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Mission Statement

Our mission is to recognize, remember and honor the people and places that have had an impact on the music in the Midwest.

Vision

MAMA Hall of Fame LLC was formed to preserve the history of music—as well as to ensure that music has continued support in the future.

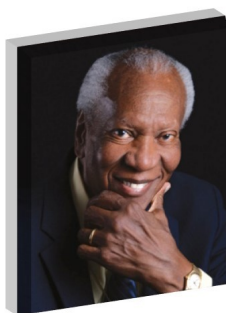
Goals

- Raise public awareness and support of musical excellence through concerts, performances and special events.
- Provide school-age youth a format to showcase their talents and further their music careers.
- Provide financial support and resources to youth music programs in middle schools in the communities where **MAMA Hall of Fame LLC** events are held.
- Establish a program to provide refurbished musical instruments to music booster organizations.
- Recognize the achievements of the outstanding people and significant places impacting all genres of music throughout the Midwest. We honor the musicians, promoters, booking agents, deejays, conductors and radio personnel who represent the music scene. Ballrooms, venues and radio stations that provided a forum for the music to be expressed will be recognized as well. Any person or place that has contributed significantly to the Midwest music scene will be considered for induction to the **MAMA Hall of Fame**.

The **Midwest All-Music Association Hall of Fame LLC** is a professional organization whose intention is not to profit from our endeavors but to raise funds to meet our mission and goals. In 2025, the organization will partner with *The Craig Cronbaugh Drum Studies Scholarship*, providing a yearly donation to a middle school student studying the drums. The scholarship was created to honor **MAMA** Secretary Craig Cronbaugh.

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MAMA's 2015 Inaugural **Midwest All-Music Association Hall of Fame** Inductees:



Dr. Simon Estes
(FAMED OPERA SINGER)



Maestro Joseph Giunta
(DES MOINES SYMPHONY)

Al Huntzinger, President
Dave Schossow, Vice President
Craig Cronbaugh, Secretary

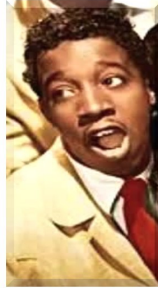
2025 Goals Update

In the past few years, as a nonprofit organization, **MAMA** has donated thousands of dollars to Iowa middle school music departments in the areas where **MAMA** events were held. **MAMA** donated \$5,000 to Iowa middle schools in 2025. Since the organization began in 2015, **MAMA** has inducted 89 names. The inductions include bands, radio stations, venues and ballrooms as a single entities—and individual artists and disc jockeys.

The Latest Celebrity **Midwest All-Music Association Hall of Fame** Inductees:



Dodie Stevens
(FAMED SINGER/SONGWRITER/RECORDING ARTIST)
CLASS OF 2023



Jim Freeman
(FAMED SINGER IN THE FIVE SATINS)
CLASS OF 2023



Dickey Lee
(FAMED SINGER/SONGWRITER/RECORDING ARTIST)
CLASS OF 2024



Al Huntzinger—President

Dave Schossow—Vice President

Dan Boddicker—Treasurer

Craig Cronbaugh—Secretary

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2025 MAMA School Music Department Donations

\$1,000 Donations to Each Middle School

BUENA VISTA COUNTY'S HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025

Storm Lake Times Pilot



St. Mary's music instructor Gayle Strom accepts the check, with sixth-eighth band students in back.

MAMA donates to local middle school music programs

BY DOLORES CULLEN

The Midwest All Music Association delivered \$1,000 checks to middle school music departments at St. Mary's, Storm Lake Public, Newell-Fonda, Sioux Central and Alta-Aurelia Monday and Tuesday.

The donations come from net profits from MAMA's Hall of Fame induction event Nov. 3 at Cobblestone Ballroom & Event Center.

"MAMA Hall of Fame Iowa was formed to preserve the history of music, and to ensure that music has continued support in the future," said Dave Schossow, vice president

of the association and bass player of the famed band The Senders.

Providing financial support and resources to middle school music programs in the communities where hall of fame events are held is a goal of MAMA.

As Schossow traveled from school to school and handed out the checks, he stressed to the students the importance of sticking with music because of its lifelong benefits.

Directors expressed their thanks. Among the uses of the money will be the purchase of new music and the repair of instruments.



Storm Lake Middle School band directors Cindy Mickens and Shannon Poor Bear hold the check with Dave Schossow at left and Assistant Principal Jaymie Bral at right. Principal Megan Richardson is in back with seventh and eighth grade jazz band members.



Sioux Central Middle School music students accept a check.



Newell-Fonda band director Andy Schertz accepts the check from Dave Schossow. With the music students in the background are choir director Heide Barnhardt and Principal Bo Darrow.



With MAMA Vice President Dave Schossow are Alta-Aurelia Director Nikole Nuttall, Aurelia Principal Taylor Boeckolt and students.

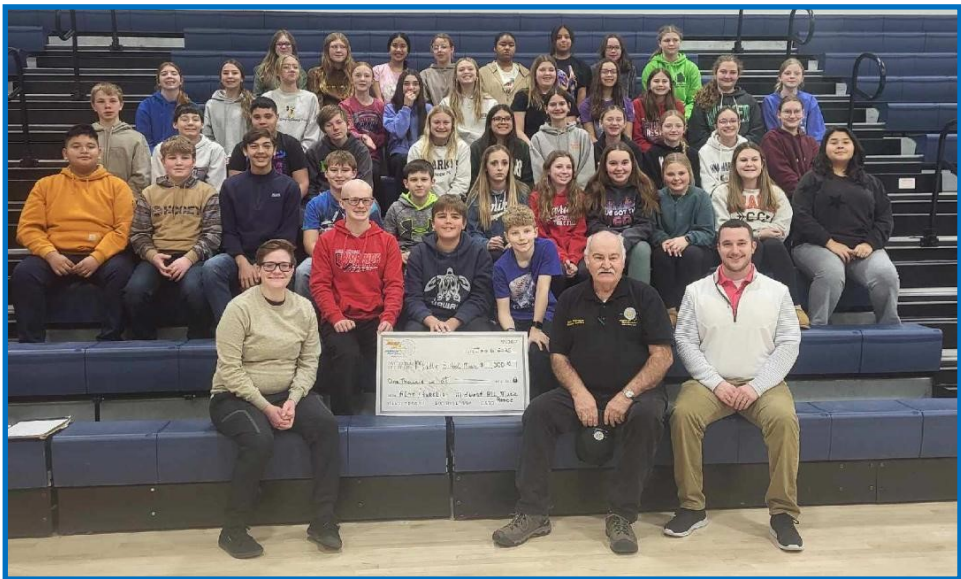
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Alta-Aurelia Middle School—Aurelia, Iowa

Band Director Nikole Nuttall and MAMA Vice President Dave Schossow



Alta-Aurelia Middle School Music Students—Aurelia, Iowa



LEFT: Storm Lake St. Mary's Middle School Music Students
Storm Lake, Iowa

MAMA Vice President Dave Schossow, Music Instructor/
Teacher Gayle Strom



LEFT: Storm Lake Community School District—Storm Lake, Iowa

5th & 6th Band Director Shannon Poor Bear, MAMA Vice President
Dave Schossow, 7th & 8th Band Director Cindy Mickens



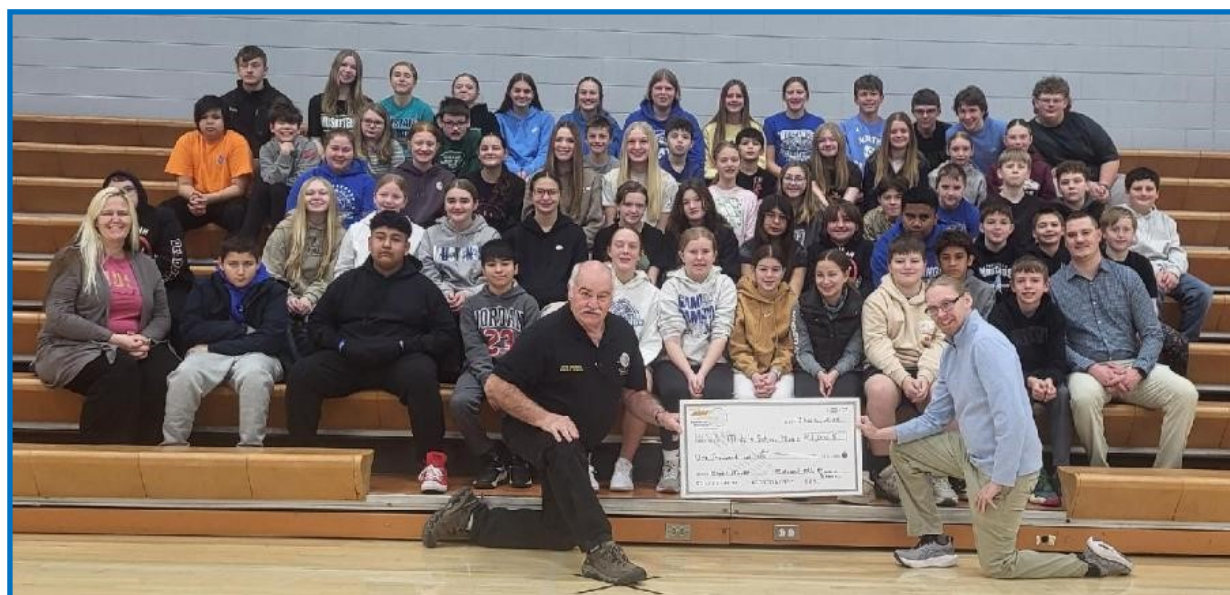
Storm Lake Community School District Music Students—Storm Lake, Iowa

MAMA Vice President Dave Schossow, 7th & 8th Band Director Cindy Mickens,
5th & 6th Band Director Shannon Poor Bear, Assistant Principal Jaymie Bral, School Therapy Dog,
Principal Megan Richardson (Back Row, Far Left)



Newell-Fonda Middle School—Newell, Iowa

Vocal Director Heide Barnhart, Middle School Principal Bo Darrow,



Newell-Fonda Middle School Music Students—Newell, Iowa

Second Row Left: Vocal Director Heide Barnhart *Second Row Right:* Middle School Principal Bo Darrow
Front From Left: MAMA Vice President Dave Schossow, Band Director Andy Schertz



Sioux Central Community School—Sioux Rapids, Iowa



Sioux Central Community School Music Students—Sioux Rapids, Iowa

Southeast Junior High School and Northwest Junior High School in Coralville, Iowa, Receive \$1,000 Each for Band Departments from the Midwest All-Music Association (MAMA)

January 2025

Southeast Middle School Receives \$1,000 Donation to Music Department



MAMA Directors Terry McCauley, Gene Vineyard, Al Huntzinger (MAMA President) and Phyllis Vineyard present Southeast Middle School Music Director Natalie Madsen with a check for \$1,000.

January 2025

Northwest Middle School Receives \$1,000 Donation to Music Department



MAMA Directors Al Huntzinger (MAMA President), Terry McCauley, Gene Vineyard, Phyllis Vineyard present Northwest Middle School Music Director Kevin Brown with a check for \$1,000.



MAMA President Al Huntzinger
and Music Director Kevin Brown

Recent MAMA School Music Department Donations



From left are Jerry Best and Al Huntzinger, board members of the Midwest All Music Association with a \$5,000 check for the Clayton Ridge School music department. (Photo submitted)

MAMA donates \$5,000 to school

By Molly Moser

Uniforms. Sheet music. Risers, instruments, and instrument repair; managing a school music program can be costly. That's why the Midwest All Music Association (MAMA) has decided to give a gift in the amount of \$5,000 to the Clayton Ridge School District music programs.

"With the money we want to donate, we want to try to cover vocal, orchestral, band, whatever area produces music," said Jerry Best, MAMA board member. "We're going to hopefully get feedback from the various instructors or musical directors within the system on what their most important needs might be."

Best grew up playing piano and trombone in an era when sheet music was marked at 50 cents a song. "I know right now, you'd pay \$5.50

or \$7 for one copy. It's expensive to provide sheet music for 30 or 40 people, plus a conductor's score." Best also pointed out that more expensive, school-owned instruments used by students, such as sousaphones and timpani drums, often require repair, which can also add up.

"We're spearing in toward the middle school level, where musicians really start to take off. (Continued on Page 2)

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MAMA donates \$5,000 to school

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They've learned a lot of the basics and they get to that point and now, in their own mind, almost feel professional. A lot of people in the middle school bracket are in need of monies and are overshadowed by sports and other areas of the school," said Best.

Last year, MAMA donated \$3,500 to the Clayton Ridge music department thanks to Steve Dikkers, who built a guitar and donated it for auction at the annual Rock n Roll on the River event in Guttenberg. The \$5,000 donation this month stems from MAMA's goal: to promote music and to give back to the communities it serves. The Iowa-based organization's nine board members organize concerts throughout the state and made the first induction into their Hall of Fame in April.

"MAMA exists to keep the music alive, especially the rock and roll," said Al Huntzinger, MAMA board member. Rock n Roll on the River will return for the seventh consecutive year in 2017, bringing in Pastmasters, a Steve Bobbitt tribute to Rod Stewart, and local

favorite, Backwater. The event will be held at Lakeside Ballroom on April 8, with a traditional 50s and 60s dance and costume contest.

Last year's event drew over 300 people to Lakeside Ballroom, and big names like The Diamonds have attracted crowds of over 700. "They come from surrounding areas: Prairie du Chien, Waukon, Iowa City, Cedar Rapids," Huntzinger told The Press. Concertgoers stay in the motels in Guttenberg, Lakeside serves a buffet and sells beverages, and ultimately, the money raised from the event ends up back in the local economy in the form of a donation.

"We feel that we've got a great relationship with the community," Huntzinger said.

"On behalf of the Clayton Ridge Music Department, I would like to convey our gratitude for the generous donation of \$5,000 from the Midwest All Music Association," said Superintendent Shane Wahls. "We take great pride in our music programs and are extremely appreciative of this gift."



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Schools get a boost

Monday, June 20, 2022

By Beverly Van Buskirk, Lifestyles Editor



(Photo Contributed) Receiving donations to their school's middle school/junior high music department from Midwest All Music Association board members are, from left, Emma Davis from MMCRU, Dean Rhodes, Dan Ruden and Kathy Brandt, Remsen St. Mary's.

REMSEN — The band departments of Remsen St. Mary's and MMCRU Schools are the recipients of a donation from the Midwest All Music Association (MAMA).

MAMA board members Dan Ruden and Dean Rhodes made the presentation recently.

The checks were presented to Kathy Brandt, Remsen St. Mary's Music Department head, and Emma Davis from MMCRU.

Each school received \$750 to be used in the middle school/junior high music department.

The money came from proceeds of the Midwest All Music Association's Western Iowa 2021 Hall of Fame Inductee event at the Avalon Ballroom held last fall.

The Midwest All Music Association or MAMA, is an organization that was formed to acknowledge all genres of music throughout the heartland, not just rock 'n roll and country. Its mission is to recognize, remember, and honor the people and places that have had an impact on the music in Iowa, and to encourage the youth to continue their music careers. MAMA always makes a donation to a school or schools in the community where they hold an event.

Two of the men who started MAMA are former board members of Iowa Rock 'n Roll Music Association (IRRMA). They are Tom Golden, the CEO, and Al Huntzinger, who is also an IRRMA inductee.

Golden noted he created MAMA for that purpose. He said, "I had for a while wanted to create an association that honored all genres of music and also give monies back to music booster organizations to assist middle and high school students in their pursuit of music. With MAMA, we have been able to accomplish this."

Ruden, of Le Mars, is a member of the MAMA board of directors, and a member of The Jammers, a Le Mars/Sioux City band that was inducted into the hall of fame in 2018.

Rhodes has a long history with the Avalon Ballroom in Remsen.

MAMA will again hold their western Iowa Induction ceremony this coming Oct 22 at the Avalon Ballroom in Remsen with Classic Rock 99.5 DJ Big Daddy as emcee. Details and inductees will be announced in the near future, according to Ruden.



MAMA Donates to Hinton School Music Program

Last Wednesday, the Midwest All Music Association (MAMA) awarded a gift of \$1,000.00 to the Hinton Community Schools TK-6 music program.

MAMA is a non-profit agency dedicated to acknowledging Iowa and Midwest musicians, singers, bands, and venues. In an effort to promote music, the group donates to area elementary and middle school music programs. Funds are raised through Hall of Fame and music performance fundraising events, which, in turn, make it possible for the organization to give back to Io-

wa's young music students.

Other area schools, including Le Mars Community, Gehlen Catholic, Remsen St. Mary's, and MMRU, are past beneficiaries of the group's largesse. This year, Hinton's music program is the recipient. Mrs. Angela Iversen accepted the gift on behalf of Hinton Community School.

Midwest All Music Association's mission is "to recognize, remember, and honor the people and places that have had an impact on the music in Iowa." *(Photo contributed)*



Hinton's TK-6 music program will benefit from a \$1,000 donation by Midwest All Music Association. Pictured, from left, Jeanette Schwartz of Hinton, Mrs. Angela Iversen, Hinton Community School Vocal Music teacher; Dan Ruden, Le Mars, vice-president of MAMA board.



Midwest All Music Association Donates to Music Department

Midwest All Music Association donated \$1,000.00 to the North Union Elementary Music Department. The Midwest All Music Association was formed in 2015 by the late Tom Golden, to preserve the history of music - as well as to ensure that music has continued support in the future. Their mission is to recognize, remember and honor the people and places that have had an impact on the music in the Midwest. Thru fundraising, sponsors, concerts and induction they are able to raise enough money to give back to local schools. Pictured above is Steve Lang, David Schossow with the Midwest All Music Association, and instructors with the North Union Elementary Music Department.



Midwest All Music Association Donates to Music Boosters

On Friday, January 26th, the Midwest All Music Association donated \$1,250.00 to the Okoboji Middle School Music Boosters. The Midwest All Music Association was formed in 2015 by the late Tom Golden, to preserve the history of music - as well as to ensure that music has continued support in the future. Their mission is to recognize, remember and honor the people and places that have had an impact on the music in the Midwest. Through fundraising, sponsors, concerts and induction they are able to raise enough money to give back to local schools. Pictured above is Dave Schossow with the Midwest All Music Association, Jody Ingwersen, Middle School Instrumental Music instructor, and Steve Lang also with the Midwest All Music Association.

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Officers of the Midwest All-Music Association (MAMA) recently presented a \$500 check to Tipton High School Band Director Andy Owen for the Tipton band program. Shown above, l-r, are MAMA president Al Huntzinger and treasurer Dan Boddicker; Andy Owen and Tom and Margo Weih, of Tipton Electric Motors, generous supporters of MAMA. Photo by Kris Clark

Midwest All Music Association Donates \$500 To Tipton Band Program

The Midwest All-Music Association (MAMA), often confused with the Iowa Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, is an all-music genre and music promotion organization. The organization's goal is to promote music in Iowa and the surrounding states by recognizing outstanding musicians, performers, songwriters, radio stations and personalities, and educators.

The organization recently donated \$500 to the Tipton band program.

MAMA accepts nominations from the public for induction

into the MAMA Hall of Fame for people to be recognized for their musical achievements. The MAMA Board of Directors vote on who will be inducted into the MAMA Hall of Fame for the current year. We plan two events in the fall (eastern and western Iowa) to recognize inductees as well as showcase performances by selected inductees. Ticket sales, sponsorships, and memorabilia auctions at the events raise funds for the organization, and excess funds are donated back to the communities of the inductees,

sponsors, or other worthy music-related causes.

Tipton Electric Motors has been a very generous sponsor of MAMA events for several years, and we wanted to recognize their support by giving back to the Tipton Community. Tipton High School band has long been an outstanding program in developing young musicians and promoting the love of music. They are a very deserving recipient.

If you want more information about MAMA, check out our Facebook Page and website mamahof.com

North Union Middle School Band Department receives \$1,000 donation from MAMA



MAMA Director Steve Lang, MAMA Vice President Dave Schossow, Anna Hanbeck (6-12 Band Director), Paige Lang (6-12 Choir Director), Julie Runksmeier (Middle School Principal)

By Kim Meyer

The North Union Middle School Band Department received a monetary boost with the donation of \$1,000 from the Midwest All-Music Association (MAMA). The check was presented to the school on Wednesday, January 17th with the middle school band present.

North Union was one of four schools to receive the monetary donation. Other schools received money were Okoboji-Milford, Tipton and West Sioux Middle Schools.

The check was presented to North Union middle school band instructor Anna Hanbeck, middle school choir instructor Paige Lang and elementary/middle school principal Julie Runksmeier. Presenting the check to the school were MAMA members Steve Lang and Dave Schossow.

MAMA donates to only middle schools to aid students start and continue their music careers.

In order to be considered for the monetary donation, a school must be nominated which was done by Board Member Steve Lang of Armstrong. Lang is an advocate of music and was recently inducted into the MAMA Hall of Fame.

Anna Hanbeck, North Union 6-12 band instructor, was asked to write a letter about the band program.

She wrote the following:

"Hello, my name is Anna Hanbeck, a first-year teacher. I am the 6-12 band director and I work alongside two great music educators, Paige Lang and Courtney Mondragon. Paige teaches 6-12 choir and Courtney teaches K-5 general music and 5th grade band, but we all utilize the music room at North Union Middle School. The 8th grade band students work very hard in band, as well as have a music-packed year. Each student has one band lesson a week, however they are more than welcome to come in multiple times a week as long as I am free to

have another lesson. We have band on Mondays, Wednesdays, and every other Friday at the end of the day. During the Fall Semester, we spend those four months preparing for our Winter Concert, and they do such a great job of learning their music. This past semester, I also allowed students to participate in playing the school song with the high school marching band students during pregame for one of our home football games. With this opportunity, I had multiple 6-8th grade band students join us for that night and they all had a really good time. With this being my first year, I am continuously learning, and these kids are such a huge help with that. For the spring semester, we will spend our time preparing for our spring concert as well as the annual trip to Valleyfair, where the 7 /8th grade band and choir will play a couple pieces. I also nominate students who would like to go to various honor bands, in which I have quite a few who want to be nominated. So once those honor bands take place, I take my students there and they spend the day making music with other top middle school musicians in the state of Iowa. Towards the end of the spring semester, I will also work on marching technique with the students, to get them ready for high school marching band.

Students who tend to be in band, also tend to be in choir as well. Having students in both (or at least one) is very beneficial to the music program, but also their own lives. Students who are involved in music are kept busy and are continuously learning, as well, making music with their friends. Our middle school band and choir could really use new equipment, as a lot of our current equipment is old, outdated, and hasn't been replaced in years. I know the students are eternally grateful, as well as myself and my other music colleagues. Thank you for choosing our middle school to be a recipient of this donation. We are so thankful!"

The committee was so impressed with Ms. Hanbeck's letter, they voted unanimously to approve the nomination for North Union.

The money is made for this program through donations and concerts held by MAMA. Local donors include Hi-Way Grocery of Armstrong, Bank Midwest of Armstrong and Fairmont, Indulge Salon and Devenish Nutrition of Fairmont, Gosh Town Tavern of Imogene, along with several other donors.

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In addition to keeping the music alive, they want to provide financial support and resources to youth music programs in high schools and middle schools.

The MAMA has also established a program to provide refurbished musical instruments to music booster organizations.

To learn more about the MAMA donation program and their hall of fame, please visit their website at www.mamahof.com.

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