

# PRESS RELEASE

NORTHFIELD'S ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION  
in partnership with FIFTYNORTH  
ANNOUNCES THE  
2019 LIVING TREASURE AWARD WINNER  
**Donna Paulsen**

The Arts and Culture Commission of the City of Northfield, in partnership with FiftyNorth, is pleased to announce the selection of Donna Paulsen as the 2019 recipient of the City of Northfield's Living Treasure Award. The Living Treasure Award annually honors a Northfield area resident who makes an outstanding and lasting contribution to the city's identity and quality of life through and on behalf of the arts and culture.

In naming Donna Paulsen for its 2019 Living Treasure Award, the Arts and Culture Commission asserts that "because of Donna Paulsen's past and continuing service to Northfield, through and on behalf of the arts and culture, the community is richer, Northfield is a better place, and we're fortunate and grateful to have her in our midst."

In the words of her nominators, "Donna is a multi-talented musician with a long history of service as a teacher, church musician, and artistic/musical leader in our community. Her work in the Northfield Arts Guild has most directly contributed to Northfield's identity as a community where the arts flourish. Led by her own deep connection to music and her passion for communication, Donna inspires participants to their highest level of understanding and achievement." Donna is recognized not only for her excellence as a musician, but for her contagious enthusiasm for music in its many forms, as well.

Previous recipients of the Living Treasure Award are Ray Jacobson, Myrna Johnson, Cora Scholz, Paul Niemisto, Patsy Dew, DeWayne & Theo Wee, Jan Shoger, Judy Swanson, and Judy Code. The Arts and Culture Commission thanks each one of them for their lasting contributions to Northfield's cultural vibrancy.

The public is cordially invited to the 2019 Living Treasure Award presentation on Monday, January 28, 2019, at FiftyNorth (doors open at 7 pm; program at 7:30 pm). Since the establishment of the award in 2011, the award presentation has been sponsored by the Northfield News.

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