

# **RCM Teacher of Distinction Award**

RCM Teachers of Distinction are recognized for their leadership as music teachers in their community. They instill a lifelong love of music in their students, provide mentorship to other teachers, and inspire everyone around them.

## **2018 Nomination Guidelines**

### **Eligibility**

All nominees must be active or recently retired music teachers in Canada who have demonstrated engagement with The Royal Conservatory Certificate Program.

### **Nominations**

Teachers may be nominated by any person or group (i.e., students, parents, other music teachers, exam centre representatives, examiners, members of their community etc.) who have direct knowledge of the teacher's contributions to the musical life of their community. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

### **Selection Criteria**

#### **1. Innovative and Exemplary Teaching Practices**

Teachers of Distinction have demonstrated exemplary teaching practices by creating a stimulating and innovative learning environment. They provide inspiration and motivation to their students, and continue to explore new teaching strategies and pedagogical approaches as a result of their commitment to lifelong learning.

#### **2. Student Achievement and Engagement**

The success of a Teacher of Distinction is best demonstrated through the engagement and achievements of the students they have inspired. These include student success in Certificate Program examinations; awards in competitions and festivals; and community and school involvement.

#### **3. Teacher Commitment and Leadership**

Teachers of Distinction have demonstrated their passion for music and the arts by actively participating in the musical life of their community. Their success has been acknowledged through teaching and community awards and other professional achievements. They serve as role models and continue to mentor other teachers and participate in ongoing professional development.

## **Guidelines for Preparing a Nomination**

Nominations should highlight the outstanding achievements of the nominee and clearly explain why the individual should receive The Royal Conservatory's most prestigious teacher award.

Self-nominations are not accepted, but nominators are encouraged to consult with the teacher as they prepare their submission.

A short biography (200-250 words) of the nominee must be included.

Concrete examples that demonstrate the teacher's impact on their students and involvement in their community should be provided.

Please ensure that the maximum word count on the nomination web form is not exceeded.

### **Timeline**

- Nominations will be accepted online until June 30, 2018.
- Award recipients will be notified by August 17, 2018.
- Awards will be presented in the fall of 2018.