



**Nominations are invited for the Second Annual
PAUL VAN DONGEN MEMORIAL AWARD
for Excellence in Music Education**

Paul van Dongen (1927-2015) was a long-time member of the Niagara Symphony Orchestra, a conductor, and a gifted music educator with the Lincoln County Board of Education. A true champion of the arts, he founded both the Summer Music Camp (1962) and the Niagara Youth Orchestra (1965), inspiring and nurturing a love of music in young people for decades.

Paul's enduring legacy continues today. The NSO is honoured to celebrate his memory by recognizing a teacher who continues that tradition of excellence by integrating music in the classroom and across the curriculum, and contributing to a thriving culture of the arts in Niagara.

Nomination criteria and process:

- Recognizing a teacher who has **made a robust contribution to the arts by integrating music in the classroom and across the curriculum – a “Champion of the Arts”**.
- Open to all elementary school teachers in the Niagara Region
- Nominations may be made by any principal or teacher colleague
- Complete the nomination form and return to the Niagara Symphony Orchestra
- Please use as much space as required to complete a comprehensive nomination
- Nominations accepted until **June 30, 2018**
- Further information at 905-687-4993 ext. 223

Award procedure:

- Submissions are juried by a panel including NSO representatives, educators and designated members of the education community
- The successful nominee will be announced in the 2018-19 academic year
- Winner receives a plaque and their class is invited to attend a matinee performance of a Classical Family concert as guests of the NSO

The NSO is delighted to collaborate with Carousel Players and the Rodman Hall Art Centre in the “Champions of the Arts” initiative. Building on the success of the Carousel Players Norah Morgan Award, we proudly introduced the Paul van Dongen Memorial Award, and the Rodman Hall Art Centre Award in March 2017, celebrating dedicated educators who champion the arts - drama, visual art, music - in Niagara schools.

Please see the reverse/page 2 for nomination form.

Paul van Dongen Memorial Award for Excellence in Music Education

Nominated Teacher's Name _____

(your Champion of the Arts!)

School: _____ Principal: _____

Nominator: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Please use the space below to provide the Niagara Symphony Orchestra with your reasons for nominating this teacher for the Paul van Dongen Memorial Award, particularly noting his or her achievements integrating music in the classroom and across the curriculum. *(NOTE: nomination is not limited to space provided here; please include any additional pages needed to submit a comprehensive nomination)*

SUBMISSION:

Nominations must be received by **Friday June 30, 2018** | submit by mail, fax or email:

Niagara Symphony Orchestra, attention Paul van Dongen Award

by mail to: 11 Bond Street, Suite 207, St. Catharines ON L2R 4Z4 | by fax to: 905-687-1149

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