

Laurel Aronian

For Your Consideration: Special Achievement

Chess doesn't stop when you leave the board-- it continues to resonate in your mind. Laurel Aronian expands on her chess games, chess-made relationships, and chess culture in her music, writing, and teaching. In 2023 Laurel was recognized for her original compositions by YoungArts in the voice/singer-songwriting category. The majority of Laurel's winning submissions for her YoungArts artistic achievement award were tied to chess, specifically the songs "Touch Move" and "Yours To Use". In addition, Laurel enjoys teaching chess (chessin1day.com) and writing chess-related articles. Through her expansion of chess culture, Laurel brings her passion for the distinct world of chess to a global arts audience. Laurel Aronian exemplifies the possibilities in chess beyond competitive play; she creates alternative channels for others to consider contributing their unique impact. She inspires diverse populations to stay engaged, not only for wins and ratings but for a multiplicity of potential growth and infinite connection. Thank you for considering Laurel Aronian for the Special Achievement Award.

- North Salem's Laurel Aronian Wins 2023 YoungArts Award For Songwriting, The Patch, Jeff Edwards, 1/13/23 (<https://patch.com/new-york/bedford/north-salems-laurel-aronian-wins-2023-youngarts-award-songwriting>)