

## WHO IS YOUR “CHAMPION OF THE ARTS”?

The NSO invites you to nominate an outstanding teacher for the inaugural  
**Paul van Dongen Memorial Award for Excellence in Music Education**

The Niagara Symphony Orchestra will honour the memory of renowned music educator Paul van Dongen by celebrating a Niagara area teacher who:

- ♪ Inspires their students through the integration of music into regular classroom experiences and across the curriculum
- ♪ Challenges their students to experience and explore all types of music
- ♪ Makes a robust contribution to arts education in Niagara

Nominees: Elementary school teachers in Public, Catholic, English, French or Independent schools in the Niagara Region will be considered.

Nominators: Principals or teacher colleagues are invited to submit a nomination.

Nominations: Submissions will be accepted until June 12, 2017, to be juried by a panel including NSO staff, board arts consultants and designated representatives from the education community. If your nominated teacher is selected, he or she will be recognized with a plaque at an appropriate venue (their school, a board meeting) and that teacher will be invited to bring their class to a matinee performance of Classical Family 3.

To nominate *your* Champion of the Arts: Please fill in the nomination form, outlining your reasons for commending this teacher, particularly noting his or her accomplishments integrating music in the classroom and throughout the curriculum. Further information about the **Paul van Dongen Memorial Award** at 905-687-4993 ext. 223 or visit the NSO website at [niagarasymphony.com](http://niagarasymphony.com).



Paul van Dongen (1927-2015) was a long-time member of the Niagara Symphony Orchestra, a conductor, and a gifted music educator with the Lincoln County Board of Education. A true champion of the arts, he founded both the Summer Music Camp (1962) and the Niagara Youth Orchestra (1965), inspiring and nurturing a love of music in young people for decades. Paul’s enduring legacy continues today; the NSO is honoured to celebrate his memory by recognizing a teacher who continues his work by integrating music in the classroom.

***The NSO is delighted to collaborate with Carousel Players and the Rodman Hall Art Centre in the “Champions of the Arts” initiative. Building on the success of the Carousel Players Norah Morgan Award, we proudly introduce the Paul van Dongen Memorial Award, and the Rodman Hall Art Centre Award, celebrating dedicated educators who champion the arts - drama, visual art, music - in Niagara schools.***