

NORTH CAROLINA SYMPHONY



2019 Music Educator Awards

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The North Carolina Symphony's Maxine Swalin Award for Outstanding Music Educator, Jackson Parkhurst Award for Special Achievement and North Carolina Symphony Musicians Award are presented annually to North Carolina music teachers who:

- Make a **lasting difference** in the lives of students of all abilities and backgrounds (*Note: for the North Carolina Symphony Musicians Award only: Have an **immediate impact** on the lives of students of all abilities and backgrounds*)
- Serve the community in an exemplary manner as a role model in music education
- Instill a love for music in children
- Inspire students to reach appropriately high musical standards

The Maxine Swalin Award for Outstanding Music Educator recognition and \$1,000 award honors Maxine Swalin who, along with her husband Dr. Benjamin Swalin, Symphony music director from 1939–1972, raised funds from the General Assembly to establish the children's concert division in 1945. This program, which continues to bring free live concerts to school children across the state, forms the core of one of the most extensive music education programs conducted by any U.S. orchestra.

The Jackson Parkhurst Award for Special Achievement recognition and \$500 award, is named after the Symphony's former director of education for his longstanding service and commitment to the state's young people. The winner of this award is selected using the same criteria as the Maxine Swalin Award for Outstanding Music Educator.

The North Carolina Symphony Musicians Award recognizes emerging music educators with less than ten years of teaching experience with a \$500 award. Music teachers have inspired and influenced Symphony musicians, especially in their early years, encouraging them to pursue their chosen instrument and mentoring them as they became professional musicians. This award is named to honor the musicians of the North Carolina Symphony for their contributions to the children and communities of North Carolina.

All three music educator awards are currently supported through an anonymous annual gift.

Nominate your outstanding music teacher today.

Deadline to enter: April 26, 2019

How to Nominate Your Outstanding Music Teacher

Complete the Nomination Form below, then submit at least three supporting recommendations from students, colleagues and/or members of the community.

CLICK HERE TO NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE MUSIC TEACHER

How to Submit Supporting Recommendations

Complete the Recommendation Form below.

CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT SUPPORTING RECOMMENDATIONS

Deadline for nominations and supporting recommendations: April 26, 2019

Questions?

For more information, contact Jason Spencer at jspencer@ncsymphony.org or at 919.789.5461.

Recent Honorees

Swalin Award

2018 • Veronica Allen

Williams High School, Burlington, NC

2017 • Jeremy Tucker

NC Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh, NC

Parkhurst Award

2018 • Eddie Adams

Millbrook High School, Raleigh, NC

2017 • Christine White

Banks Elementary School, Kinston, NC

Musicians Award

2018 • Timothy Price

Newport Elementary School, Newport, NC

2017 • David Clark

Bonlee School, Bear Creek, NC