

EDITOR'S NOTES

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2024 BEST COMMUNITIES FOR MUSIC EDUCATION

Congratulations to the 215 New York State school districts that are among the 975 community school districts nationwide that are among the best communities in the nation for music education. The award program recognizes outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students, and community leaders who have made music education part of a well-rounded education. Designations are made to districts and schools that demonstrate an exceptionally high commitment and access to music education. NYSSMA® congratulates:

DISTRICT

Akron Central Schools
Albion CSD
Amherst CSD
Amityville UFSD
Arlington CSD
Baldwinsville CSD
Ballston Spa CSD
Batavia City SD
Bay Shore UFSD
Bayport-Blue Point SD
Bedford CSD
Bellmore Public Schools
Bellmore-Merrick Central High SD
Bethlehem CSD
Bethpage UFSD
Bloomfield CSD
Brighton Central Schools
Brockport CSD
Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake CSD
Cairo-Durham CSD
Candor CSD
Carle Place SD
Carmel CSD
Carthage CSD
Cassadaga Valley CSD
Catskill CSD
Cazenovia CSD
Central Islip UFSD
Chatham CSD
Chenango Forks CSD
Chenango Valley CSD

TOWN/CITY

Akron
Albion
Amherst
Amityville
LaGrangeville
Baldwinsville
Ballston Spa
Batavia
Bay Shore
Bayport
Bedford
Bellmore
North Merrick
Delmar
Bethpage
Bloomfield
Rochester
Brockport
Ballston Lake
Cairo
Candor
Carle Place
Patterson
Carthage
Sinclairville
Catskill
Cazenovia
Central Islip
Chatham
Binghamton
Binghamton

Chester UFSD
Chittenango CSD
Churchville-Chili CSD
Clarence CSD
Cold Spring Harbor CSD
Commack SD
Comsewogue SD
Connetquot CSD
Deer Park SD
Dover UFSD
East Aurora UFSD
East Hampton UFSD
East Irondequoit CSD
East Islip UFSD
East Meadow Schools
East Moriches SD
East Rockaway SD
East Syracuse Minoa CSD
Elwood UFSD
Enlarged City SD of Middletown
Farmingdale SD
Fayetteville-Manlius SD
Franklin Square SD
Fredonia CSD
Freeport Public Schools
Frontier CSD
Garden City Public Schools
Gates Chili CSD
Geneseo CSD
Glen Cove City SD
Goshen CSD
Grand Island CSD
Great Neck Public Schools
Greece CSD
Guilderland CSD
Half Hollow Hills CSD
Hamilton CSD
Hampton Bays Public Schools
Harborfields CSD
Harrison CSD
Hempstead UFSD
Hendrick Hudson SD
Herricks SD
Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools
Chester
Chittenango
Churchville
Clarence
Cold Spring Harbor
Commack
Port Jefferson Station
Bohemia
Deer Park
Dover Plains
East Aurora
East Hampton
Rochester
Islip Terrace
Westbury
East Moriches
East Rockaway
East Syracuse
Greenlawn
Middletown
Farmingdale
Manlius
Franklin Square
Fredonia
Freeport
Hamburg
Garden City
Rochester
Geneseo
Glen Cove
Goshen
Grand Island
Great Neck
Rochester
Guilderland Center
Dix Hills
Hamilton
Hampton Bays
Greenlawn
Harrison
Hempstead
Montrose
New Hyde Park
Woodmere

Hicksville Public Schools	Hicksville	Newark CSD	Newark
Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery CSD	Highland Falls	Newfield CSD	Newfield
Holland Patent CSD	Holland Patent	North Babylon SD	North Babylon
Honeoye CSD	Honeoye	North Colonie CSD	Latham
Honeoye Falls-Lima CSD	Honeoye Falls	North Shore SD	Sea Cliff
Hyde Park CSD	Hyde Park	North Syracuse CSD	North Syracuse
Irvington UFSD	Irvington	Northport-East Northport UFSD	Northport
Island Trees SD	Levittown	Oceanside UFSD	Oceanside
Ithaca City SD	Ithaca	Oneida City SD	Oneida
Jamesville-DeWitt CSD	DeWitt	Orchard Park CSD	West Seneca
Jericho UFSD	Jericho	Ossining UFSD	Ossining
Johnson City CSD	Johnson City	Owego Apalachin CSD	Owego
Jordan-Elbridge CSD	Jordan	Oyster Bay-East Norwich CSD	Oyster Bay
Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda UFSD	Buffalo	Palmyra-Macedon CSD	Palmyra
Kinderhook (Ichabod Crane) CSD	Valatie	Pawling CSD	Pawling
Lancaster CSD	Lancaster	Pembroke CSD	Corfu
Lawrence UFSD	Lawrence	Penfield CSD	Penfield
Le Roy CSD	Le Roy	Penn Yan CSD	Penn Yan
Levittown Public Schools	Levittown	Perry CSD	Perry
Liberty CSD	Liberty	Phoenix CSD	Phoenix
Lindenhurst UFSD	Lindenhurst	Pioneer CSD	Yorkshire
Little Falls City SD	Little Falls	Pittsford CSD	Pittsford
Liverpool CSD	Liverpool	Plainedge UFSD	North Massapequa
Lockport City SD	Lockport	Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD	Plainview
Locust Valley CSD	Locust Valley	Port Chester-Rye UFSD	Port Chester
Long Beach City SD	Lido Beach	Port Jefferson UFSD	Port Jefferson
Longwood CSD	Middle Island	Port Washington UFSD	Port Washington
Lynbrook Public Schools	Lynbrook	Putnam Valley CSD	Putnam Valley
Mahopac CSD	Mahopac	Queensbury UFSD	Queensbury
Maine-Endwell CSD	Endwell	Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk CSD	Ravena
Malverne UFSD	Malverne	Red Hook CSD	Red Hook
Manhasset UFSD	Manhasset	Riverhead CSD	Riverhead
Marcellus CSD	Marcellus	Rochester City SD	Rochester
Marcus Whitman CSD	Rushville	Rockville Centre UFSD	Rockville Centre
Marlboro CSD	Milton	Rocky Point UFSD	Rocky Point
Massapequa Public Schools	Massapequa	Rome City SD	Rome
McGraw CSD	McGraw	Rondout Valley CSD	Accord
Medina CSD	Medina	Royalton-Hartland CSD	Middleport
Merrick UFSD	Merrick	Rush-Henrietta CSD	Henrietta
Mexico Academy & CSD	Mexico	Rye City SD	Rye
Millbrook CSD	Millbrook	Sackets Harbor CSD	Sackets Harbor
Miller Place UFSD	Miller Place	Saratoga Springs City SD	Saratoga Springs
Mineola Public Schools	Garden City Park	Sauquoit Valley CSD	Sauquoit
Minisink Valley CSD	Slate Hill	Sayville Public Schools	Sayville
Mohonasen CSD	Schenectady	Schalmont CSD	Schenectady
Monroe-Woodbury CSD	Central Valley	Seaford UFSD	Seaford
Monticello CSD	Monticello	Shoreham-Wading River CSD	Shoreham
Morrisville-Eaton CSD	Morrisville	Skaneateles CSD	Skaneateles
Mount Morris CSD	Mount Morris	Solvay UFSD	Solvay
Mount Pleasant CSD	Thornwood	Somers CSD	Somers
Nanuet UFSD	Nanuet	South Colonie CSD	Albany
New Hyde Park-Garden City Park UFSD	New Hyde Park	South Country CSD	East Patchogue

South Glens Falls CSD
 South Huntington UFSD
 Southampton UFSD
 Spackenkill UFSD
 St. Regis Falls CSD
 Starpoint CSD
 Sullivan West CSD
 Syosset CSD
 Ticonderoga CSD
 Tuxedo UFSD
 Valley CSD
 Valley Stream Central High SD
 Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen
 Vernon Verona Sherrill SD
 Vestal CSD
 Victor CSD
 Wantagh UFSD
 Wappingers CSD
 Warsaw CSD
 Washingtonville CSD
 Waterford-Halfmoon UFSD
 Wayne CSD
 Webster CSD
 West Genesee CSD
 West Irondequoit CSD
 West Islip Public Schools
 West Seneca CSD
 West Valley CSD
 Westfield Academy and Central School
 Westhill CSD
 Wheatland-Chili CSD
 William Floyd SD
 Williamson CSD
 Williamsville CSD
 Windsor CSD
 York CSD

South Glens Falls
 Huntington Station
 Southampton
 Poughkeepsie
 St. Regis Falls
 Lockport
 Jeffersonville
 Syosset
 Ticonderoga
 Tuxedo
 Montgomery
 Valley Stream
 Valley Stream
 Verona
 Vestal
 Victor
 Wantagh
 Hopewell Junction
 Warsaw
 Washingtonville
 Waterford
 Ontario Center
 Webster
 Camillus
 Rochester
 West Islip
 West Seneca
 West Valley
 Westfield
 Syracuse
 Scottsville
 Mastic Beach
 Williamson
 East Amherst
 Windsor
 Retsof

2024 SUPPORTMUSIC MERIT AWARD SCHOOLS

NYSSMA® extends its congratulations to the following 3 schools in New York State out of the 122 schools nationwide that received the 2024 SupportMusic Merit Award (SMMA) from The NAMM Foundation! A SMMA Award is an opportunity for an individual school (public, private, parochial or charter) to be acknowledged for its commitment to music education. It is a “school-only” distinction awarded as part of the Best Communities for Music Education program. NYSSMA® congratulates:

SCHOOL	TOWN/CITY
The Long Island School for the Gifted	South Huntington
The New School for Music Study	Kingston
The Wheatley School	Old Westbury

LAST CHANCE: 2024 PIANO SHOWCASE APPLICATION

Procedures and information may be found at the link below. **The application deadline is July 7, 2024.**

LINK: <https://nyssma.submittable.com/submit/281945/2024-nyssma-student-piano-showcase-application>

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Music education isn’t just about creating incredible musicians; it’s about creating incredible humans.”

— Kris Bowers, Film maker/documentarian on the occasion of winning an Oscar for his documentary, “The Last Repair Shop”

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Parents: Support MUSIC as a well-rounded subject in your child’s school district!

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For more information on parent advocacy, visit <http://bit.ly/SupportMusicEd>

