



The Orange County Music and Arts Administrators are pleased to announce the 2025 Orange County Outstanding Arts Educators and the 2025 Orange County Music and Arts Award Recipients.

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

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 here - tinyurl.com/OCMAAAwardsTickets

2025 Nominees for the Orange County Music and Arts Awards

James Anthony
Jennifer Atchue
Kristin Bartus
Rick Blake
Joslynn Blasdel
Matt Brewer
Emily Burkhart
Kathy Busby
Matthew Caffrey
Joe Carmona
Gerardo Carvajal
Joseph Castillo
Claudia Chambers
Ye Choi
Michael Despars
Tiffany Dominguez
Frank Donavan
Janice Dove
Amy Emerzian
Spencer Evans
Diana Farrell
Brenda Fausto
Daniel Flores
Kathleen Fochtman-Gambs
Suzanne Fowler
Lorianne Frelly
Carmel Gabriel
Cassandra Gaona
Cambria Graff
Lindsie Hardy
Katie Hennen

Cyndi Hermann
Scott Hudson
Bill Hunker
Tiesha Hutchins
Albert Jeung
Chris Johnson
Joseph Kaye
Nena Kellar
Janine Lai
Jose Lara
Maria Lazarova
Emilia Leon
Chrissie Leong
Edwin Lovo
Elena MacDonald
Gigi Manning
Keli Marchbank
Christian Martinez
Rich Marting
David Martyn
Heather Massey
Jenny McClintock
Tricia McNair
Michaela McPolin
Cameron Miller
Deanna Miner
Phil Mortensen
Tim Nelson
Rick Nichols
Robert Norman
Maddie Peckenpaugh

Tina Peterson
Lindsay Petralia
Mike Pooley
Sabba Quidwai
James Raneri
Adrian Rangel-Sanchez
Dan Robbins
Adrian Scherger
Na-Young Shin
Doug Siembieda
Mitchel Simoncini
Sabrina Skeels
Kimberly Snowden
Elizabeth Solares
Michelle Son
Ashley Stevens
Marianne Stewart
Briana Suakjian
Taylor Thorne
Diana Torres
Tustin (TACFA)
Vanessa Valdes
Hek Valdez
Misha Voss
Renee Weitzel
Judi Westing
Cathy Wilson-Smith
Sarah Winant
Debora Wondercheck
Heather Zegarra

Congratulations to the 2025 Orange County Music and Arts Award Recipients

Arts Teachers

Carmel Gabriel | Garden Grove Unified School District | Secondary Dance
James Raneri | Santa Ana Unified School District - Elementary Instrumental Music
Dan Robbins | Saddleback Valley Unified School District – Secondary Instrumental Music
Lindsie Hardy | Santa Ana Unified School District – Elementary Vocal Music
Adrian Rangel-Sanchez | Irvine Unified School District – Secondary Vocal Music
Sarah Winant | Santa Ana Unified School District – Elementary Theater
Rich Marting | Santa Ana Unified School District – Secondary Theater
Renee Weitzel | Capistrano Unified School District – Elementary Visual Art
Rick Blake | Orange Unified School District - Secondary Visual Art
Gigi Manning | Tustin Unified School District – Secondary Media Arts
Brenda Fausto | Santa Ana Unified School District – Arts in Special Education
Amy Emerzian | Garden Grove Unified School District – Juliana McGrath Elementary Classroom
Na-Young Shin | Garden Grove Unified School District – Teacher on Special Assignment

Arts Advocates

Hek Valdez | Huntington Beach Union High School District - Arts Advocate
Tustin Area Council of Fine Arts | Tustin Unified School District - Arts Community Partnership Award

Arts Administrators

Kimberly Snowden | Irvine Unified School District - School Site
Joe Carmona | Anaheim Union High School District - District
Frank Donovan, Ed.D. | Magnolia School District - District

Irene Schoepfle Lifetime Achievement Award for Music

Joslynn Blasdel | Irvine Unified School District

The Jim Thomas Exemplary Achievement Award for Theatre

Tim Nelson | Huntington Beach Union High School District

We look forward to celebrating all of our honorees with you!
Scott Fitzpatrick | Arts Coordinator | Orange County Department of Education

