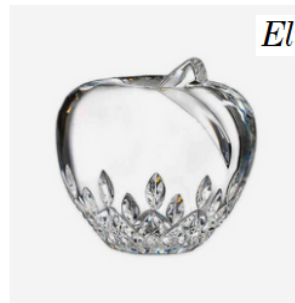


Educator of Note AWARD

About the Award

Since 1994, the Young Patronesses of the Opera has proudly recognized and awarded excellence in music teachers in Miami-Dade County. Each year we nominate an outstanding elementary or middle school teacher from a public, private or parochial school who creatively motivates and inspires young children in the field of music education. The winner is awarded a \$2,000 grant and a Waterford Apple at YPO's annual May luncheon.

In 1993, Karyn Herterich, initiated the Educator of Note Award in memory of her mother, Ethel Malcomb Kennedy, as well as to honor YPO Past President Louise Todaro for her many years of dedication to the cause of opera education.



Eligibility:

- Minimum 3 years teaching experience
- Teacher in a Miami-Dade County elementary or middle school
- Nomination from one person (*principal, fellow teacher, etc.*)

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Educator of Note Winners

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2021 / Cynthia Kohanek

2020 / Jessica Urbanik

2019 / Dr. Joy Galliford

2018 / Vivian Ventura

2017 / Caroline Biggs

2016 / Kristy Pagan

2015 / Lynette Davis

2014 / Aliza Seba

2013 / Odalys Valdes-Caous

2012 / Maria Murawka

2011 / Monica Harmon

2010 / Atala Mendiola

2009 / Dr. Yasmin Alvarez

2008 / Abigail Rubin

2007 / Mary Alice Kays

2006 / Maggie Palmer

2005 / Madga Cruz Louriero

2004 / Antonia Puhn

2003 / Silvia Constantinidis

2002 / Jennifer McLean Stadelmeyer

2001 / Dr. Katherine Driscoll

2000 / Jacqueline E. Moody

1999 / Leslie Cooper

1998 / Timothy Sharp

1997 / Dr. Janet Duguay Kirsten

1996 / Sheila Firestone

1995 / Diane Mauch

1994 / Lillian Naruns