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## **Poway Unified Orchestra Director Top 10 Finalist for Grammy Music Educator of the Year**

Ulli Reiner, Orchestra Director at Bernardo Heights and Twin Peaks Middle Schools, has been named one of only ten finalists for the 2017 Grammy Music Educator of the Year. She will receive a \$1,000 honorarium and be considered for the top prize: the winner will attend the 59th Annual GRAMMY Awards to accept the award on February 12<sup>th</sup>, plus a \$10,000 honorarium.

Ms. Reiner is currently the Orchestra Director at Bernardo Heights Middle School and Twin Peaks Middle School, and is also the instructor for Music Appreciation classes. Ms. Reiner has been teaching in the Poway Unified School District since 1983, and has impacted a countless number of students during her 33 years with the District. She was the founder and Orchestra Director of the Poway High School Symphony and has taught orchestra at Mt. Carmel High School, Black Mountain Middle School, Mesa Verde Middle School, and Meadowbrook Middle School.

Ms. Reiner's musical studies and career have taken her around the country and around the world, including Vienna and Shanghai. She has performed under conductors Leonard Slatkin, Alexis Hauser, David Atherton, Peter Eros, and Walter Susskind, to name a few. She has also enjoyed performing in the entertainment industry under great artists such as Angela Lansbury, Carol Channing, Yul Brynner, Lauren Bacall, Vincent Price and Zero Mostel.

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