

Award Descriptions

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award

Louis Armstrong – trumpeter, singer, bandleader – was the epitome of jazz. His imaginative, simple style led the way for others and changed the course of jazz. His phenomenal skill dazzled audiences around the world. The Louis Armstrong Jazz Award was introduced in 1974 to honor outstanding jazz students

Woody Herman Jazz Award

This award was created in 1988, shortly after Herman's death to honor outstanding jazz students. Woodrow Charles "Woody" Herman was an American jazz clarinetist, alto and soprano saxophonist, singer, and big band leader.

John Philip Sousa Band Award

Since 1954, the hundredth anniversary of John Philip Sousa's birth, thousands of high schools have honored their top band students with the John Philip Sousa band award. The pinnacle of achievement in a high school band program, the Sousa Award recognizes outstanding dedication and superior musicianship. The award has become a nationwide symbol of excellence in musical achievement

Patrick S. Gilmore Award

Introduced in 1994 in honor of the legendary bandmaster and impresario, Patrick Gilmore (1829-1892). His band joined General Burnside's expedition to North Carolina in the Civil War. Gilmore also played for every president of his day, including Abraham Lincoln.

National School Orchestra Award

Like the John Philip Sousa Band Award, the National School Orchestra Award is the pinnacle of achievement in a high school orchestra program. It recognizes outstanding dedication and superior musicianship.

Quincy Jones Musicianship Award

In his long musical career Quincy Jones has done it all as a composer, arranger, performer, producer, and teacher. Every music program has those students who share this boundless energy and musical versatility. This award is given to recognize and encourage students in their pursuit of music.

Award Descriptions (cont'd)

Leonard Bernstein Award

The Leonard Bernstein Award honors outstanding students for their creativity and musicianship. In his long career Bernstein made an indelible mark on the musical world as a conductor, composer, and teacher. This award honors a student whose musical contributions, dedication, and creativity sets them apart as deserving of the highest recognition for their achievements.

Director's Award

This award recognizes a student that has been valuable in many ways to the Director and the overall music program. This student has exhibited a high level of commitment and musicianship and is always willing to go the extra mile.

Maurice "Bud" Howe

This award bears the name of the very first Instrumental Music Booster president, Maurice "Bud" Howe. This was a parent that was always willing to sacrifice his time and energy to make things special for the students. He would go above and beyond to do whatever was necessary to make sure that things were run with success. He was a wonderful human being that exhibited a very giving and compassionate spirit.

Leonard V. Larson Award

There was a band conductor from Minnesota who moved to CA and taught right here in the Mt. Diablo Unified School District. He was a composer and was proficient on many instruments, especially ancient and exotic instruments. He had a high commitment to music education and an incredible zest for life. His name was Leonard V. Larson

Jim Hodge Memorial Scholarship

The Jim Hodge Memorial Scholarship recognizes a Senior who is planning to major in music and will honor the memory of long time College Park Band Director, Jim Hodge. Mr. Hodge retired in 2004 after 31 years as Band Director at College Park High School. This is the first year the Jim Hodge Memorial Scholarship will be offered.



Past Award Recipients



Louis Armstrong Jazz

Eric Thompson, 1976
 Dave Sparks, 1977
 Linda Garrett, 1978
 Chris Brown, 1979
 Rob Sparks, 1980
 Bob Strickland, 1981
 Barbara Catlin, 1982
 Tracy Kenela, 1983
 Chris Bura, 1984
 Jim Brown, 1985
 Mike Gunderson, 1986
 Jon Fey, 1987
 Mike Olivades, 1988
 Chris Haag & Jacob Wan, 1989
 Chris Thornton, 1990
 Brian Hansbrow, 1991
 Chris Barnes & Les Rogers, 1992
 Mark Hodge, 1993
 Colin Botts, 1994
 Jeff Radigonda & Ryan Smith, 1995
 Nathan Botts, 1996
 Ryan Judd, 1997
 Mike Schobe & Keith Williams, 1998
 Fred Martinez, 1999
 Kevin Church, 2005
 Peter Kreta, 2006
 Trevor Runyan, 2007

Louis Armstrong Jazz (cont'd)

Brandon Gaoiran, 2008
 Conrad Scheepers, 2009
 Cody Johnson, 2010
 Zachary Ramacier, 2011
 Ben Frazier, 2012
 Caleb Phair, 2013
 Brennan Williams, 2014
 Mason Davis

Woody Herman Jazz

Aaron Uribe, 2014
 Niels Sorensen, 2015



John Philip Sousa

Pam Duke, 1962
 Leslee Fry, 1963
 Craig Thomas, 1964
 Susan Black, 1965
 Sandy Maus, 1966
 James Fly, 1967
 Beverly Gove, 1968
 Richard Narron, 1969
 Wynn Philpot, 1970
 Mark Thomas, 1971
 Patty Kilpatrick, 1972
 Bob Hutmacher, 1973
 Dan Brink, 1986
 Michelle Yust, 1987
 Holly Harshman, 1988
 Gena Chavez, 1989
 Nora Soughayer, 1990
 Heather Curl, 1991

John Philip Sousa (cont'd)

Chris Barnes & Lorena DeJesus, 1992
 Carla Thude & Mark Hodge, 1993
 Aimee Gallardo, 1994
 Kevin Fuginaga, 1995
 Nathan Botts, 1996
 Mario Silva, 1997
 Christie Hodge, 1998
 Jennifer Scott, 1999
 Trevor Botts, 2000
 Allison Gomer, 2001
 Sabrina Bunting, 2002
 Jesse Barrett, 2003
 William Betts, 2004
 Kevin Church, 2005
 Courtney Nippa, 2006
 Trevor Runyan, 2007
 Michael Falgien, 2008
 Eddy Lee, 2009
 Cody Johnson, 2010
 Austin Chanu, 2011
 Matthew Farnitano, 2012
 Kaitlin Mowry, 2013
 Trevor Eaton, 2014
 Meg Tseng, 2015

Patrick S. Gilmore

Brandon Evans, 2014
 Kai Barnes, 2015



National Orchestra

Brandon Gaoiran, 2008
 Alyssa Jacobson, 2009
 Maya Johnson, 2010
 Jessica Ng, 2011
 Nicholas Kennen, 2012

**National Orchestra
(cont'd)**

Cameron Peterson, 2013
Monica Willemsz, 2014
Michaela Martin, 2015



Quincy Jones

Devon Martin, 2014
Jeremy Choe, 2015

Director's Award

Cody Johnson, 2010
Austin Chanu, 2011
Nawaz Sultani, 2012
Gillian Henry, 2013
Mason Johnson, 2014
Diane Neypes, 2015

Maurice Bud Howe

Patrick Doherty, 2001
Jason Toy, 2002
Charles Kantz, 2003
Natan Ovadia, 2004
Brandon Arnold, 2005
Brian Repp, 2006
Jacob Risken, 2007
Mary Storchak, 2008
Vince Goursau, 2009
Andrew Farnitano, 2010
Jordan Phair, 2011

**Maurice Bud Howe
(cont'd)**

Hope Curran, 2012
Sohrab Barragarzian, 2013
Rita Gebert, 2014
Angelica Rodriguez, 2015

Leonard V. Larson

Lyndsey Matthews, 2005
Dan Eisenberg, 2006
Caitlin Woods, 2007
David Curran, 2008
Tyler Berbert, 2009
Miharu Okamura, 2010
Zachary Ramacier, 2011
Hunter Kane, 2012
Sam Macy, 2013
Ryan Tsao, 2014
Paul Ramstad, 2015