MacPhail Duet Awards

FAQ

What is the MacPhail Duet Award?
The MacPhail Duet Award is the highest honor offered by MacPhail. It was started in 2008 to honor an individual who and an organization that has advanced the mission of MacPhail “to transform lives and communities through exceptional music learning” by their volunteerism, financial support or advocacy of MacPhail. Past recipients include:

2008 DUET AWARD
KATHRYN AND CHARLES CUNNINGHAM, INDIVIDUALS
CLAIRE GIVENS VIOLINS, INC., ORGANIZATION

2009 DUET AWARD
STUART L. MACPHAIL, INDIVIDUAL
BEST BUY, ORGANIZATION

2010 DUET AWARD
ANN BURAN, INDIVIDUAL
CIGNA, ORGANIZATION

2011 DUET AWARD
THOMAS (TIM) BROWN, INDIVIDUAL
J. HAZEN GRAVES, INDIVIDUAL
THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS, ORGANIZATION

2012 DUET AWARD
ELLEN BREYER, INDIVIDUAL
US BANK, ORGANIZATION

2013 DUET AWARD
DORWATHA WOODS, INDIVIDUAL
GENERAL MILLS, ORGANIZATION

Who is qualified to receive the award?
Any individual who or organization that advances the mission of MacPhail “to transform lives and communities through exceptional music learning” by their volunteerism, financial support or advocacy of MacPhail is eligible. Generally, current board members and current employees are not eligible. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the CEO and board of directors.
Who may nominate someone for the Duet Award?
Any MacPhail volunteer, employee, donor or student/student family member may nominate someone for the award.

Who chooses the recipients?
Recipients are chosen by a committee of two or three board members and staff selected by the CEO of MacPhail.

What is involved in the award?
Recipients are honored as guests of MacPhail at the Annual Dinner (typically in December) and are invited to make comments at the event. All recipients are recognized in MacPhail publications and in its wall of honor in the US Bank Lobby at MacPhail-Minneapolis. Depending on recipients’ knowledge and experience, they may be asked to present to groups of students, faculty or the community at large. Award winners receive an engraved display piece celebrating their honor.

When are nominations accepted?
Nominations are accepted year round. Candidates offered by September 30 each year are considered for the current year’s award (i.e.: nominate someone by September 30, 2014, for the 2014 award).

How do I nominate someone or an organization for an award?
Complete the survey online here

Candidates offered by September 30 each year will be considered for the current year. Nominations may be carried over multiple years if the selection committee considers the nominees to have merit. You are encouraged to submit the nominee’s name annually or encourage multiple people to nominate the same candidate if you believe the candidate is a strong choice.

Who should I contact if I have other questions?
Please contact Jennifer Halcrow, VP of Advancement at 612-767-5309 or halcrow.jennifer@macphail.org

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