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2024 Bryan Metzger Legacy Award for Music Education

LAFAYETTE, Indiana – The Ouibache (WEE-buh-SHAY) Music Festival is pleased to announce the winner of the 2024 Bryan Metzger Legacy Award for music education. Each year, Ouibache presents a monetary award to music educators in Mid-North Indiana for the purpose of preserving the virtues and values of roots music.

Music educators are invited to submit a two hundred fifty-word essay describing how they would use the funds to further the Ouibache mission. The award is named in honor of charter board member, Bryan Metzger, who was a champion of music and music education, and served as a community leader for many years.

Ouibache will present the 2024 Metzger Award to Julia Doan Baumann, an elementary school teacher with the Tippecanoe School Corporation. Julia teaches music to over nine hundred students at Hershey and Dayton Elementary Schools. She is developing a new curriculum to introduce her students to traditional music through the purchase and implementation of ukuleles. The selection committee felt this program would impact the greatest number of students from this year's award candidates.

This is the sixth year for the award. Music educators can apply for the \$1500 award each year by submitting a two hundred fifty-word essay on how they would use the funds to further the mission of Ouibache. Ouibache is committed to preserving the virtues and values of roots music by the sharing of experiences and ideas in a spirit of family and community. Music education, performance and hands-on experiences are all part of it.

Julia will receive the \$1500 award on April 2, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. at Hershey Elementary School.

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The Ouibache Music Festival, Inc., is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of traditional and roots music through education, performance, and hands-on experiences. Each year the Ouibache Music Festival takes place in Columbian Park in downtown Lafayette, IN. The 2024 festival is on August 24th from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Admission is free. For more information go to OUIBACHE.COM