



**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**  
**Department of Education**

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT: 2015 Yale Symposium on Music in Public Schools**

The Yale School of Music extends an invitation to Virginia's music teachers to participate in a Symposium at Yale in New Haven, Connecticut, on June 4-7, 2015. The Symposium will honor thirty-five music education partnership programs from throughout the United States for their outstanding accomplishments teaching music in public schools. Over the course of four days, two representatives from each partnership will participate in a variety of discussions and workshops, culminating with the presentation of seventy *YALE DISTINGUISHED MUSIC EDUCATOR AWARDS* at the closing banquet.

Award recipients will be based in part on the following considerations:

- proof of a sustainable partnership between a school division or school and an outside music organization;
- clear and well-developed curriculum that utilizes the strengths of both the school division and the music organization; and
- an effective partnership planning and assessment mechanism.

Music education teacher nominations must be submitted at <http://music.yale.edu/community/music-in-schools/symposium/2015-symposium/> by February 13, 2015. Applications will be reviewed by a panel of music professionals, and those teachers selected will be notified by March 9, 2015. Award recipients will be invited to attend the Symposium on Music in Schools with all expenses assumed by the Yale School of Music.

For additional program information about the 2015 Yale Symposium on Music in Public Schools, please contact the Yale School of Music at [musicsymposium@yale.edu](mailto:musicsymposium@yale.edu); or Cheryle C. Gardner, principal specialist of fine arts, Office of Humanities and Early Childhood, by e-mail at [Cherry.Gardner@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Cherry.Gardner@doe.virginia.gov) or by telephone at 804-225-2881.

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