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Arts leadership award presented to Alderman Michael Murphy

Alderman Michael J. Murphy of the Milwaukee Common Council has been honored by The String Academy of Wisconsin with its 2012 Arts Leadership Award.

The String Academy, located at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, presented the award for Alderman Murphy's "long term dedication to the importance of the arts in the lives of Milwaukee's citizens and children."

Alderman Murphy, the longtime chair of the Milwaukee Arts Board, said he greatly appreciates the positive gesture on the part of the academy. "I am humbled to have been chosen for this honor, and in my mind I really share it with my fellow Arts Board colleagues and everyone who supports the arts in Milwaukee," he said.

"From theatre, music and dance, to painters and photographers, we are truly blessed to have such a rich, thriving arts community in Milwaukee, and I will continue to do all I can to promote and nurture the arts in our city," Alderman Murphy said.

The String Academy's Urban Students in Arts Scholarship Program provides professional instruction in violin, viola, and cello for low income, minority students. This program was developed by the academy in 1990 to meet the needs of students, ages 4 to 18, who have been identified as talented and deserving of high quality musical instruction.

In addition to the classes at UWM, the String Academy teaches students at Escuela Vieau and Milwaukee Academy of Chinese Language elementary schools. Ninety-nine percent of String Academy students go on to college or other forms of advanced study, and String Academy graduates are pursuing musical careers and/or training throughout the U.S. and Europe.

The String Academy has been the recipient of grants from the Milwaukee Arts Board.

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