

East Stroudsburg Area School District

2023 Music Hall of Fame Inductees



Sean Arawjo

Graduate of East Stroudsburg North HS, Class of 2005...Participated in Concert, Jazz, and Marching Bands; Choir and Jazz Chorale; and County Band and Chorus...As a senior, performed Chaminade's *Concertino* at the Spring Band Concert and took 2nd Place at the Battle of The Bands with FM&TM...Won a local composition competition in 2004 and played bass with OOT, who regularly opened for regional and nationally-touring acts and recorded a self-titled studio punk album in 2001...Graduated Magna Cum Laude with a B.M. in Music Theory & Composition from West Chester University (2009)...At WCU, performed with every major instrumental ensemble and won the Senior Concerto Competition with Ibert's *Concerto Mvt 3*...Received a M.M. in Flute Performance from New York University (2011) where he studied with composer/pioneer Robert Dick, attended weekly classes with Keith Underwood, taught private flute lessons to undergrads, and coached chamber ensembles...Participated in flute masterclasses with Katherine Hoover and Greg Pattillo...taught flute clinics at many schools including WCU and ES North...Hosted/produced the podcast *Sean & Dave Make Music*, where he interviewed and collaborated with guests including Nellie McKay & Najwa Parkins...His music has been featured on ska compilations and other podcasts including *How Did This Get Made*, *The Todd Glass Show*, *The Dollop England & UK*, and *Hornpod*...Released solo albums *Constructive Rest* and *Dysania* in 2016-17 and recorded with Sillyheart, Roof Beams, Middle Twin, and Slightly Askew...Performed at festivals including the 2007 Vans Warped Tour and the 2021 & 2023 Supernova International Ska Festivals...Was in flute choirs at the 2011 NY Flute Fair, 2016 DE Flutefest, and 2022 Mid-Atlantic Flute Con...In his first 15 years of teaching to students ages between six and 93, gave over 11,000 private lessons...Specializes in extended techniques, i.e., circular breathing, beatbox flute, multiphonics, & singing-and-playing...Viewed on TikTok more than 1.8 million times since joining in 2021...In 2022, took over as Artistic Director and Conductor of long-standing VA-based non-profit ensemble Flute Frenzy.



Edward F. Protzman

Graduate of East Stroudsburg High School, Class of 1986...Participated in concert band, marching band, and jazz band...Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Moravian College (1995)...Master's of Music in Wind Conducting Degree from West Chester University (2010)...Artist's Diploma in Wind Conducting from the University of Calgary in Alberta, Canada (2002)...Member of the Kutztown University Performing Arts Hall of Fame; is a 2022 National Winner, Foundation for Music Education Wind Band Honors; received the 2109 George N. Parks Leadership in Music Education Award presented by the National Association for Music Education and Music for All; and was a 2014 Grammy Foundation Music Educator Awards National Quarterfinalist...Currently Director of Bands and assistant professor of Music Education at Portland State Univ...Had a successful career as a high school band director at William Mason High School in Mason, OH; Blue Valley Southwest High School in Overland Park, KS; and Central Bucks West High School in Doylestown, PA...His ensembles have performed at the Music for All National Concert Band Festival, the PA Music Educators Association's State In-Service Conference, the Kansas Music Educators Association's State In-Service Conference, and the Ohio Music Education Association's State Professional Development Conference...His William Mason High School Wind Symphony performed a featured concert at the 2022 Midwest Band and Orchestra International Conference in Chicago...In 2021 and 2022, William Mason Wind Symphony was recognized as a winner in the National Wind Band Honors Program sponsored by the Foundation for Music Education...His ensembles have performed across the US and abroad, including performances at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts in Kansas City, MO; Avery Fisher Hall in Manhattan, NYC; The Verizon Center in Philadelphia, PA; Davies Symphony Hall in San Francisco, CA; and the Beijing People's Liberation Army Opera House in Beijing, China...Guest conducts and presents educational clinics across the US, including the 2021 Midwest Band and Orchestra International Conference in Chicago.