School	South Charleston	West Virginia
Natalie Kerr	Bloomfield High School	Bloomfield	New Jersey
Robin King	Fountain International Magnet School	Pueblo	Colorado
Scott Krijnen	Castillero Middle School	San Jose	California
Marissa Kyser	Spokane R-VII	Spokane	Missouri
John Alan Landers	Lakenheath High School	APO	U.S. Armed Forces – Europe
Jacqueline Langley	Haverford Middle School	Havertown	Pennsylvania
Brandon Larsen	Herriman High School	Herriman	Utah
Derek Larson	St. Regis School	St. Regis	Montana

Matthew Leder	Gadsden State Community College	Gadsden	Alabama
Monica Leimer	DeLand High School	DeLand	Florida
Michael Linert	Westminster High School	Westminster	Colorado
Kevin Longwill	Abington School District	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	Columbiana	Alabama
Jesus Martinez	Sam Houston High School	Arlington	Texas
Atsuko Haarz	Richwoods High School	Peoria	Illinois
Emily Maurer	Slidell Junior High School	Slidell	Louisiana
Margaret Maurice	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	Charlotte	North Carolina
Eric McAllister	Las Vegas Academy of the Arts	Las Vegas	Nevada
Richard McCreedy	River Hill High School	Columbia	Maryland
Angela McKenna	Classen SAS @ NE High School	Oklahoma City	Oklahoma
Bob Mecozzi	Amos Alonzo Stagg High School	Palos Hills	Illinois
A.J. Merlino	Albright College	Reading	Pennsylvania
Amberle Mitchell	Washington High School	Fremont	California
Wanda Mitchell	Hampton High School	Hampton	Virginia
Charles Mooror	McArthur High School	Hollywood	Florida
Lauren Morabito	Hendrick Hudson High School	Montrose	New York
Alicia Mulloy	Liberty Middle School	Madison	Alabama
Christopher Nicholas	West Adams Preparatory High School	Los Angeles	California
Jason Noble	Scarsdale High School	Scarsdale	New York
Laura O'Konski	Liberty High School	Bealeton	Virginia
Meredith Olson	Elmwood Elementary	Elmwood Park	Illinois
Todd Oxford	Texas State University School of Music	San Marcos	Texas
Brian Parrish	Parkway West High School	Chesterfield	Missouri
Robert Pettigrew	Westside High School	Anderson	South Carolina
Daniel Philpott-Jones	Mohonasen High School	Schenectady	New York
Ær Queen	Braddock Elementary School	Annandale	Virginia
Michael Rais	Frost Middle School	Livonia	Michigan
Marc Ratner	Mineola UFSD	Garden City Park	New York
Christopher Redd	Dover High School	Dover	Ohio
Kathleen Riser	Scott Central Attendance Center	Forest	Mississippi
Raymond Roberts	Milwaukee High School of the Arts	Milwaukee	Wisconsin



Sarah Ruff	Arthur and Polly Mays Conservatory of the Arts	Miami	Florida
Caitlin Schmidt	JL Long Middle School	Dallas	Texas
Dustin Shrum	Central Visual and Performing Arts High School	St. Louis	Missouri
Andrew Smigielski	Forrest County Agricultural High School	Brooklyn	Mississippi
Michael Francis Smith	Bourne Intermediate School	Bourne	Massachusetts
Derek Smith	Hickory Ridge Middle School	Harrisburg	North Carolina
Patrick Smith	Cooperative Arts & Humanities Magnet High School	New Haven	Connecticut
Jordan Stehle	Matthew Whaley Elementary School	Williamsburg	Virginia
Cindy Stone	Belgrade Middle School & High School	Belgrade	Montana
Elizabeth Taylor	La Crosse Elementary School	La Crosse	Virginia
Laura Taylor	Unity Junior High	Cicero	Illinois
Bill Tiberio	Fairport High School	Fairport	New York
Sarah Todd	Mary Lyon Elementary School	Chicago	Illinois
Michael Tosh	Chapel Hill High School	Mount Pleasant	Texas
Julie Trent	Glendale High School	Glendale	Arizona
Patrick Van Arsdale	Ben Davis High School	Indianapolis	Indiana
EJ Villanueva	Orange Grove Elementary School	Anaheim	California
Derrick Walker	Cedar Hill High School	Cedar Hill	Texas
Heaven Watson-Weary	Hunter Huss High School	Gastonia	North Carolina
Christopher Weatherly	Christopher Weatherly	Washington	District of Columbia
Carissa Werner	Ries Elementary	Las Vegas	Nevada
Tammy White	Kiser Middle School	Greensboro	North Carolina
Brian Willett	Monrovia High School	Monrovia	Indiana
Jacquelin Witherspoon	J C Magill Elementary School	Loganville	Georgia
Arthur Wright, III	Berkmar High School	Lilburn	Georgia
Jayne Zimmerman	Bellefonte Elementary School	Bellefonte	Pennsylvania

WHEN: The **semifinalists** will be announced in **September**. For more information, please visit www.grammymusicteacher.com.

ABOUT THE GRAMMY MUSEUM

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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.

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