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HONORING
ROSANNE CASH

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AMERICAN EAGLE AWARD HONOREE ROSANNE CASH

One of the country's pre-eminent singer-songwriters and music education advocates, Rosanne Cash has earned 4 Grammys and is also the author of four books including the best-selling memoir "Composed," which the Chicago Tribune called "one of the best accounts of an American life you'll likely ever read." Her essays have appeared in The New York Times, Rolling Stone, The Atlantic, The Oxford American, and more. A new book, "Bird on a Blade", combines images by artist Dan Rizzie with Cash's lyrics.

Among her many honors, Ms. Cash has been awarded the SAG/AFTRA Lifetime Achievement Award for Sound Recordings and the Smithsonian Ingenuity Award in the Performing Arts. She has also served as a Carnegie Hall Perspectives artist, was an Artist-In-Residence at the Country Music HOF and Museum, and is currently Artist-in-Residence at New York University.



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Rosanne is likewise one of only a handful of women to be elected to the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame, a number she hopes to see increase in the near future. Ms. Cash is similarly the first female composer to receive the MacDowell Medal, awarded since 1960 to an artist who has made an outstanding contribution to American culture.

In 2018, Rosanne was awarded the “Spirit of Americana” Free Speech Award by the AMA and received an honorary doctorate from Berklee. NMC is proud to honor her for all these notable achievements and much more, including her extensive work with young music creators and in support of wounded war veterans.



SPECIAL PRESENTER JACKSON BROWNE

Over a career spanning more than five decades, Jackson Browne has become one of the most influential figures in popular music. With iconic albums such as *Late for the Sky*, *The Pretender*, *Running on Empty*, and *For Everyman*, Browne has sold over 22 million albums worldwide and has been inducted into both the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Songwriters Hall of Fame. His self-titled debut album introduced audiences to his talent, featuring the Top 10 hit “Doctor My Eyes.”

A seven-time Grammy nominee, Browne’s music delves into themes of social justice, environmental advocacy, and personal reflection. Beyond his musical achievements, Browne is a dedicated advocate for environmental and social causes. He co-founded Musicians United for Safe Energy (MUSE) and has been honored with prestigious awards like the Gandhi Peace Award and the John Steinbeck Award.



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RIGHT
FOR
ALL
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ADULTS

1

To express themselves musically in all freedom

2

To learn musical languages and skills

3

To have access to musical involvement through participation, listening, creation, and information

THE
RIGHT
FOR
ALL
MUSICAL
ARTISTS

4

To develop their artistry and communicate through all media, with proper facilities at their disposal

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1982-2024

1982: Yehudi Menuin and Jule Styne

1983: Van Cliburn and Benny Goodman

1984: Virgil Thomson and Lionel Hampton

1985: George Wein (Kool Jazz Festival) and Otto Luening

1986: Morton Gould and Dizzy Gillespie

1987: Odetta and Carnegie Hall (Isaac Stern)

1988: Betty Allen and Dave Brubeck

1989: William Schuman and Blue Note Records (Bruce Lundvall, President)

1990: Rise Stevens and Billy Taylor

1991: Marian Anderson and Peter Schickele

1992: Elliott Carter and Max Roach

1993: Lena Horne and Roberta Peters

1994: Richard Riley and Jim Chapin

1995: Dorothy DeLay and Lee Eliot Berk

1996: Betty Carter, Bob McGrath and Shari Lewis

1997: Phil Ramone, The Oak Ridge Boys

1998: The Marsalis Family, John Sykes, Texaco, Inc. (Corporate Award)

1999: Roy Clark and Clark Terry, American Express (Corporate Award)

2000: Schuyler Chapin, Roberta Guaspari, And Leonard Slatkin

2001: John Corigliano, Michael Kamen, and Marian McPartland

2002: Margaret Whiting, Dawn Upshaw; United Service Organizations (USO)

2003: Richie Havens, William Warfield, The Waverly Consort

2004: Hal David, Frances W. Preston, Metlife Foundation

2005: Stephen Sondheim, Sesame Workshop, Congressman John Conyers Jr., Senator Orrin Hatch

2006: Richard Adler, Barbara Cook, Ervin M. Drake, Henry Juskiewicz

2007: Clive Davis, Sheldon Harnick, VH1 Save the Music Foundation

2008: Lorin Maazel and Tom Chapin

2009: Herbie Hancock, Quincy Jones, The Hard Rock Cafe

2010: Kenny Rogers, Suzanne Vega, Ann Ruckert, John Mahlmann, Musical Instrument Museum

2011: PaquitoD’Rivera, Nile Rodgers, Peter Yarrow, Doris Duke Charitable Foundation

2012: Theodore Bickel, Judy Collins, Paul Shaffer, Sonny Fox, Cracker Barrel Country Store

2015: Kris Kristofferson, Jim Lauderdale, Jim Halsey, Sherman Halsey, Music Makes Us

2016: Emmylou Harris, Vince Gill, Grand Ole Opry

2017: Crystal Gayle, Patti Smith, Harry Shearer

2018: Chick Corea, The Manhattan Transfer

2019: George Clinton, Vince Guaraldi, The Country Music Hall of Fame

2021: Take 6, The Music Teachers of America

2022: David Lowery

2023: Ray Chew and Vivian Scott Chew

2024: David Amram

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A BRIEFING PAPER FOR THE NMC/IMC
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SPEECH IN MUSIC

By Charles J. Sanders
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TRACING THE HISTORY OF GLOBAL REPRESSION AGAINST MUSIC CREATORS

*Finding Sustainable Solutions to the Current Spike in Violence and Repression
Requires Our Community to Evaluate Approaches to These Threats With a
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Rosanne Cash

Songwriter, Musician, Advocate

We applaud you for your longtime commitment to music education advocacy and for your inspiring support of young music creators.

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CASH**

for her own profound contributions
to music and tireless work supporting
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1993*



*Marian McPartland &
Billy Taylor
2001*



*Richie Havens &
Odetta
2003*



*Vince Gill
2016*



*Patti Smith, Harry Shearer
& Crystal Gayle,
2017*