
Online Form Submittal: 2025 Winston-Salem Arts, Culture and Entertainment Memorial Walk of Fame Nomination Form

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2025 Winston-Salem Arts, Culture and Entertainment Memorial Walk of Fame Nomination Form

Nominations and Election Procedures

Starting January 1, the Arts, Culture, and Entertainment Memorial Walk of Fame Committee will accept nominations for election to the Arts, Culture, and Entertainment Memorial Walk of Fame (Walk of Fame).

Nominations will be accepted through February 28, 2025: at which time the Walk of Fame committee will review the nominations.

A total of up to five nominees will be recommended to the city of Winston-Salem's City Council Community Development/Housing/ General Government Committee. The Council Committee will consider the Walk of Fame Committee's recommendations and submit the slate of nominees to the Mayor and City Council for final approval and election.

Those not selected for the current year are encouraged to resubmit during the next year's nomination period. The decisions of the committee are final and entirely within the committee's discretion. Nomination and selection procedures, forms, and qualifications are guidelines only, and entirely within the committee's discretion, and are subject to change at any time, without notice.

The ceremony to unveil the stars around the Benton Convention Center will take place in August 2026.

Criteria

- The nominee(s) exhibited sustained excellence in his or her field for at least five years.

- The nominee(s) made distinguished contributions to the community and civic-oriented participation.
- The nominee(s) is deceased (must provide copy of death certificate or obituary).
- The nominee(s) was a resident of Winston-Salem for at least five years.
- The nominee(s) made a significant contribution to the arts or entertainment industry in one or more of the following areas: music, dance, theater, writing, visual arts, motion pictures, television, or radio.

A “significant” contribution would be iconic in terms of renown and the impact on the artistic disciplines or popular culture.

Nominee's Stage Name	Margaret S. Mueller
Nominee's Given Name	Margaret Snodgrass Mueller
Date Range of Winston-Salem Residency (ex: 2015-2020)	1958-2024
Arts, Culture & Entertainment Category	Music

Required Documentation

- Attach nominee's performance/accomplishment biography which must include at least 5 years of accomplishments in the arts, culture, or entertainment field.
- Attach a list of nominee's civic/community involvement.
- Attach a copy of nominee's death certificate or obituary.

Nominee's Professional Accomplishments/Biography	20250202_Margaret_Mueller_Biography.pdf
Nominee's Civic/Community Involvement	20250202_Margaret Mueller Walk of Fame CIVIC.pdf
Nominee's Death Certificate or Obituary	2024 Margaret Mueller_Obituary.pdf

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Nominator Information

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Did you personally know the nominee?	Yes
Do you have contact information for nominee's family or a close friend?	Yes
First Name	Laura
Last Name	Mueller
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Margaret Mueller

1924-2024

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Nomination by Daughter Laura Mueller

EDUCATION -

Margaret Mueller's formal organ study began with Laurel Anderson at Kansas University. She continued with Arthur Poister and Gregg Fountain at Oberlin Conservatory receiving a Bachelor of Music in piano in 1950. She also earned a Masters of Music in organ from Oberlin following a Fulbright Scholarship with Helmut Walcha in Germany, and a year of study with Andre Marchal in Paris on a grant from Oberlin. She continued organ studies with Anton Heiller and Rene Sargon at the Summer Academy for Organists in Haarlem, Holland.

PROFESSIONAL LIFE

"The Influence of the Muellers on the organ world is significant. They were key figures in the revival of the classic organ in the United States. They helped start the American concert career of several prominent European organists, they have a legacy of former students in significant teaching and performance positions all over the world, and they have given numerous students and audiences the gift of music." - Catherine Hicks. The American Organist Magazine. Nov. 1998

1950 - Bachelor of Music - Oberlin Conservatory of Music

1950-1954? - Organ Faculty - North Dakota State College and Iowa State College

1955 - Fulbright Scholarship to Germany to study with Helmut Walcha

1956 - Aeolian Grant to study organ with Andre Marchal, France

1957 - Masters of Music - Oberlin Conservatory of Music

1957 - Organ Faculty - Randolph Macon Woman's College

1958 - John & Margaret Mueller married at Oberlin Chapel

1958-1990's? Hired by Salem College to teach piano at the Salem Community Music School

1960 Education/Work - To Germany with John Mueller for his Fulbright Scholarship to study with Helmut Walcha

1970 Summer - International Organ Academy, Haarlem, Holland to study with Marie Claire Alain, Tagliavini, and Anton Heiller

1972 Summer - International Organ Academy, Haarlem, Holland to study with Marie Claire Alain, Tagliavini, and Anton Heiller

1974-1990 - The Muellers organize Salem College's January term every four years. They traveled with organ students to Holland, Germany, Italy, France, England, Spain, and many European countries to study with international organists and play the great organs of Europe.

1974-1995 - The Muellers establish The Summer Organ Academy at Salem College in 1974, bringing internationally acclaimed organists to Winston-Salem every summer. As many as 150 musicians annually have attended the weeklong conferences of lectures, master classes, and concerts by international recognized organists.

1957-2012 Organ Recitals throughout USA, France, Germany. Judge numerous times for National America Guild of Organists competitions and the International Biarritz Competition

1963-2001 - Organist at St. Pauls Episcopal Church

1958-1995 - Professor of Organ and Theory, Salem College

PERFORMANCES

Margaret Mueller performed in hundreds of recitals during her lifetime as an organist. Her earlier years include recitals on violin and piano as well. This list is the beginning of an archive that I am currently working on.

1957-2012 Organ Recitals throughout USA, France, Germany. Judge numerous times for National AGO competitions and the International Biarritz Competition

1940-1942 Recital - Mid-Western Music Camp at Lawrence, Kansas. Summer Music Camp - Kansas University, School of Fine Arts. Guest Conductor Percy Grainger 1941.

1941 Recital- Piano & Violin Concert, Joslyn Memorial, Omaha Nebraska

1943 Recital - Piano Soloist, Beethoven Concertos IV & V, Kansas U Symphony

1953 Recital - Iowa State College, Symphony Orchestra, 19530208, 09, 15 - Piano w/Ilza Niemack violin

1954 Recital - Piano Soloist, Beethoven Concertos IV & V, Iowa State Symphony

1977 Recital - Margaret Mueller - Salem College, American Musical Instrument Society, Tannenburg Organ

1979 Recital - Margaret Mueller Yale University, Dwight Memorial Chapel

1981 Recital - Margaret Mueller - AGO Birmingham, Alabama. Samford University. Leslie Wright Fine Arts Center.

1983- Recital - Arts in Duke Chapel

1985 Recital - 1st United Methodist Church Brevard, NC

1985 Recital - Dedication at Christ Chapel Lutheran Theological Seminary. Columbia, SC

1986 Recital - Salem College. Honoring Margaret And Clemens Sandresky. Hanes Auditorium.

19860 - Recital - John and Margaret Mueller - Spoleto, Charleston, SC -

1988 Recital - St. Mary's Episcopal Church Dedication Recital, High Point, NC

1994 Recital - NCSA. Commencement 1994. Stevens Cetner.

1995 - 21st Summer Organ Academy (1974-1995)

2001 - Margaret Mueller retires from St. Paul's Episcopal Church after 38 years as organist

2005 - Margaret Mueller Recital Pris Andre Marchal. Biarritz, France.

2010 - Midday Music - Selections on the Schantz Organ. Court Street United Methodist Church.

2019 - St. Pauls Episcopal Church - 1928 Skinner Organ Restoration

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**Winston-Salem Arts, Culture, and Entertainment Memorial Walk of Fame
Nomination by Daughter Laura Mueller**

Civic and Community Involvement

***Teacher of and inspiration to thousands of students, musicians, and artists.**

***PEO** - Lifetime PEO member and founder of Winston-Salem's Chapter P

***1974-1995** - Margaret and John Mueller established The Summer Organ Academy at Salem College in 1974, bringing internationally acclaimed organists to Winston-Salem every summer. As many as 150 musicians annually have attended the weeklong conferences of lectures, master classes, and concerts by international recognized organists.

***1958-1990's** Piano teacher at the Salem Community Music School. Also taught piano to children at our home.

***St. Pauls Episcopal Church** - Margaret Mueller, as well as being organist for St. Paul's, was an active volunteer and very involved in the community of the church.

***Supporter of the arts, artists, and arts community** - Margaret and John Mueller were supporters of the arts and the Winston-Salem community throughout their lives. They did this financially, through their leadership, and in their commitment to attending recitals, concerts, and more of all artistic disciplines. They helped lead the campaign for the 2010 restoration of the Flentrop Organ at Salem College. They commissioned music by Margaret Sandresky, Dan Locklair, and other musicians/artists in Winston-Salem.

Margaret Mueller

December 3, 1924 - April 20, 2024



Margaret Mueller loving wife, exceptional mother, proud grandmother, organist, pianist, teacher, and advocate for the arts passed away in peace on Saturday, April 20th. She was the angel who supported us all, our 'bundle of joy', bringing that joy to all who knew her.

Margaret Mueller's love for her family, passion for music, faith in God, joy she found in her students, and an unyielding quest for knowledge shaped each day of her life. Those days were spent inspiring and encouraging others. Margaret Mueller and John Mueller, her husband of sixty years were a team in all respects - filling the hearts of those surrounding them with music, love, and inspiration.

Born in Corning Iowa, she was the daughter of Homer and Pearl Snodgrass. She studied organ at Oberlin College graduating with a Bachelor of Music in organ. She received a Masters Degree from Oberlin and studied organ in Germany as a Fulbright Scholar.

Margaret Mueller was an amazing musician and teacher. She was on the faculty of Salem College for 35 years and their Community Music School for 48 years, and was organist at St. Paul's Episcopal Church for 38 years. She gave her undivided attention and interest to others - even to the smallest child present. Her enthusiasm for music was contagious.

Margaret Mueller, with her husband Dr. John Mueller, had international careers as organists, and paved the way for the mechanical action organ movement in America in the 20th century. They did this together through 21 years of Salem's Summer Organ Academy, inviting world-famous teachers and organists to Winston-Salem to work with their students.

Still on this earth and loving her so are her daughter Laura Mueller Woods, Son-in-Law Mark Woods, Grandson John Woods, Granddaughter Kiley Woods, nieces, nephews, and cousins. She is also loved and remembered by her family in music.

Margaret Mueller's legacy lives on in the lives she has touched. Joy was as natural to her as breathing and the proof of how deeply she cared for humanity is evident in institutions, communities, and individuals all over the world. We will miss her with all our hearts. We are deeply saddened but mindful of, and so grateful for, the example she relentlessly and passionately lived.

A memorial service and celebration of her life will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 2 pm Monday, April 29th.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Paul's Episcopal Church or The John and Margaret Mueller Organ Scholarship, Salem College.