ORANGE COUNTY
ARTIST OF THE YEAR

TEACHER NOMINATION CHECKLIST

TEACHER NOMINATION DUE DATE: Friday, December 11, 2026

Each SCHOOL / ORGANIZATION is allowed a limited number of nominations per discipline.

If more than one teacher at your school wants to nominate students in the same discipline, you must collaborate to decide who will nominate each student.

- **HIGH SCHOOL** maximum: **10** **(may be any combination of Juniors and/or Seniors)**
- **PRIVATE STUDIOS/PRIVATE INSTRUCTORS/CONSERVATORIES** maximum**: 2** **(may be any combination of Juniors and/or Seniors)**

WRITTEN STATEMENTS: For each student, you will be asked to write a statement about why you are recommending your student.
(min. **250 -1500 CHARACTERS**, including spaces (approx. 50 - 300 words))

PROMPT: Tell us why you are nominating this student as an Artist of the Year.

Your statement does not need to be long. Ultimately, we are looking for a solid quote to publish in the paper that celebrates your student. It will be shared with the judges. It's important that your statement is well-written, coherent, and reflects your opinion of the student.

HELPING YOUR STUDENTS

WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR NOMINEES. We have found that students who get help from their teachers submit stronger applications. **At minimum, please ensure they know you have nominated them as early as possible.** ***(****Yes, they will receive an email, however, sometimes they don't check email, or it goes to their SPAM, or it has been blocked by the district firewall, or there was a misspelling in the email you provided.)*

Also, check to ensure that they know:

- the **STUDENT APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, Fri. Jan 8, 2027**
- where to find info on what they need to submit (contact info, photo, photo release, written statements, art portfolio, awards list (optional)
- what feedback/help they can expect from you

JUNIORS/SENIORS	1	2	3	4	5
Student Name					
Student Email					
Nominating Teacher					
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