



# Niagara Falls Music Hall of Fame

## Our Purpose

The Niagara Falls Music Hall of Fame (NFMusicHOF) is a non-profit organization created to honor the Musicians of Niagara Falls, New York for their contribution to the arts and their impact on the music scene locally, nationally and internationally.

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Niagara Falls Music Hall of Fame (NFMusicHOF) is to honor, preserve, and protect the diverse musical culture and heritage of Niagara Falls, New York through education and performance, and to recognize those individuals who have made a significant contribution on the music scene locally, nationally and internationally.

Inductees to the NFMusicHOF are chosen by a formal nomination process. Nominees are rated in several categories. Selected inductees are announced, inducted and awarded at NFMusicHOF's Induction Gala to be held annually.

## Nomination Criteria

The NFMusicHOF encourages nominations/applications from all genres of music, as well as, businesses and individuals that have had a significant impact on both the local music scene and the music industry in general.

### Qualifications include the following categories:

- Prominent Performance History and Longevity within the Greater Niagara Falls, New York Geographical Area
- Significant Contribution to the Local/National/International Music Industry
- Significant Support and/or Promotion of Music in the Greater Niagara Falls, New York Geographical Area
- In addition to the qualifications noted above, a nominee must meet one or more of the following criteria for induction into the NFMusicHOF:
  - **Born in Niagara Falls, New York**
  - **Relocated to Niagara Falls, New York**
  - **Notable achievements within the local music industry**
  - **Support and contribution to music performance and/or music education in the Greater Niagara Falls, New York Geographical Area**

## **Nomination Process**

An Induction Selection Committee is formed each year by the NFMusicHOF Board of Directors to consider all potential nominees (as per the requirements of the official procedures of the Niagara Falls Music Hall of Fame) and present the best qualified candidates for induction into the NFMusicHOF. Upon review of the applications, the Induction Selection Committee will present their findings for review, acceptance and assignment by the NFMusicHOF Board of Directors.

Upon approval of the Board of Directors, each Induction Selection Committee member is then assigned a certain number of nominees to review, based upon the materials submitted. To ensure fairness and objectivity, if a member has a close relationship with a nominee, that nominee will be assigned to a different member for evaluation. Each nominee's qualifications are reviewed in the following categories: Prominent Performance History and Longevity within the Greater Niagara Falls, New York Geographical Area, Community Service in Music, Significant Contribution to the Local/National/International Music Industry, and Significant Support and/or Promotion of Music in the Greater Niagara Falls, New York Geographical Area.

Each committee member verifies all information submitted and then scores each nominee based on a *standardized point schedule*. The top candidates are chosen based on those rankings and presented to the NFMHOF Board of Directors for induction. The Board of Directors may challenge up to two of the nominated candidates per year. If after discussion among the Nominating Committee the original candidates have been denied induction, the Board of Directors may only choose from the alternates next in line based on the scores presented.

The Induction Selection Committee emphasizes to all submitted applicants that being reviewed does not constitute being selected for induction. It is not uncommon for this process to take from one to six years, or longer, assuming one meets all the required criteria. There are many factors involved in the selection process, which is conducted using a stringent set of *rating guidelines* and supervised by a very professional and confidential forum. Accepted packets remain on file as living documents and we encourage all applicants to continually submit updated accomplishments that further support their accreditation.

Those who apply or have been nominated and the public are not made aware of the final list of selected inductees until the review process is finalized and the NFMusicHOF Board of Directors vote to make the year's selection official.

We wish all applicants/nominees the best as the Niagara Falls Music Hall of Fame strives to salute and honor those elite artists who have dedicated their lives to enhancing our local musical heritage.