

# MMEA Awards

MMEA members are encouraged to submit nominations for these prestigious awards. An awards display case in Ted Mann Concert Hall at the University of Minnesota now houses a series of perpetual plaques honoring winners of MMEA awards. You are encouraged to visit our display during any event at Ted Mann Concert Hall.

## Music Educator of the Year

For demonstrated excellence in music teaching and learning. Up to four awards can be given. Requirements:

1. Current member of MMEA-MENC.
2. Actively teaching at the time of the award.
3. Minimum of 10 years of teaching experience.
4. Service to the music education profession outside of his/her school and district.
5. A candidate may receive the award only once.
6. All nomination materials must be submitted by June 1.

### Educator of the Year—Band

Gordon Peterson - 1986  
Miles Johnson - 1987  
Earl Benson - 1988  
Erv Rotenberry - 1989  
Robert Hallquist - 1990  
Gene Gaffney - 1991  
Wenette Barden - 1992  
Wayne Feller - 1993  
Lewis Larson - 1994  
Keith Johnson - 1995

### Educator of the Year—Choir

Carl Lipke - 1986  
Jan Gilbertson - 1987  
Roger Tenney - 1988  
Steve Boehlke - 1989  
Mike Smith - 1990  
Bruce Becker - 1991  
Dolly Talbert - 1992  
Joel Johnson - 1993  
Sonja Chamberlain - 1994  
Kathryn Huselid - 1995

### Educator of the Year— Classroom

Margaret LaFleur - 1986  
Jane Frazee - 1987  
Virginia Pfeiffer - 1988  
Loretta Mitchell - 1989  
Linda Berger - 1990  
Clarice Stumo - 1991  
Marian Halgrimson - 1992  
Colette Sherman - 1993  
Joanna Cortright - 1994  
Janet Gardner - 1995

### Educator of the Year— Orchestra

Richard Negaard - 1986  
Dean Dainsberg - 1987  
John Madura - 1988  
J. Robert Hanson - 1989  
C. William Douglass - 1990  
Phil Burkhardt - 1991

Steve Amundson - 1992  
Ann Anderson - 1993  
James D. Hainlen - 1994  
Gwen Armwood - 1995

### 1996 Educators of the Year

Jan Antholz  
Sandra Gallagher  
Gary Fredrickson  
Ronald Larson

### 1997 Educators of the Year

Ken Grunig  
Candy Moffitt  
Chris Starr  
LuAnn Zellmann

### 1998 Educators of the Year

Stan Carlson  
Herb Dick  
Margot Olsen  
Bonnie Swanson

### 1999 Educators of the Year

James Carlson  
Norma Hammer  
Paula Holmberg  
Bruce Phelps

### 2000 Educators of the Year

Charles Leibfried  
Mary Gorder  
Jennifer Starr  
Terolle Turnham

### 2001 Educators of the Year

Victoria Amundson  
Dawn Kalvig  
Lisa Lozito  
Les Lueck

### 2002 Educators of the Year

Paul Baumgarten  
Scott Jones  
Darcy Reese

Jacquelyn Schaffer

### 2003 Educators of the Year

Richard Jokumson  
Susan Krinke  
Judy Ross

### 2004 Educators of the Year

Thomas Hassig  
Ellen Kniebel

### 2005 Educators of the Year

Tedd Gullickson  
Cheryl Paschke

### 2006 Educators of the Year

Renee King  
Lee Kjesbo  
Zane Schaefer  
Edward Schaeffle  
Ann Wobig

### 2007 Educator of the Year

David Gudmastad

### 2008 Educator of the Year

Judy Sagen

### 2010 Educator of the Year

Elizabeth Jackson

### 2011 Educator of the Year

William Henry  
Robert Ouren  
Michael Walsh  
William Webb

### 2013 Educator of the Year

Kay Hawley

### 2014 Educator of the Year

Geneva Fitzsimonds  
John Greene

**2015 Educator of the Year**

Jim Iverson

**2016 Educator of the Year**

Jeff G. Iverson

Kari Werdahl

**2017 Educator of the Year**

Nancy Dostal

**2018 Educator of the Year**

Randy Lee

John Zschunke

**2019 Educator of the Year**

Wayne Ivers

Karen Kruse

**2020 Educator of the Year**

Reid Wixson

**2021 Educator of the Year**

Kathleen Radspinner

Susan Zemlin