



Press Release

**Stratford Summer Music Announces the first recipient for the *Award for Excellence in Music Education***

**Stratford, ON – Mark Fewer**, the Artistic Director of Stratford Summer Music, has announced that conductor and local music teacher **Mark McIntosh** of Avon Public School is the first recipient of the **Award for Excellence in Music Education**.

Mark Fewer, spoke with great pride about this new award:

*“We’re starting this new award to recognize those individuals who give tirelessly of themselves so that students can be enriched with the life-affirming gift of music. Mark McIntosh has long been one of Stratford’s pillars of music education, and so it is only fitting that he is the first recipient! We salute Mark and all he does for music, children, education, and our community.”*

Mark McIntosh said of receiving his award:

*“I was very pleased to receive the 2019 Award for Excellence in Music Education from Stratford Summer Music. I am grateful for the acknowledgement and support that I receive in the community for educating students in the field of music. There are so many people in our community that are involved in music at so many levels. I feel blessed to be a part of such a musically vibrant city and continue to look forward to serving as a musician and educator. A personal thank you to Mark Fewer for presenting me with the award and for nominating me for the honour.”*

Mr. McIntosh, not only received praise for his contribution to musical education from his peers and community, but he also received a monetary award so he can continue his work.

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## **About Stratford Summer Music:**

Stratford Summer Music is an annual, multi-week music festival featuring indoor and outdoor venues throughout downtown Stratford. With an artistic vision to produce, to the highest standards possible, a program of diverse and exciting musical performances by Canadian and international artists while providing the widest possible range of musical genres on its stages, Stratford Summer Music offers audiences a standard of musical excellence and experiences difficult to find outside large urban centres. In 2018, more than 70,000 people enjoyed the music festival's ticketed or free concerts and events. Stratford Summer Music 2019

## **Stratford Summer Music 2019**

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