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CIVIC MUSIC TO HONOR MUSIC EDUCATORS

Michael VanPelt, of Milwaukee, has been selected by Civic Music to receive its 2017 Music Teacher of the Year Award. VanPelt, Director of Bands and Orchestras at Riverside University High School in the Milwaukee Public Schools, will be honored along with several other music educators at the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra's *Salute to Educator's* concert on Saturday, March 11, 2017. The concert begins at 8:00 pm at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, 929 North Water Street, Milwaukee. For tickets, contact the Civic Music Association at 414-483-3223 or info@civicmusicmilwaukee.org.

Other educators who will be recognized on March 11th are:

Megan Aswegan of Port Washington, the Certificate of Excellence in Instrumental Music Instruction. She is the Elementary Orchestra Director for the Mequon-Thiensville School District.

Marjorie Flanagan of Wauwatosa, the Certificate of Excellence in Vocal Music Instruction. She is Choir Director and Fine Arts Department Coordinator at Wisconsin Lutheran High School.

Heather Cheslock of Waukesha, the Certificate of Excellence in General Music Instruction. She is the Music Teacher at Woodside Elementary School in the Hamilton School District.

Adrien Zitoun of Shorewood, the Certificate of Excellence in Studio Music Instruction. He is a private cello instructor and a member of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra.

Jane Borden of Milwaukee, the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra ACE Teacher of the Year. She is First Grade Teacher at Milwaukee Parkside School for the Arts in the Milwaukee Public Schools.

Civic Music added the ACE Teacher of the Year award to its recognition program this season in partnership with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. This award honors grade level classroom teachers who demonstrate outstanding commitment to arts integration through the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra's Arts in Community Education (ACE) program, and support music and the arts throughout their schools.

Civic Music has presented its music educator recognition program since 1991, and has collaborated with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra's *Salute to Educators* night for more than 15 years. This year's ceremony was moved to the month of March in celebration of *Music in Our Schools Month*.

For more than 98 years, Civic Music has supported young musicians in the greater Milwaukee area and honored their teachers. Through coaching, scholarships, performances and award programs, Civic Music helps creative young people realize their dreams.

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