Barbara M.H. Koenig 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. Koenig's passion for working with singers.
Krutina Vladimirova Stichman

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

Lecture Recital Prize
Recognizes and celebrates DMA/PRP students at Eastman who present exemplary lecture recitals within a given calendar year.
Mei Yin Lin Chang

Alfred Mann Dissertation Award
Established in honor of the distinguished musicologist and professor emeritus at the Eastman School, the Alfred Mann Award recognizes a student in the department of musicology and theory for a dissertation of unusual distinction.
Sybile Angelique Akpoji, Jennifer Marie Rosych

Sidney Mean Trumpet Prize
Given in honor of Sidney Means; awarded to an outstanding senior trumpet student in addition to honoring all who teach, play and study trumpet.
Jonathan Scott Heim

Linda Muse 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.
Katherine Elise Leavens

Robert L. Oppel 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.
Samuel Fong

Ornest Award
Established by Dorothy Ornest (BM ‘43) and Naomi Ornest (BM ‘45) 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.
Spitza Maria Berro, Simone Rose Felderson, Garrett Thomas Olszewski, Andrew John Pavlovich

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.
John S. Liberatore

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

Bernard Rogers Memorial Prize
Established in memory of the renowned Eastman faculty composer; awarded to a worthy composition student selected by the faculty.
Josephson Lee, Lena Christina Niefrugt, Igor Sechi de Arono Sienoni

Raymond and Maxine Schmirer Prize in Jazz Performance
Awarded to a student in the Department of Jazz and Contemporary Media for jazz performance.
Collin Michael Gordon, Benjamin James Thomas

Donald J. Sheffers Prize in Music Education
Established in honor of the distinguished music education faculty member at the Eastman School of Music; awarded to an outstanding music education student.
Adam H. Snelb

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.
Kelly Nicole Kelly, Emily Schmidt Weiss

Glenn Watkins Traveling Fellowship
Established by a distinguished Eastman alumna (PHD ’53); awarded to support dissertation research travel for a doctoral student in Musicology.
Ruben Krishnamurthy

Zellman Scholarship
Funded by the Advocates Zellman Company; awarded to an outstanding percussion student.
Nikolas M. Testollo

Honors and Awards
Eastman School of Music
87th Commencement
Sunday, May 20, 2012, 11:15 a.m.
Robert Wayne Barlow Award for Excellence in Harp Performance
Awarded in memory of the son of Eastman Faculty composer Wayne Barlow; presented to a student judged for excellence in harp performance.
Kristina Elizabeth Faeth

Wayne Brewer Barlow Prize
Awarded to students who have shown excellence in composition.
Stephania Dimen, Jennifer Stepan, Matthew Dye, and Morgan Johnson

Gerald Barnes Award for Excellence in Pipe Organ
Recognizes an exceptionally qualified pipe organ student.
John Albert Manohar

Barlow Award in Accompanying
Established in 1997, the Barlow Award honors accompanying majors who have distinguished themselves at Eastman and show outstanding promise for future success in the profession.
Kristen Vladimirova Stidman

Andrew J. Boggiati Memorial Prize in Bassoon
Established to commemorate the life and musical contributions of a talented young Eastman student; awarded to a deserving undergraduate or graduate bassoon student.
Jessica Margaret Woodbridge

John Celenzano Award for Excellence in Chamber Music
Established to celebrate the outstanding contributions of Professor Emeritus John Celenzano; honors students who have demonstrated exceptional achievement in the study and performance of chamber music.
David Alexander Gonzales, Kenneth Song, Bram Leu, Markiyth Mykhychenko, Samuel Kang

Henry Cobos Endowed Piano Prize
Established to commemorate the memory of the life and musical contributions of a talented Eastman Grad and ex-graduate; honors students who have demonstrated exceptional achievement in the study and performance of piano.
Yi-Tong Chen

Dr. James B. Cochran Endowed Organ Prize
Established by the Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church to honor the life’s work of Eastman alumnus James Cochran; awarded to an exceptional Eastman School of Music organ student.
Margaret Felice Harper

Anne T. Cummings 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.
Shanzen Zhang, Alexander James Tarpo

Anthony and Carolyn Donato Prize
Awarded biannually for the composition of a sonata for violin and piano at the Eastman School of Music.
Matthew Stephen Barlow, Thomas Salvatore D’Addario

C. Eschenbach Award
Awarded to an accompanying major who has distinguished him- or herself in concert with a singer colleague.
Kristin Agnes Ulrich

Excellence in Accompanying Award
Recognizes students who have particularly distinguished themselves through their work as collaborative pianists.
Toddy King, Timothy M. Burns, Ming-Ching Wu

Renee Fleming Award
Given in honor of the world renowned, local native and Eastman School graduate; awarded to an exceptional soprano, graduate or undergraduate.

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.
Rob Walker

Friends of Eastman Opera Voice Competition Prizes
Funded by the Friends of Eastman Opera, an organization which supports students, programs, and productions of the Eastman Opera Theatre.
Lynne Clarke Vocal Prize
Established to honor the memory of Lynne Clarke; awarded to a vocalist who shows outstanding talent and musicality through his or her first prize performance in the Friends of Eastman Opera Voice Competition.
Hue-Ni Chang

Annabel Muenster Vocal Prize
Established to honor the memory of Annabel Muenster; awarded to the second prize performance in the Friends of Eastman Opera Voice Competition.

Third-Place Vocal Prize

Friends of Eastman Opera Student Opportunity Awards
Established by the Friends of Eastman Opera to assist voice students with extra-curricular opportunities that may enhance their development as vocalists.
Anthony Charles Barlow, Nadea Irene Bowman, Joshua Alain Brandl, Zachary Brandon Burgess, Sophia Marie Burgess, Lindsay Canis, Mattie Allison Craig, KariNEGponsors, Jennifer Jane Pope, Anna Henson, the Cameron Kissing, Marie Jeanne Lacey, Thomas Edward Aitcheson IV, Jason Aron Merriweather, Gabriel Randal Miller, Allison Kay Murray, Garrett Thomas O’Byrne, Caroline Marie O’Dwyer, Andrew John Pransky, Alexander James Tarpo, Melissa Young Ziguier

Selle S. Gittelman Award
Established in memory of Selle Gittelman and the contributions she made to the artistic life of Rochester; presented to a student whose compositions have been declared worthy of recognition.
Daniel Joseph Beerman, Jason Vincent Shaye Buchanan, Joshua Andrew Hey, John S. Liberator

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.
Emma Rebecca McConnell

Walter Hagen Conducting Prize
Established in 1964 to honor the memory of Walter H. Hagen; awarded to a student of conducting.
Chengyong Cao, Gregory Nicholas Gardner Pope

Howard Hanson Ensemble Prize
Given in honor of Howard Hanson, awarded to a student who composes an original and distinguishable ensemble piece.
Danyale Lee

Howard Hanson Orchestral Prize
Given in honor of Howard Hanson, distinguished composer, conductor, and Director of the Eastman School of Music from 1914 to 1964; awarded in recognition of a student who composes an original and distinguishable orchestral piece.
Jennifer Kate Beller

Glenn and Frances Harris Cello Prize
Established in 2014, the Glenn and Frances Harris Cello Prize recognizes one or more students who have distinguished themselves in cello performance.
Mia Sae, Ji Ji Silva, Jolana Cella

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.
Amy Elizabeth Kinner

Jesse Kneefel Lieder Prize
Established in memory of a distinguished Eastman professor of German; awarded to the winners of the annual Jesse Kneefel Lieder Competition in German Lieder.
Thomas Edward Lehman IV, Andrew John Pransky, Matthew Craig, Phillip Miller, Joseph Jordan Riggs, Matthew Craig, Erin Koons-Hensley, Beth Cameron Kissing, Marie Jeanne Lacey, Thomas Edward Aitcheson IV, Jason Aron Merriweather, Gabriel Randal Miller, Allison Kay Murray, Garrett Thomas O’Byrne, Caroline Marie O’Dwyer, Andrew John Pransky, Alexander James Tarpo, Melissa Young Ziguier

Jesse Kneefel Lieder Prize-Piano
Joseph Steven Tarango, Peter Pelkina (second prize), Kristin Ethelmon Jostbohm (third prize), Ming-Ching Wu (honorable mention)