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Guild Announces 2013 Milestone Certificate of Appreciation Recipients



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Seven community arts education leaders have been honored with the 2013 National Guild Milestone Certificate of Appreciation for their long-standing, exceptional service to the field. The goal of the Milestone program—now in its second year—is to recognize executive directors or divisional directors at Guild member organizations who have demonstrated a commitment to supporting and advancing community arts education for more than 20 years. Certificates were presented at the Guild's Annual Meeting at the [Conference for Community Arts Education](#) (Chicago, IL) on Friday, November 1, 2013. The recipients are:

- **Stuart Kandell**, Founder and Theatre Director, Stagebridge, Oakland, CA
- **Susanne Baker**, Founder and Director, DePaul Community Music Division, Chicago IL
- **Paulette Bowes**, Executive Director, All Newton Music School, West Newton, MA
- **Amy Dennison**, Assistant Dean and Director, College Conservatory of Music Univ. of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH
- **Martha Frantz**, Executive Director, The Music Academy, Rockford, IL
- **Dorothy Kaplan Roffman**, Founding Director, JCC Thurnauer School of Music, Tenafly, NJ
- **Larry Zukof**, Executive Director, Neighborhood Music School, New Haven, CT

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“The National Guild is thrilled to recognize these exceptional leaders for their vision and dedication to community arts education,” said **Jonathan Herman**, executive director of the National Guild. “Through their decades-long work with communities and their service to the field, this year’s Milestone recipients have each made a powerful contribution to increasing access to arts education for all.” Nominations for the Milestone Certificate of Appreciation are accepted year-round. Nominees must be executive directors or divisional directors of Guild member organizations to be eligible. Letters of nomination should identify the nominee's long-term (20+ years) commitment to supporting and advancing community arts education, highlighting relevant activities and leadership positions throughout the nominee's career. The nominee's current bio must be included with the nomination letter. Resumes are encouraged if applicable. Nominations should be emailed to National Guild member engagement coordinator at arianaschrier@nationalguild.org.

The [National Guild for Community Arts Education](#) supports and advances access to lifelong learning opportunities in the arts. We foster the creation and development of community arts education organizations and programs by providing research and information resources, professional development and networking opportunities, advocacy, funding, and high-profile leadership. Our more than 450 members, located in 45 states, include community schools of the arts; arts centers; and arts education divisions of performing arts institutions, universities, museums, and other organizations. Collectively, Guild members serve more than 1.2 million students, employ 16,000 teaching artists, and reach an additional six million Americans each year through performances and exhibitions in rural, suburban and urban communities across the nation. In addition to providing classes and lessons within their own facilities, most members also collaborate with senior centers, hospitals, public schools, and other agencies to increase communities' access to arts education.