ASME - Music Educating for Life Awards 2015

ASME National Executive proposes that we continue to recognise outstanding music educators through the ASME Music Educating for Life Awards, to be presented during the ASME XXth National Conference in Adelaide this year.

Background:
One of the outcomes of the National Review of School Music Education (2005) was the establishment of the National Awards for Excellence in School Music Education which were funded by the Australian Government and administered by ASME, and were awarded annually during the period 2007 – 2011 (inclusive). The funding provided thirteen $5,000 awards each year, and the awards process had some impact on publicly recognising the achievements of outstanding music teachers and school leaders which indirectly had some positive effect on the status of school music education. ASME’s submission for continuation of the funding was not successful, however, there is merit in continuing to nationally recognise outstanding music educators.

Process:
1. The Award Nomination Form is to be used by chapters to publicise and run their own selection process.
2. Each chapter to nominate one recipient for an ASME Music Educating for Life Award, to be publicly presented during the ASME XXth National Conference in Adelaide this year.
3. The provision of registration, airfare and/or accommodation for the recipient to attend the ASME National Conference to be at the discretion of each chapter.
4. A chapter could choose not to participate in the ASME Music Educating for Life Award.
5. Chapter to provide copy of successful application to Conference Organising committee and National Executive as basis for publicity about each award recipient.

Suggested Guidelines:
- Each chapter to call for nominations (using local publicity networks)
- Suggested closing date of July 6th, 2015.
- Nominations to be submitted to local chapter council
- Nomination to comprise:
  - Application Form Cover Sheet
  - Applicant supporting statement (maximum of two A4 pages, to address criteria)
  - Endorsement and statement (up to one A4 page) of School Principal/Regional Supervisor
- Local chapter to set up Selection Panel (e.g. 2-3 members of chapter council and 1-2 local respected educators, not on chapter council)
• State Selection Panel to select one ‘winner’ and to provide short written summary about the winner (to be used for later publicity purposes and for awards website information)
• Winner to be endorsed by state chapter council
• Council to advise winner and undertake the necessary arrangements for conference registration, airfare and accommodation as required.
• Public announcement/ceremony to occur at conference

ASME Music Educating for Life Award
Application Guidelines

This award is for music educators employed in one or more of early childhood, primary, secondary, or special education in the government or non-government sector, with a minimum of three years’ experience, and who have not previously been the recipient of a National Award for Excellence in School Music Education.

The ASME Music Educating for Life Award is administered by a state/territory chapter. A recipient of this Award will be publicly presented with the award during the ASME XXth National Conference in Adelaide.

The state chapter will publicise how much support (if any) it can offer towards attendance at the ASME XXth National Conference being held in Adelaide, September 30 – October 2nd, 2015.

The award focusses on the applicant’s exceptional contribution to the provision of quality music education in the context within which she/he is working, as demonstrated by the following criteria:

• Effectiveness and innovation in enabling development of new musical understandings that build on and enrich pupils’ knowledge, skills and attitudes in music
• Teaching approaches that cater for diverse needs and backgrounds
• Working collaboratively with other teachers and providers of music learning to improve outcomes for pupils

Application Form to comprise:
• Cover sheet – applicant’s name, contact details, workplace contact details, name of principal or senior supervisor
• Applicant supporting statement (maximum of two A4 pages, to address criteria)
• Endorsement and statement (up to one A4 page) of School Principal/Regional Supervisor

Note: Each award recipient’s application is to be submitted by the chapter to Conference Organising committee and National Executive to be used as a basis for publicity.
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Application Form Cover Sheet

Applicant Surname: ____________________________

First name: _______________ Middle Name: _______________

Email address: __________________________________________

Home address: __________________________________________

_________________________________________ Postcode: ______

Telephone: ____________________________________________

Name of Workplace: ______________________________________

Address of Workplace: ____________________________________

_________________________________________ Postcode: ______

Workplace telephone: ________________________________

Name of Principal or Senior Supervisor: ______________________

Telephone of Principal or Senior Supervisor: ________________

Email address of Principal or Senior Supervisor: ______________

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- Effectiveness and innovation in enabling development of new musical understandings that build on and enrich pupils’ knowledge, skills and attitudes in music
- Teaching approaches that cater for diverse needs and backgrounds
- Working collaboratively with other teachers and providers of music learning to improve outcomes for pupils

The Application should comprise:

- This Cover Sheet
- Applicant supporting statement (maximum of two A4 pages to address criteria, to be signed and dated)
- Endorsement and statement (up to one A4 page) of School Principal/Senior Supervisor, to be signed and dated.