



OREGON SYMPHONY

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Dear Music Education Supporter,

Music educators touch the lives of Oregonians every day through their combined passions for music and teaching. Today, our schools are facing more challenges than ever to keep music education programs alive and it is the commitment, courage and enthusiasm of music educators and music education advocates across the state that is maintaining high quality and meaningful music experiences for our children.

Each year, the Oregon Symphony recognizes excellence in Music Education through the Patty Vemer Music Educator of the Year Award. Created in memory of Patty Vemer, an inspirational leader in music education at the Oregon Symphony for over 13 years, the award honors those who have made significant contributions to the field of music education and their community, and who have served as a source of inspiration to their students.

We need your help in identifying those outstanding individuals in your schools and community, whether it is a music specialist, classroom teacher or community member. The Oregon Symphony is accepting nominations for the 2008-2009 Patty Vemer Music Educator of the Year Award.

The recipient of the 2008-2009 Patty Vemer Music Educator of the Year Award will be recognized on **Saturday, January 31, 2009** at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall during the Oregon Symphony's Classical Concert "Concertmaster Jun Iwasaki's Concerto Debut." The award recipient will be presented with a framed certificate and a prize of \$1,000 to assist in their music education efforts.

All nominations are due by **Friday, January 9, 2009 by 5 pm**. In order for a nomination to be considered the nomination packet must include:

1. Completed Nomination Form (attached)
2. The nominee's current bio or resume
3. At least one letter of support from a school or program administrator
4. Letters of support from students, parents, and colleagues
5. Any additional documentation supporting this nomination (please note, materials may not be returned)

Additional nomination forms are available at <http://admin.orsymphony.org/edu/vemer.html>.

Please send the complete nomination packet to:

Oregon Symphony
Attn: Music Educator of the Year Award
921 SW Washington, Suite 200
Portland, OR. 97205

Contact Oregon Symphony Education & Community Engagement at (503) 416.6312 with any questions. Finalists will be notified by phone on **January 14th**.