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.

Emily Katherine Schroeder

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.

Kayla A. Woodworth

Willow Hall Press Award for Harp

Established to honor the memory of Jane B. Weidensaul, PhD, harpist, scholar, and teacher; awarded to a harp performance major entering today's music profession.

Lacey Lee Jones

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.

Garrett Rubin, Alexander Turpin, Zhibing (Hele) Huang

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.

Aaron Fox Sperber

The Presser Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship

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

Bernard Rogers Memorial Prize

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

Anthony Ruiz Duarte, Dong Ryul Lee, Steven Christopher Rice

Raymond and Maxine Schirmer Prize in Jazz Composition

Awarded to a student in the Department of Jazz and Contemporary Media for Jazz composition.

Garrett Ronald Schmidt, Christopher Andrew Ziemb

Donald J. Shetler Prize in Music Education Prize

Established in honor of the distinguished music education faculty member at the Eastman School of Music; awarded to an outstanding music education student.

Mark H. Filsinger

The 2010/2011 Teaching Assistant Prizes

Awarded to students who distinguish themselves for teaching excellence. Julie Beauregard, Regina Frances Compton, Sean Daniel Connors, Igor Lipinski, Eric Ronald Rieger, Adrian Eduardo Sandi

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.

Michael Hanley, Sungmin Shin, Colin Michael Gordon

Glenn Watkins Traveling Fellowship

Established by a distinguished Eastman alumnus (PhD '53); awarded to support dissertation research travel for a doctoral student in Musicology.

*Alexander John Stefaniak**

Zildjian Scholarship

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

Amy Ruth Garapic

Barbara B. Smith Gamelan Composition Prize

Established by Barbara B. Smith, MM '43, this prize is awarded for the best new composition written for Balinese Gamelan Anglkung and for its performance.

Christopher Eugene Wilke

The Lecture Recital Prize

Recognizes and celebrates DMA/PRL students at Eastman who present exemplary lecture recitals within a given calendar year. Winning lecture recitals, as well as those that receive honorable mentions, are archived on UR Research for future DMA/PRL students to observe and study.

*Daniel Aune (winner); Deanna Joseph and Douglas O'Connor (honorable mention)



Honors and Awards

Eastman School of Music 86th Commencement Sunday, May 15, 2011, 11:15 a.m.

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. Kristina Elizabeth Finch

Wayne Brewster Barlow Prize

Awarded to students who have shown excellence in composition. Kyle Cooper Quarles

Gerald Barnes Award for Excellence in Pipe Organ

Recognizes an exceptionally qualified pipe organ student. Nathan Thomas Davy

Andrew J. Bogiages 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.

Yuki Heidi Katayama

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. Luis Fabian Ortiz, Deborah Song, Emily Pei Tsai, Malcolm Williamson

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.

Daniel Marcel Ketter, Hilary Elizabeth Glen, Jisun Kim, Scott Roger Lykins

Lynne Clarke Vocal Prize

Established to honor the memory of Lynne Clarke; awarded to recognize a vocalist who shows outstanding talent and musicality through his or her first-prize performance in the Friends of Eastman Opera Voice Competition.

Thomas Edward Lehman

Anne T. Cummins Prize

Established in memory of a well-loved French professor who taught at the Eastman School from 1924 to 1966; awarded to a graduating senior who has distinguished him- or herself in humanities classes. Emily Ann Knaapen

Renée Fleming Award

Given in honor of the world-renowned local native and Eastman School graduate; awarded to an exceptional soprano, graduate or undergraduate. Chia-Ling Ho

Charles Warren Fox Award

Established in memory of the distinguished musicologist and former Eastman School of Music professor; presented to a graduate musicology student in recognition of a special academic accomplishment. Kimberly Dawn Hannon

Friends of Eastman Opera Voice Competition Prize

Funded by the Friends of Eastman Opera, an organization which supports students, programs, and productions of the Eastman Opera Theatre; awarded to the second and third place winners in the Friends of Eastman Opera Voice Competition. Erin Elizabeth Gonzalez (second prize), Alysa Mae Doggett (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.

Ashley Hill, Morgan Lynne Askenaizer, Kendra Irene Berentsen, Lourdes Cossich Garcia, Tamar-Tafari Greene, Matthew Joseph Grills, Zhibing Huang, Andrew John Pramuk, Garrett Michael Rubin, Alexander James Turpin, Kristina Francis Moore, Alison Moritz

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 Eugene Astapov, Jennifer Kate Bellor, Aristea Mellos, Rachel Shu Min Seah

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. Regina Frances Compton

Walter Hagen Conducting Prize

Established in 1984 to honor the memory of Walter Hagen; awarded to a student of conducting. Jungho Kim

Howard Hanson Orchestral Prize

Given in honor of Howard Hanson, distinguished composer, conductor, and Director of the Eastman School of Music from 1924 to 1964; awarded in recognition of a student who composes an original and distinguishable orchestral piece. Michael Wallace McMillan

Howard Hanson Ensemble Prize

Given in honor of Howard Hanson, awarded to a student who composes an original and distinguishable ensemble piece. Elizabeth Anne Kelly

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 PhD dissertation. Kimberly Dawn Hannon

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. Matthew Joseph Grills (1st place), Thomas Edward Lehman (2nd place), Ashley Hill (3rd place), Noelle Therese McMurtry (Honorable Mention)

Jessie Kneisel Lieder Prize-Piano

Priscilla Priscilla Yuen (1st place), Timothy M. Burns (2nd place), Se-Hee Jin (3rd place), Robert Aaron McDonald (Honorable Mention)

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. Lisa Marie Gonnella

Sidney MearTrumpet Prize

Given in honor of Sidney Mear; awarded to an outstanding senior trumpet student in addition to honoring all who teach, play and study trumpet. Gerald Joseph Villella, Chad Tyler Goodman

Louis Lane Prize

Named for an Eastman composer and alumnus; awarded to a student who has shown excellence in composition. Gilad Rabinovitch