Robert Wayne Barlow Award for Excellence in Harp Performance
Named for the son of Eastman faculty composer Wayne Barlow; presented to a student judged for excellence in harp performance.
Andrea Francis Munm

Gerald Barnes Award for Excellence in Pipe Organ
Recognizes an exceptionally qualified pipe organ student.
Tatscher Dow Lyman

The Barr Award in Accompanying
Established in 1957, the Barr Award honors accompanying majors who have distinguished themselves at Eastman and show outstanding promise for future success in the profession.
Joseph Lee, Tamara M. Vassilova

Andrew J. Bogigas Memorial Prize in Bassoon
Established to commemorate the life and musical contributions of a talented young Eastman student; awarded to a deserving underclassman or graduate bassoon student.
Jennifer Angi Houtler

John Celentano Award for Excellence in Chamber Music
Established to celebrate the outstanding contributions of Professor Emeritus John Celentano; honors students who have demonstrated exceptional achievement in the study and performance of chamber music.
Andrew Mark Schuler, Mark N. Soderstam

Glenn and Frances Harris Cello Prize
Established in 2007, the Glenn and Frances Harris Cello Prize recognizes one or more students who have distinguished themselves in cello performance.
Amanda Rae Matson

Anne T. Cummins Prize
Established in memory of a well-loved French professor who taught at the Eastman School from 1934 to 1966; awarded to a graduating senior who has distinguished him- or herself in humanities classes.
Jayce Elizabeth Fleck

C. Eschenbach Award
Honors an accompanying major who has distinguished him- or herself in concert with a singer colleague.
Elizabeth Anne Avery

Excellence in Accompanying Award
Recognizes students who have particularly distinguished themselves through their work as collaborative pianists.
Albert Kim, Jeffrey M. LaDean, Joseph Lee

Renée Fleming Award
Given in honor of the world-renowned, local native and Eastman School graduate; awarded to an exceptional soprano.
Maria Bellanca

Charles Warren Fox Award
Established in memory of the distinguished musicologist and former Eastman School professor; presented to a graduate musicology student in recognition of a special academic accomplishment.
Matthew Robert Moreno

Friends of Eastman Opera Voice Competition Prize
Awarded to the second and third place winners in the Friends of Eastman Opera Voice Competition.
Julia Alysun Bullock (second prize), Brent Arnold (third prize)

Friends of Eastman Opera Student Opportunity Award
Established by the Friends of Eastman Opera to assist voice students with extracurricular opportunities that may enhance their development as vocalists.
Hope Lauren Carlson, Kaylee Suzanne Goldin, Emily Michelle Jensen, Kyndal Lee, Lynndon John Paul Meyer, Marlise Rose Murphy, Stephanie Alexandra Romanuk

Belle S. Gitelman Award
Established in memory of Belle Gitelman and the contributions she made to the artistic life of Rochester; presented to students whose compositions have been declared worthy of recognition.
James Michael Hoke, Jeong Bum Lee

Jerald C. Graue Fellowship
Established in memory of a respected scholar, beloved teacher, and former chair of the Musicology Department; awarded to graduate students in any field for their outstanding work in musicological research.
Erin Lee Ellis, Alexander John Stefanik

Walter Hagen Conducting Prize
Established in 1984 to honor the memory of Walter Hagen; awarded to a student of conducting.
Davíd Michael Jacobs, Brian Thomas Russell

Howard Hanson Orchestral Prize
Given in honor of Howard Hanson, distinguished composer, conductor, and Director of the Eastman School of Music from 1914 to 1944; awarded in recognition of a student who composes an original and distinguishable orchestral piece.
Baljinder Singh Sehon II

Howard Hanson Ensemble Prize
Given in honor of Howard Hanson; awarded to a student who composes an original and distinguishable ensemble piece.
Andrei Stuart Allen

Elsa T. Johnson Fellowship
Awarded to a deserving musicology student, in order to make it possible for that student to devote his or her time to the writing of the Ph.D. dissertation.
Jennifer Marie Kempak

Jessie Kneisel Lieder Prize
Established in memory of a distinguished Eastman professor of German; awarded to the winners of the annual Jessie Kneisel Competition in German Lieder.
John Benton Baffert

Koret Bessar Kermick (second prize), Julie Allison Norman (third prize)
Barbara M.H. Koeng Award
Established to honor the memory of a beloved staff member at the Eastman School of Music; recognizes the achievements of an accompanying major who shares Mrs. Koeng’s passion for working with singers.

Lynden John-Paul Meyer

Sidney Mear Trumpet Prize
Given in honor of retired Eastman trumpet professor and mentor, Sidney Mear; awarded to an outstanding senior trumpet student in honor of all who teach, play, and study trumpet.

Cameron Lee Gubrenic, Casey Cruz Pavonezzi

Louis Lane Prize
Named for an Eastman composer and alumnus; awarded to a student who has shown excellence in composition.

Matthew Stephen Ruther

Ornest Award
Established by Dorothy Ornest (BM ’42) and Naomi Ornest (BM ’46) in honor of their parents; presented to undergraduate students, enrolled in any program at Eastman for at least one year, who have shown excellence in academic and musical study and whose performing instrument is voice.

Thomas Robert Leighton, Trevor Tavish Strader, John Taylor Ward

The Presser Music Award
Funded by a grant from the Presser Foundation; presented to a graduate student demonstrating excellence and outstanding promise for a distinguished career in the field of music.

Katherine Elizabeth Hutchings

The Presser Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship
Funded by a grant from the Presser Foundation; awarded to an undergraduate music student in recognition of outstanding achievement.

Lauran Ye

Linda Muise Student Life Award
Established in honor of Eastman’s Assistant Dean for Residential Life; presented to a graduating senior who has shown dedication, enthusiasm, collaboration, and leadership traits that promote and maintain a strong quality of life for all.

Erin Alyssa McPeck

Robert L. Oppelt Viola Prize
Named for the first recipient of the DMA in Performance and Pedagogy at the Eastman School of Music; awarded annually to an outstanding viola student.

Elizabeth Marie Stefan

New Venture Challenge Prize
The Eastman New Venture Challenge is a contest to encourage new thinking and innovative ideas in music. It gives students the opportunity to develop a business plan that could result in the launch of a new entrepreneurial enterprise.

Philip Lawrence Bortez, Bentley Ann Caban, Ferguson, Ayahence Gokon, Rohan Krishnamurthy

Bernard Rogers Memorial Prize
Established in memory of the renowned Eastman faculty composer; awarded to a worthy composition student selected by the faculty.

Jennifer Kate Beller, John S. Libenater, Andrew Evans McManus, Lena Christine Nortfeld

Raymond and Maxine Schirmer Prize in Jazz Performance
Awarded to a student in the Department of Jazz and Contemporary Media who has distinguished himself or herself in the area of jazz performance.

Michael John Fredericks IV, Joshua David Real

The 2008/2009 Teaching Assistant Prizes
Awarded to students who distinguish themselves for teaching excellence.

Jonathan Richard Girard, Katie Hannigan, Carmen Alaxed Lemaone, Michael John Pendowski, Johnandrew Slominski

Willow Hall Press Award for Harp
Established to honor the memory of Jane B. Weidensaul, Ph.D., harpist, scholar, and teacher; awarded to a harp performance major entering today’s music profession.

Hillary Marie Rath Schiffer

Zildjian Scholarship
Funded by the Avedis Zildjian Company; awarded to an outstanding percussion student.

Anne Jennings Stevens

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