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PISCATAWAY’S NAMED IN “BEST COMMUNITIES FOR MUSIC EDUCATION” FOR THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Piscataway, NJ, April 20, 2021 – For the fourth consecutive year, The NAMM Foundation has named Piscataway as one of the countries “Best Communities for Music Education.” Now in its 22nd year, the Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in providing access to music and music education to all students.

To qualify for the Best Communities designation, Piscataway provided detailed information about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program and community music-making programs. Responses were reviewed and verified by The Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas.

“Piscataway is proud to support the arts, and to encourage exploration of the arts for all students,” said Dr. Frank Ranelli, Superintendent of Schools. “The combination of discipline and creativity instilled in pursuing the arts is invaluable to education. Consistently being named a Best Community for Music Education is a great achievement for our wonderful music staff and for our Supervisor of Fine and Performing Arts, Rebekah Sterlacci.”

Piscataway’s music program begins in preschool, with a dedicated music teacher exploring sound and singing with these youngest students. In ensuing grades, the District offers opportunities in band, orchestra, strings, and choir, and covers a wide berth of genres, from classical to jazz to a Capella. Piscataway High School students are offered the opportunity to audition for the school’s Performing Arts Academy, where a rigorous concentration of courses prepares them for a college career as a music major.

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About Piscataway Township Schools

Serving over 7,000 students, Piscataway Township Schools provide K - 12 and preschool programming, special education instructional programs and services, as well as before and aftercare, adult education classes, youth enrichment programs, and summer youth programs. The mission of the Piscataway Township Schools is the continual development of each child's intellectual, aesthetic, social and physical abilities in a positive environment that fosters self-esteem, to help all students realize their abilities and gifts.

About The NAMM Foundation

The NAMM Foundation is a nonprofit supported in part by the National Association of Music Merchants and its approximately 10,400 members around the world. The foundation advances active participation in music making across the lifespan by supporting scientific research, philanthropic giving and public service programs. For more information about The NAMM Foundation, please visit www.nammfoundation.org.

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