

--TO ALL RUTLAND COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS --

The Mitch Spencer Award in Classical Music 2009

In fond memory of Mitch Spencer, lover of fine music and patron of promising young musicians, The Hayes Foundation is able to make a series of awards again this year, to three outstanding student musicians residing in Rutland County: one in the amount of \$500 and two others at \$250.

These awards will be made in late May 2009. The Foundation invites your nomination(s) for these awards. Nominees may be any age or stage of musical development, vocal or instrumental, but should only be nominated on the basis of their work in **classical music**.

A nomination form is enclosed, to be mailed before March 24th 2009.

Since only three such awards can be made, The Hayes Foundation will make selections using these **criteria**:

1. Students of unusual talent and musical insight;
2. Students with strong character attributes--dedication , cooperation and a generous readiness to be of help to others;
3. Students with clear financial need;
4. Students whose principal musical endeavors are concentrated in the classical repertoire.

Students who are nominated will need to complete a short written declaration of their musical goals and interests. Students are requested to submit a short recording of a piece in performance.

Please provide your nominee(s) with the enclosed response letter, which they should submit by March 24th 2009.

We appreciate your taking the time to think carefully and selectively about your students to determine whether one or more nominations may be in order. If you have a question concerning these awards, please don't hesitate to call (802) 492-3208.

Please note that both nominations and response letters should be mailed to:

The Hayes Foundation / Mitch Spencer Award
POB 307
Cuttingsville, VT 05738

NOMINATING FORM
Hayes Foundation/Mitch Spencer
Classical Music Award

To: The Hayes Foundation,

From: _____

Telephone # (for verification if needed) _____

Regarding my student: _____

Age/Grade _____

Student's parent(s) _____

Please describe how, in your experience, this nominee meets the criteria outlined in the cover letter and any other special attributes or circumstances that you feel support your nominee's selection. This description may be included on a separate sheet if necessary.

Please return nomination by March 24th 2009 to
The Hayes Foundation /Mitch Spencer Award,
POB 307, Cuttingsville, VT 05738

RESPONSE LETTER
TO NOMINEES for 2009 MITCH SPENCER MUSIC AWARD

Dear _____,

The Hayes Foundation is pleased to learn that you have been nominated for one of the Foundation's three outstanding student musician awards for this year. We know that your music teacher's recognition of your talent, ability, and motivation must be a source of real satisfaction to you, and we hope that your nomination can be approved with a financial grant of \$250 or \$500.

In order to be considered for this award, please send us a statement (a full page or less) describing:

- what you personally find most rewarding in music;
- what use you might make of the award if your nomination is selected; and
- a special source of musical inspiration for you.

Your response may be written or, if you prefer, be done orally and submitted on audiocassette tape or CD. A brief performance tape or CD should also be included. Please be very sure to include your name, address, and phone number in your response, to be received **by March 24th 2009** to:

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Cuttingsville VT 05738

The Hayes Foundation is able to make these grants through many individual contributions to the Mitch Spencer Memorial Music Scholarship Fund, and we sincerely hope it will serve to recognize and reward Rutland County's most gifted and deserving young musicians.

Yours very truly,
Carl Buffum
Chairman for
The Hayes Foundation