



**Honoring**  
**David Weingarden**  
**Community Impact Award**



Education Through Music–Colorado is proud to announce that **David Weingarden** will receive the **2026 ETM-CO Community Impact Award**, honoring champions of social, cultural, and business leadership whose vision and service inspire our students and uplift our community.

As Vice President of Concerts + Events at Z2 Entertainment, **David has helped shape Colorado's independent music landscape**, guiding programming and strategy for an extraordinary portfolio of venues including the Boulder Theater, Fox Theatre, Chautauqua Auditorium, Aggie Theatre, Strings Music Pavilion, and 10 Mile Music Hall.

**His influence extends beyond local venues to the national policy and advocacy landscape shaping the future of live music.** During the 2020 shutdown, David played a key role in the National Independent Venue Association's Save Our Stages campaign, which secured \$15 billion in Congressional relief for independent venues nationwide. His continued advocacy—including testimony before the Senate Commerce Committee—reflects **a deep commitment to sustaining the cultural ecosystems that allow artists and communities to thrive.**

At ETM-CO, **we believe those ecosystems begin in our schools**—particularly in under-resourced public schools, where access to music is too often the first opportunity lost.

**David's lifelong dedication to protecting independent venues and elevating live music culture directly reinforces the artistic infrastructure that makes opportunity possible for the next generation.** His leadership embodies the very values this award seeks to recognize.

The award will be formally presented during ***The Call of Music***, ETM-CO's annual fundraiser, on **April 23, 2026**. We warmly invite you to join us for this special evening of music, leadership, and connection.