



# 200 QUARTERFINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR 2026 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 THE CHUCK LORRE FAMILY FOUNDATION

**WHAT:** The **Music Educator Award™** was established to recognize current educators (kindergarten through college and 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 2026.

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 12th annual honoree will be flown to Los Angeles to attend the 68th 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 semi-finalists will receive a \$500 honorarium with matching school grants. The Music Educator Award program, including honorariums, is made possible by the generosity and support of **The Chuck Lorre Family Foundation**. 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 200 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, over 2,000 initial nominations were submitted. In addition to our quarterfinalists, 214 legacy applicants from 2025 will also be eligible to win the award this year.

### QUARTERFINALISTS

**Name**

John Aguilar

Arlington High School

Arlington

Washington



Ashley Albert	Brunswick High School	Brunswick	Maine
Ricardo Allen	University of Texas at Tyler	Tyler	Texas
David Amos	Heritage Middle School	Painesville	Ohio
Joshua Anderson	University of Nevada, Reno School of Music	Reno	Nevada
Justin Antos	Dwight D. Eisenhower High School	Blue Island	Illinois
Rebecca Atkins	University of Georgia	Athens	Georgia
Barbara Baker	McIntosh High School	Peachtree City	Georgia
Nick Barthen	Moon Area High School	Moon Township	Pennsylvania
Brett Bawcum	University of Georgia	Athens	Georgia
Nikki Belch	West-Oak Middle School	Westminster	South Carolina
Macy Bell	Auburn University	Auburn	Alabama
Ammy Beltran	Valley High School	Santa Ana	California
Sarah Berglund	Richland High School	Richland	Washington
Jessica Billings-White	Lexington Public Schools	Lexington	Massachusetts
Michael Blostein	Averill Park High School	Averill Park	New York
Shelli Boes	General Johnnie Wilson Middle School	Lorain	Ohio
Alisha Bowden	West Jackson Middle School	Hoschton	Georgia
David Buckle	Jonas Salk Middle School	Old Bridge	New Jersey
Austin Campbell	Logan High School	Logan	West Virginia
Juliana Cantarelli Vita	The Bush School	Seattle	Washington
Helen Capehart	Honey Grove High School	Honey Grove	Texas
Paul Caputo	Syosset High School	Syosset	New York
Tanatchaya Chanphanitpornkit	Nyack High School	Nyack	New York
Sidney Clarke-Lequerique	Richard Montgomery High School	Rockville	Maryland
Michael Coelho	Ipswich High School	Ipswich	Massachusetts
Shane Colquhoun	Alabama State University	Montgomery	Alabama
Andrew Cowell	Belleville East High School	Belleville	Illinois
Glenn Cowen	Upper Moreland High School	Willow Grove	Pennsylvania
Cory Joy Craig	North Desoto Middle School	Stonewall	Louisiana
Laura Del Rosso	Lower Manhattan Community Middle School	New York	New York
Oliver Diez	Palmetto Elementary School	Pinecrest	Florida
Antoine Dolberry	P.S. 103 Hector Fontanez School	Bronx	New York
James Dorsey	Rockledge Elementary School	Bowie	Maryland
Dr. Janet Duguay-Kirsten	Dante B. Fascell Elementary	Miami	Florida
Jennifer Easley	Binghamton High School	Binghamton	New York



Cassandra Eisenreich	Slippery Rock University	Slippery Rock	Pennsylvania
Otis Eldridge	Hamilton Elementary Middle School	Baltimore City	Maryland
Gracie Elswick	Salisbury Middle School	Salisbury	Maryland
Cuauhtemoc Escobedo	Eckstein Middle School	Seattle	Washington
Nick Farr	Shorter College	North Little Rock	Arkansas
Anthony Ferreira	Suffield High School	West Suffield	Connecticut
Katherine Findlay	Meadow Park Elementary School	Irvine	California
Rebecca Fix	Oconomowoc Area School District	Oconomowoc	Wisconsin
Mindy Forehand	Ola High School	McDonough	Georgia
Lisa Fournier-Donley	Bourne High School	Bourne	Massachusetts
Owen Fox	Hamlin Robinson School	Seattle	Washington
Marisa Frank	Explore! Community School	Nashville	Tennessee
Angelete Frein	Frontier Middle School	O'Fallon	Missouri
Kimble Funchess	Mississippi School for the Blind	Jackson	Mississippi
Brian Gallagher	Ramona High School	Riverside	California
Johanna Gamboa-Kroesen	University of California Los Angeles	Los Angeles	California
Kyle Garcia	Brooklyn Prospect's International Elementary School	Brooklyn	New York
Jim Gasior	New World School for the Arts	Miami	Florida
Rebecca Gehlhoff	St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School	Alexandria	Virginia
Paul Glader	Bethel-Tate Middle School	Bethel	Ohio
Sarah Gleason	New Canaan High School	New Canaan	Connecticut
Jose Antonio Gonzalez	Desert Pines High School	Las Vegas	Nevada
Mansa Gory	Denzel Washington School of the Arts	Mount Vernon	New York
Carroll Gotcher	Jackson County Middle School	Gainesboro	Tennessee
Deanna Grandstaff	Cecil Intermediate School	McDonald	Pennsylvania
Jason Groon	Harrisburg High School	Harrisburg	South Dakota
Kristen Guidoni	Hellgate Middle School	Missoula	Montana
Angela Guira	Bartow High School	Bartow	Florida
Melissa Gustafson-Hinds	O'Fallon Township High School	O'Fallon	Illinois
Anne Halloran Tortora	Saint Bernard School	Uncasville	Connecticut
DaJuana Hammonds	Warner Arts Magnet Elementary School	Nashville	Tennessee
Amanda Hanzlik	Edwin O. Smith High School	Storrs	Connecticut
Bethany Hardwick	Scott Morgan Johnson Middle School	McKinney	Texas
Nathaniel Haskew	Albertville Middle School	Albertville	Alabama
Jessie Marie Haynes	Catawba Ridge High School	Fort Mill	South Carolina



Jessica Heinrich	Geneva Community High School	Geneva	Illinois
Wesley Hemmans	Richard C. Spoto Senior High School	Riverview	Florida
Michael Henderson	Chase Middle School	Forest City	North Carolina
James Henry	University of Missouri – St. Louis	St. Louis	Missouri
Francisco Hernandez	Monte Vista Elementary School	West Covina	California
Shannan Hibbard	Wayne State University	Detroit	Michigan
Tiffany Hitz	Robinson Secondary School	Fairfax	Virginia
Michael Holland	Franklin High School	Franklin	Tennessee
Samuel Holmes	Garden Hills Elementary School	Atlanta	Georgia
Lisa Sunset Holt	Cedar Park High School	Cedar Park	Texas
Brent Hopper	Lakeland Preparatory School	Lakeland	Tennessee
Karen Howard	University of St. Thomas	St. Paul	Minnesota
Alyson Humphrey Smith	A.C. Steere Elementary School	Shreveport	Louisiana
Andria Hyden	Bedichek Middle School	Austin	Texas
Joseph Ianaconi	Chateaugay Central School	Chateaugay	New York
Luis Ingels	Candor Elementary School	Candor	New York
Ben Jaeger	Vel Phillips Memorial High School	Madison	Wisconsin
Rachel Jayson	Lexington High School	Lexington	Massachusetts
Larry Jenkins	Tennessee State University	Nashville	Tennessee
James Johnson	Armstrong/John Marshall High School	Richmond	Virginia
Michael Johnson	Minnesota State University Moorhead	Moorhead	Minnesota
Nathan Johnston	Casteel High School	Queen Creek	Arizona
Cliff Jourdan	Taylorville High School	Taylorville	Illinois
Courtney Kaiser-Sandler	Interlochen Arts Academy	Interlochen	Michigan
Brett Keith	Northern Bedford County Middle/High School	Loysburg	Pennsylvania
Christopher Keniley	Sullivan Middle School CUSD 300	Sullivan	Illinois
Allen Kessell	Franklin High School	Reisterstown	Maryland
Kaitlyn Koch	Waterford-Halfmoon Junior/Senior High School	Waterford	New York
Alex Kolster	Raytown High School	Raytown	Missouri
Rachel Lake	Ilwaco High School	Ilwaco	Washington
Matthew LaPine	Bernards High School	Bernardsville	New Jersey
Michael Lapomardo	Shrewsbury High School	Shrewsbury	Massachusetts
Michael Leonas-Cabrera	Navo Middle School	Aubrey	Texas
Mary Letson	Indian River High School	Chesapeake	Virginia
Drew Lewis	Ramon C. Cortines School of Visual and Performing Arts	Los Angeles	California



Lisa Linde	Newton South High School	Newton	Massachusetts
Michael Lloyd	South Florence High School	Florence	South Carolina
Marc Lumley	Valle Crucis School	Sugar Grove	North Carolina
Morgan Luttig	University of Alabama	Tuscaloosa	Alabama
Zachary Lutz	Olson Middle School	Tabernacle	New Jersey
Darlene Rose Favenir	La Quinta High School	Westminster	California
Machacon			
Jacob Martin	Kaukauna High School	Kaukauna	Wisconsin
Debbie Martinez	Millard North High School	Omaha	Nebraska
Nate Massa	Neal Math and Science Academy	North Chicago	Illinois
Kevin McDonald	Wellesley High School	Wellesley	Massachusetts
Margaret McKenna	Boston Latin School	Boston	Massachusetts
Ian Melrose	Central Heights Middle School	Sun Prairie	Wisconsin
Jessie Mersinger	New Brunswick High School	New Brunswick	New Jersey
Katie Grace Miller	Lake George Elementary	Orlando	Florida
Arlyn Mills	Dorman High School	Roebuck	South Carolina
Zachary Moser	Jordan-Elbridge High School	Jordan	New York
Ailisa Newhall	Canyon Park Middle School	Bothell	Washington
Adam Nobile	Big Spring High School	Newville	Pennsylvania
Sam Noyce	Thomas Jefferson Jr. High School	Kearns	Utah
Leo Park	Maine South High School	Park Ridge	Illinois
Emily Paulsen	Webster Elementary Children's Center for Integrated Arts	Green Bay	Wisconsin
Jordan Peters	Dr. E. Alma Flagg School	Newark	New Jersey
Jonathan Plouffe	Thurgood Marshall Middle School	Lynn	Massachusetts
Bill Podolski	H-B Woodlawn Secondary Program	Arlington	Virginia
Alec Powell	Lone Peak High School	Highland	Utah
Benjamin Rabinowitz	Willink Middle School	Webster	New York
Joshua Race	Fountain-Fort Carson High School	Fountain	Colorado
James Reddan	Central Washington University	Ellensburg	Washington
Carlos Redman	Stranahan High School	Fort Lauderdale	Florida
Kelly Rentz	Colony High School	Palmer	Alaska
Stephanie Reyes	New Mexico State University	Las Cruces	New Mexico
Amy Rist	Jackson Middle School	Grove City	Ohio
Kimberly Ritzer	Green Valley High School	Henderson	Nevada
Christopher Rivelli	Boston Arts Academy	Boston	Massachusetts
Mike Robb	Irving Middle School	Lincoln	Nebraska



Raymond Roberts	Milwaukee High School of the Arts	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
Brandon Rockstroh	Green Bay Southwest High School	Green Bay	Wisconsin
Eric Rubinstein	Nazareth University	Rochester	New York
Peter Sampson	Whiteland Community High School	Whiteland	Indiana
Elisabeth Sato	Martin Luther King Intermediate School	Piscataway	New Jersey
Daniel Schantol	Lied STEM Academy	Las Vegas	Nevada
Tracie Scherzer	Eisenhower High School	Rialto	California
John Schnettler	Austin Peay State University	Clarksville	Tennessee
Kevin Schoenbach	Oswego High School	Oswego	Illinois
David Schumacher	Pentucket Regional Middle/High School	West Newbury	Massachusetts
Lisa Screeton	Ed Von Tobel Middle School	Las Vegas	Nevada
Jeff Seba	Ridgeview Elementary School	Liberty	Missouri
Andrew Seymour	Percy Julian Middle School	Oak Park	Illinois
Katie Silcott	Olentangy Shanahan Middle School	Lewis Center	Ohio
Alvin Simpson	West Liberty University	West Liberty	West Virginia
Raymond Sinclair	Rockville High School	Vernon	Connecticut
Karlie Sines	Holdrege Middle School	Holdrege	Nebraska
Connor Skelly	Harrison Middle School	Harrison	Arkansas
Michael Sliwinski	Nazareth Academy	La Grange Park	Illinois
Joel Smales	Binghamton High School	Binghamton	New York
Daniel Smith	Florida State University	Tallahassee	Florida
Joseph Smith	Reading Senior High School	Reading	Pennsylvania
Cathryn Smith	Dublin Secondary	Dublin	Texas
Adria Smith	Bear Creek Middle School	Fairburn	Georgia
Patrick Smith	Cooperative Arts and Humanities Magnet High School	New Haven	Connecticut
Alexandra Snabon Jun	Tyrone Thompson Elementary School	Las Vegas	Nevada
Vincent Sneed	Central Gwinnett High School	Lawrenceville	Georgia
Donald Sorah	University of Virginia's College at Wise	Wise	Virginia
Joshua Sorenson	Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton Junior/Senior High School	Janesville	Minnesota
Charles Sorto	Senatobia High School	Senatobia	Mississippi
Dr. Kathryn Spangler	Mt. Vernon High School	Fortville	Indiana
Chloe Spitzer	Camp Road Middle School	Charleston	South Carolina
Jeremy Stevens	LaSalle-Peru Township High School	LaSalle	Illinois
Amy Stovall	Gray's Creek High School	Hope Mills	North Carolina
Alan Sturdivant	Monroe High School	Monroe	North Carolina



Ryan Sullivan	Arkansas State University	Jonesboro	Arkansas
Joseph Svendsen	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	Las Vegas	Nevada
Kamal Talukder	Grayslake Central High School	Grayslake	Illinois
Mark-Anthony Thomas	New Orleans Center for Creative Arts	New Orleans	Louisiana
Chris Thornton	John A. Logan College	Carterville	Illinois
Tom Torrento	Grosse Pointe North High School	Grosse Pointe Woods	Michigan
Alice Tsui	New Bridges Elementary	Brooklyn	New York
Chad Haruo Uyehara	Moanalua Middle School	Honolulu	Hawai'i
Larry VanMersbergen	IC Catholic Prep High School	Elmhurst	Illinois
Scott Velazco	Daytona State College	Daytona Beach	Florida
Roberto Vidal	Eagles Landing Middle School	Boca Raton	Florida
Valerie Vinnard	Cesar Chavez Elementary	Long Beach	California
Micah Volz	St. Clair High School	St. Clair	Michigan
Shelly Weber	Kettle Moraine Middle School	Dousman	Wisconsin
Elizabeth Weikle	Monticello High School	Charlottesville	Virginia
David Westawski	West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South	Princeton Junction	New Jersey
Dustin Wiley	Firelands High School	Oberlin	Ohio
LeManuel Williams II	South Oak Cliff High School	Dallas	Texas
Eric Williamson	PS 32 Samuel Mills Sprole	Brooklyn	New York
Brandon Winters	Westwood High School	Austin	Texas
Rebecca Wizov	Frankford High School	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
Michael Wolf	Trenton High School	Trenton	Michigan
Cameron Yassaman	Grover Cleveland Charter High School	Reseda	California
Mary Lee Young	Redland Middle School	Derwood	Maryland

## LEGACY APPLICANTS

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>
Bryant Adler	Alcoa Elementary School	Alcoa	Tennessee
Patrick Aguayo	Rolling Hills Middle School	Los Gatos	California
Christopher Alberts	School Without Walls	Washington	D.C.
Bobi-Jean Alexander	Seneca Valley Senior High School	Harmony	Pennsylvania
Erin Althen	Westhill High School	Syracuse	New York
Kathleen Amabile	Elk Lake Junior/Senior High School	Springville	Pennsylvania
Michael Antmann	Freedom High School	Orlando	Florida





Amanda Babcock	Merrimack Valley Middle/High School	Penacook	New Hampshire
Eric Bable	Crestview High School	Columbiana	Ohio
Natalie Baker	Missoula International School	Missoula	Montana
Jean-Paul Balmat	Mission Bay High School	San Diego	California
Russell Balusek	Edna High School	Edna	Texas
Lee Anne Barnes	Thomas Street Elementary School	Tupelo	Mississippi
Makynzie Barton	Elkton High School	Elkton	Maryland
Andrew Beasley	Pearl High School	Pearl	Mississippi
Daniel Beilman	Oak Park School	Sarasota	Florida
Andrew Bennett	Fredonia High School	Fredonia	New York
David Billingsley	DeLaSalle High School	Minneapolis	Minnesota
Stephen Blanco	Las Vegas High School	Las Vegas	Nevada
Mike Bogle	Dallas College Cedar Valley Campus	Dallas	Texas
Sara Boline	Johns Hill Magnet School	Decatur	Illinois
Cherie Bowe	Pascagoula High School	Pascagoula	Mississippi
Nathan Bowman	Southeast Middle School	Salisbury	North Carolina
Tamiko Bridges	Laurel High School	Laurel	Mississippi
Justin Britt	Kingston Public Schools	Kingston	Oklahoma
Korey Bruno	Westfield High School	Westfield	Massachusetts
Richard Butler	Jack Britt High School	Fayetteville	North Carolina
Jason Canfield	Prescott High School	Prescott	Wisconsin
Clayton Capello	Pettus ISD	Pettus	Texas
Dr. John Carlisle	Hannan Junior/Senior High School	Ashton	West Virginia
Taylor Cash	Albertville High School	Albertville	Alabama
Barry Chesky	Dulaney High School	Timonium	Maryland
Ethan Chessin	Camas High School	Camas	Washington
Ernesta Chicklowski	Roosevelt Elementary School	Tampa	Florida
Donna Clark	Miguel Juarez Middle School	Waukegan	Illinois
Jeremy Cole	Southern Middle School	Somerset	Kentucky
James Cooney	Mayville High School	Mayville	Wisconsin
Paul Corn	Susan E. Wagner High School	Staten Island	New York
Kevin Croxton	Oliver Springs Elementary School	Van Buren	Arkansas
Brandon Czubachowski	Spring Valley Hall High School	Spring Valley	Illinois
Nicole Davidson	Susan E. Wiley Elementary School	Copiague	New York
Andy Davis	Reavis High School	Burbank	Illinois
Kelly DeHaan	Mountain Ridge High School	Herriman	Utah





David Dehner	Oral Roberts University	Tulsa	Oklahoma
Joe DeLisi	Chisago Lakes High School	Lindström	Minnesota
Mike D’Errico	Albright College	Reading	Pennsylvania
Jesse Dooley	Millbury Junior/Senior High School	Millbury	Massachusetts
Lawrence Dubill	Hamburg High School	Hamburg	New York
Bridget Duffy-Ulrich	Oshkosh North High School	Oshkosh	Wisconsin
Jared Duncan	DeKalb School of the Arts	Avondale Estates	Georgia
Nicole Durkin	Argo Community High School	Summit	Illinois
Kaley Eaton	Cornish College of the Arts	Seattle	Washington
Cindy Ellis	Miami Arts Studio 6-12 at Zelda Glazer	Miami	Florida
Clerida Eltime	WHIN Music Community Charter School	New York	New York
Grady Emmert	Lake Buena Vista High School	Orlando	Florida
Gerardo Escobar	Riverside Middle School	El Paso	Texas
Regan Eudy	Central Elementary School	Albemarle	North Carolina
Kevin Fallon	C.W. Worthington Middle School	Haslet	Texas
Jason Falvo	Waynesburg Central Elementary School	Waynesburg	Pennsylvania
Mike Fedyszyn	Riverview Middle School	Plymouth	Wisconsin
Daniel Ferreira	Klein Intermediate School	Houston	Texas
Jill Fetty	Clear Falls High School	League City	Texas
Joe Finnegan	DC Everest Senior High School	Weston	Wisconsin
Joseph Flores	Mesa Middle School	Roswell	New Mexico
Jasmine Fripp	Tennessee State University	Nashville	Tennessee
Sarah Fulton	Kings Mountain High School	Kings Mountain	North Carolina
Stefanie Gardner	Glendale Community College	Glendale	Arizona
Ryan Geary	Sanford High School	Sanford	Maine
Emily Golden	East Burke High School	Connelly Springs	North Carolina
Rob Goldman	Westwood High School	Westwood	Massachusetts
Alex Grimm	F.J. Reitz High School	Evansville	Indiana
Melanie Gunn	Whitman Middle School	Seattle	Washington
Daniel Gutierrez	Nixa High School	Nixa	Missouri
Holly Haffner	Grissom Middle School	Sterling Heights	Michigan
Michael Hamann	West Ottawa High School	Holland	Michigan
Tony Aaron Hambrick	Jessye Norman School of the Arts	Augusta	Georgia
Cordara Harper	Grambling State University	Grambling	Louisiana
Vernon Harris	Pulaski Heights Middle School	Little Rock	Arkansas
Sarah Hart	Islander Middle School	Mercer Island	Washington
Kellie Harvey	Fruitland Primary School	Fruitland	Maryland
Toby Harwell	Wiseburn Middle School	Hawthorne	California



Rachael Heffner	Brookhaven Innovation Academy	Norcross	Georgia
Bobby Helms	Copiah-Lincoln Community College	Wesson	Mississippi
Bernie Hendricks, Jr.	Ocoee High School	Ocoee	Florida
Christopher Henke	Kittatinny Regional High School	Newton	New Jersey
Brian Henson	Walnut Grove High School	Prosper	Texas
Samuel Hjort	Mission High School	Mission	Texas
Matt Howe	Cathedral City High School	Cathedral City	California
Cole Hunt	Burchfield Elementary School	Oneida	Tennessee
Brandi Jason	Liberty High School	Eldersburg	Maryland
Sonja Jewell	Loudoun Country Day School	Leesburg	Virginia
Jennifer Jimenez	South Miami Sr. High School	Miami	Florida
John Johnson	Boyd County High School	Ashland	Kentucky
Amir Jones	Thomas W. Harvey High School	Painesville	Ohio
Brian Joyce	South Jones High School	Ellisville	Mississippi
Wimberly Kennedy	Red Bank High School	Red Bank	Tennessee
Larry Kennon	Troy Christian Schools	Troy	Ohio
Joshua Krohn	Brent Elementary School	Washington	D.C.
Erin Kronzek	Unity School	Delray Beach	Florida
Sarah Labrie	Lexington High School	Lexington	Massachusetts
J Alan Landers	Lakenheath High School	Apo	Armed Forces Europe
Eric Laprade	The College of New Jersey	Ewing	New Jersey
Samantha Leali	Shenango Junior/Senior High School	New Castle	Pennsylvania
Richelle Lenoir	Global Leadership Academy High School	Jacksonville	Florida
Lindsay Linderman	Murray LaSaine Montessori School	Charleston	South Carolina
Katanna Linn	Highlands Ranch High School	Highlands Ranch	Colorado
Candace Love	August Boeger Middle School	San Jose	California
Christopher Lubken	Robert Service High School	Anchorage	Alaska
Ryan Mack	PS 10 Magnet School of Math, Science, and Design Technology	Brooklyn	New York
Rebecca MacLeod	University of North Carolina Greensboro	Greensboro	North Carolina
Cyndi Mancini	Montour High School	McKees Rocks	Pennsylvania
Kate Margrave	Pine Creek High School	Colorado Springs	Colorado
Matt Martindale	Shelby County High School	Columbiana	Alabama
Abigail Martinez	Erie Middle School	Erie	Colorado
Kathleen McCarthy	Attleboro High School	Attleboro	Massachusetts
Leigh Ann McClain	Griffin Middle School	The Colony	Texas
Erin McConnell	Camilus Middle School	Camillus	New York
Lawrence McCrobie	Valley High School	Louisville	Kentucky



Jay McCulley	Sunset Middle School	Brentwood	Tennessee
Angela McKenna	Classen School of Advanced Studies at Northeast High School	Oklahoma City	Oklahoma
Jonathan McTier III	Alief Hastings High School	Houston	Texas
Kimberly Meader	Green Bay Preble High School	Green Bay	Wisconsin
Jessie Mersinger	New Brunswick High School	New Brunswick	New Jersey
Adam Mewhorter	Southmoore High School	Moore	Oklahoma
James Minnix	Central Connecticut State University	New Britain	Connecticut
Jake Mitchell	Hebron Middle School	Shepherdsville	Kentucky
William Molineaux	The Osceola County School for the Arts	Kissimmee	Florida
Darren Motamedy	Walter Johnson International Academy	Las Vegas	Nevada
Jonathan Mracko	Postlethwait Middle School	Camden-Wyoming	Delaware
Curtis Mulvenon	Shawnee Mission West High School	Overland Park	Kansas
Elizabeth Nardone	EM Stanton	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
Michelle Nielsen	Diamond Canyon School	Anthem	Arizona
Kelly Nieman	Alden High School	Alden	New York
Mallory Hill	Weddington High School	Matthews	North Carolina
Heather Orr	Montgomery High School	Montgomery	Texas
Augustine Ortiz	Edgar Allen Poe Middle School	San Antonio	Texas
Jeremy Overbeck	Century High School	Bismarck	North Dakota
Andrew Pahos	John Sevier Middle School	Kingsport	Tennessee
Lindsey Parker	Laguna Beach High School	Laguna Beach	California
Andrew Pease	Hartwick College	Oneonta	New York
TJ Pelanek	Underwood Public School	Underwood	Minnesota
Justin Peterson	Middle School 67Q Louis Pasteur	Little Neck	New York
Anthony Pickard	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. High School	Lithonia	Georgia
Preston Pierce	Plano West Senior High School	Plano	Texas
Thomas Pierre	Capitol Heights Elementary School	Capitol Heights	Maryland
Chris Pierson	Chaparral High School	Las Vegas	Nevada
Jonathan Powell	West End High School	Walnut Grove	Alabama
Courtney Powers	Hoboken Charter School	Hoboken	New Jersey
Briony Price	Gramercy Arts High School	New York	New York
Neal Raskin	Big Foot Union High School	Walworth	Wisconsin
Marc Ratner	Mineola High School	Garden City Park	New York
Tess Remy-Schumacher	University of Central Oklahoma	Edmond	Oklahoma
Stephen Rew	Raymore-Peculiar High School	Peculiar	Missouri
Cindy Reynolds	Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School	Shawnee	Kansas
Lou Ribar	Lenape Elementary School	Ford City	Pennsylvania
Dianna Richardson	Cleveland School of the Arts	Cleveland	Ohio



Michael Richardson	Perry Meridian High School	Indianapolis	Indiana
Leslie Riedel	Capital High School	Charleston	West Virginia
Adam Robinson	Norwood High School	Norwood	Ohio
James Robinson, II	North Wilkes Middle and High School	North Wilkesboro	North Carolina
Nathan Rodahl	Port Angeles High School	Port Angeles	Washington
Darren Rodgers	St. Augustine High School	New Orleans	Louisiana
Lenae Rose	Morgan County High School	Madison	Georgia
Stewart Rosen	Walter Reed Middle School	North Hollywood	California
David Roth	Lakeside High School	Ashtabula	Ohio
Seth Rowoldt	Annunciation Orthodox School	Houston	Texas
Stefanie Sagaro	Academy for Innovative Education Charter School	Miami Springs	Florida
Maura Saint	Blackhawk High School	Beaver Falls	Pennsylvania
Mike Scott	Columbia Basin College	Pasco	Washington
Kelly Seymour	Ballston Spa Central School District	Ballston Spa	New York
Natalie Sheeler	Sturgis Charter Public School	Hyannis	Massachusetts
Matthew Shephard	Meridian Early College High School	Sanford	Michigan
Aleshia Shouse	Christian Academy of Indiana	New Albany	Indiana
Alex Sieira	Harrison High School	Harrison	New Jersey
Adria Smith	Marblehead Community Charter Public School	Marblehead	Massachusetts
Anthony Spano	Culver City High School	Culver City	California
William Steadman	General McLane High School	Edinboro	Pennsylvania
Mike Steep	Parkway Northeast Middle School	Creve Coeur	Missouri
Katie Stephens	Charles D. Owen High School	Black Mountain	North Carolina
Evelyn Stohlman	Bishop Shanahan High School	Downingtown	Pennsylvania
Kokoe Tanaka-Suwan	Purchase and Parsons Memorial Elementary Schools	Harrison	New York
Jameelah Taylor	Trevor Day School	New York	New York
Brian Teed	Wakeland High School	Frisco	Texas
Josh Tharp	West Fairmonth Middle School	Fairmont	West Virginia
Jennifer Theisen-Gray	William M. Colmer Middle School	Pascagoula	Mississippi
Mark Thomas	Upper Perkiomen	Pennsburg	Pennsylvania
Zachary Thomas	Ledyard High School	Ledyard	Connecticut
Alex Underwood	Hays High School	Hays	Kansas
Craig Uppercue	Volusia County Schools	DeLand	Florida
Lindsay Vasko	Walnut Grove High School	Prosper	Texas
Allen Venezio	East River High School	Orlando	Florida
Felicia Villa	Point Pleasant Borough High School	Point Pleasant	New Jersey



James Villegas	Grossmont High School	El Cajon	California
Rachel Waddell	Colorado State University	Fort Collins	Colorado
Meghan Wagner	Auburn Riverside High School	Auburn	Washington
Bryan Waites	Clements High School	Sugar Land	Texas
Donald Walter	Northwest Guilford High School	Greensboro	North Carolina
Victoria Warnet	Columbus State University	Columbus	Georgia
Christopher Weddel	Fremont High School	Fremont	Nebraska
Elliot Weeks	Seattle Preparatory School	Seattle	Washington
Bryce Wernitz	Oak Hill High School	Oak Hill	Ohio
Robert West	Clark High School	Las Vegas	Nevada
Aria Westbrook	Hawfields Middle School	Mebane	North Carolina
Kimberly Whitehead	Sikeston High School	Sikeston	Missouri
Doretha Williams	GEO Next Generation High School	Baton Rouge	Louisiana
Jeremy Williams	Marrero Middle School	Marrero	Louisiana
Kelly Winovich	Northgate Middle/Senior High School	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
Kate Wisbey	Charlottesville Catholic School	Charlottesville	Virginia
Elise Witt	Global Village Project	Decatur	Georgia
Scott Woodard	West Virginia State University	Institute	West Virginia
Amber Yates	Thompson Middle School	Alabaster	Alabama
Christopher-Rey Yraola	Ramon C. Cortines School of Visual and Performing Arts	Los Angeles	California

**WHEN:** The **semi-finalists** will be announced in **September**. For more information, please visit [www.grammymuseum.org](http://www.grammymuseum.org).

**ABOUT THE GRAMMY MUSEUM**

The GRAMMY Museum is a nonprofit organization dedicated to celebrating and exploring music from yesterday and today to inspire the music of tomorrow through exhibits, education, grants, preservation initiatives, and public programming. Paying tribute to our collective musical heritage, the Museum values and celebrates the dynamic connection in people’s diverse backgrounds and music’s many genres, telling stories that inspire us, and creative expression that leads change in our industry.

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**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.

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