



The Orange County Music and Arts Administrators are pleased to announce the 2023 Orange County Outstanding Arts Educators and the 2023 Orange County Music and Arts Award Recipients.

Congratulations to all of the outstanding arts educators, administrators, and advocates in Orange County! We will recognize this year's nominees at the:

2023 OC Music and Arts Administrators Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Reception at 4:30 p.m.

Awards at 5:45 p.m.

Samueli Theater at Segerstrom Center for the Arts

Attendance is FREE but seating is limited.

Priority seating is given to Nominees and Award Recipients

Request your tickets at this link:

tinyurl.com/OCMAAAwardsTickets

If you choose to park on site, you may incur a fee by the parking facilities

We look forward to celebrating all of our honorees with you.

Scott Fitzpatrick, Arts Coordinator, Orange County Department of Education

2023 Nominees for the Orange County Music and Arts Awards

AESD Board of Education

Mark Anderson

Jimmy Anthony

Jennifer Backhaus

Andy Ball

Lindsey Barfield

Bianca Barquin

Ammy Beltran

Majorie Brown

Emily Burkhart

Daisy Santos Contreras

Bill Cox

Beth Cusimano

Brad Davis

Michael Despars

Jerome Diebolt

Sharon Edmondson

Jeff Evans

Michael Fisk

Christina Flynn

Suzanne Fowler

Carmel Gabriel

Jennifer Garcia

Sandy Gilboe

Trish Gilpin

Ysabel Gray

Zach Halop

Carly Hancock

Carolyn Hanson

Stacy Harris

Jerome Healy

Ryan Healy

Cyndi Hermann

Nathan Howe

Sakina Ibrahim

Sandy Jackson

David Joseph

Matthew LaBelle

Julie Lee

Kris Linville

Adrian Lopez

Erin Lopes

Keli Marchbank

Cami Marseilles

Gene Martin

Tim Mathiesen

Charlene Metoyer

Cameron Miller

Joe Miller

Antonio Moon

Danny Morris

Dr. Rocky Murray

Mark Myers

Darin Nakakihara

Fe Perez

Dr. Richard Perez

Hee Jeong Przytulski

Neil Reyes

Leslie Roach

Nathan Robinson

Kim Rohrs

Sheryl Sloate

Hanne Schmidt

Barbara Schulman

Don Schultz

Dr. Jenna Schwartz

Mio Sharp

Angela Stecher

Lindsay Stewart

Susan Stokes

Mary Struckmeier

Eve Sullivan

Quyen Taylor

Emily Tucker

Erica Turrell

Kyle Traska

Michael Ushino

Tina Van Dam

Eric Vismantas

Leiana Volen

Brie Velton

Philip Wightman

Congratulations to the 2023 Orange County Music and Arts Award Recipients

Arts Teachers

Sheryl Sloate | Irvine Unified School District – Secondary Dance
Jeff Evans | Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District - Elementary Instrumental Music
Sandy Gilboe | Newport-Mesa Unified School District – Secondary Instrumental Music
Bill Cox | Capistrano Unified School District – Elementary Vocal Music
Neil Reyes | Huntington Beach City School District – Secondary Vocal Music
Antonio Moon | Tustin Unified School District – Secondary Theater
Suzanne Fowler | Orange Unified School District – Elementary Visual Art
Eve Sullivan | Anaheim Union High School District - Secondary Visual Art
Trish Gilpin | Irvine Unified School District – Secondary Digital and Media Arts
Lindsay Barfield | Santa Ana Unified School District – Arts in Special Education
Susan Stokes | Newport-Mesa Unified School District – Juliana McGrath Elementary Classroom

Arts Administrators

Mark Anderson | Anaheim Elementary School District
Stacy Harris | Garden Grove Unified School District
Beth Cusimano | Garden Grove Unified School District
Kris Linville | Irvine Unified School District
Leslie Roach | Irvine Unified School District
Nathan Howe | Capistrano Unified School District
Bianca Barquin | Santa Ana Unified School District
Danny Morris | Huntington Beach Union High School District
Dr. Rocky Murray | Huntington Beach Union High School District

Arts Advocates

Tina Van Dam | Saddleback Valley Unified School District
Barbara Schulman | Saddleback Valley Unified School District
Charlene Metoyer | Newport-Mesa Unified School District
Jennifer Backhaus | Back Haus Dance/Newport-Mesa Unified School District
Fe Perez | Mexican Folklore Dance Studio/Anaheim Elementary School District
Board of Education | Anaheim Elementary School District
Sandy Jackson | Magnolia School District
Sakina Ibrahim | Orange County Educational Arts Academy

Distinguished Career Service Awards

Zach Halop | Irvine Unified School District – Irene Schoepfle Award for Music
Michael Despars | Fullerton Joint Union High School District – The Jim Thomas Award for Theatre

