

**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.

*Ksenia Vladimirovna Stichman*

**LOUIS LANE AWARD**

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

*Edo Frenkel*

**LECTURE RECITAL PRIZE**

Recognizes and celebrates DMA/PRL students at Eastman who present exemplary lecture recitals within a given calendar year.

*Man Yui Kitty Cheung*

**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 or theory for a dissertation of unusual distinction.

*Sylvia Angelique Alajaji, Jennifer Marie Ronyak*

**SIDNEY MEAR TRUMPET 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.

*Jonathan Scott Heim*

**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.

*Katherine Elise Lemmon*

**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.

*Samuel Pang*

**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.

*Sophia Marie Burgos, Sophia Rose Feddersen,  
Garrett Thomas Obrycki, Andrew John Pramuk*

**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.

*Alec Cameron Kissinger*

**BERNARD ROGERS MEMORIAL PRIZE**

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

*Joungbum Lee, Lena Christine Nietfeld, Igor Seiti de Araujo Santos*

**RAYMOND AND MAXINE SCHIRMER PRIZE IN JAZZ PERFORMANCE**

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

*Colin Michael Gordon, Benjamin James Thomas*

**DONALD J. SHETLER 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.

*Alden H. Snell II*

**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 Kasle, Emily Schmitt Wozniak*

**GLENN WATKINS TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP**

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

*Rohan Krishnamurthy*

**ZILDJIAN SCHOLARSHIP**

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

*Nicholas M. Tariello*



# 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**

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.  
*Stylianos Dimou, Baljinder Singh Sekhon II*

**GERALD BARNES AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PIPE ORGAN**

Recognizes an exceptionally qualified pipe organ student.  
*John Albert Morabito*

**BARR AWARD IN ACCOMPANYING**

Established in 1997, the Barr Award honors graduating  
accompanying majors who have distinguished themselves at Eastman  
and show outstanding promise for future success in the profession.  
*Ksenia Vladimirovna Stichman*

**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.  
*Jessica Margaret Wooldridge*

**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.  
*David Alexander Gonzalez, Kenneth Seung-Beom Lee,  
Markiyan Melnychenko, Samuel Pang*

**HENRY COBOS ENDOWED PIANO PRIZE**

Established to commemorate the memory of the life and musical contributions  
of a talented Eastman Graduate and ex-emeritus; honors students who have  
demonstrated exceptional achievement in the study and performance of piano.  
*Yi-Yang Chen*

**DR. JAMES B. COCHRAN ENDOWED ORGAN PRIZE**

Established by the Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church to honor the life's work of  
Eastman graduate James Cochran; awarded to an exceptional Eastman School  
of Music organ student.  
*Margaret Helene Harper*

**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.  
*Shichao Zhang, Alexander James Turpin*

**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 Barber, Thomas Salvatore Dougherty*

**C. ESCHENBACH AWARD**

Awarded to an accompanying major who has distinguished  
him- or herself in concert with a singer colleague  
*Kristin Alynn Ditlow*

**EXCELLENCE IN ACCOMPANYING AWARD**

Recognizes students who have particularly distinguished themselves through  
their work as collaborative pianists.  
*Taehee Kim, Timothy M. Burns, Ming-Ching Wu*

**RENÉE FLEMING AWARD**

Given in honor of the world-renowned, local native and Eastman School  
graduate; awarded to an exceptional soprano, graduate or undergraduate.  
*Elizabeth Anne Smith*

**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.  
*Roban Krishnamurthy*

**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 recognize a vocalist who shows outstanding talent  
and musicality through his or her first-prize performance  
in the Friends of Eastman Opera Voice Competition.  
*Hsin-Mei Chang*

**ANNABEL MUENTER VOCAL PRIZE**

Established to honor the memory of Annabel Muentner;  
awarded to the second-prize performance in the  
Friends of Eastman Opera Voice Competition.  
*Elizabeth Anne Smith*

**THIRD-PLACE VOCAL PRIZE**

*Matthew J. Grills*

**FRIENDS OF EASTMAN OPERA STUDENT OPPORTUNITY AWARDS**

Established by the Friends of Eastman Opera to assist voice students  
with extracurricular opportunities that may enhance  
their development as vocalists.

*Anthony Charles Baron, Kendra Irene Berentsen, Joshua Alain Bouillon,  
Zachary Benton Burgess, Sophia Marie Burgos, Lourdes Cossich, Kara Allison  
Cregin, Melissa Javier Fajardo, Matthew J. Grills, Emma Marie Henry, Alec  
Cameron Kissinger, Maria Evans Lacey, Thomas Edward Lehman IV, Ivana  
Sara Martinic-Jercic, Caroline Bassett Miller, Alison Kay Moritz, Garrett  
Thomas Obrycki, Caroline Marie O'Dwyer, Andrew John Pramuk, Alexander  
James Turpin, Melissa Yung Zgouridi*

**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.  
*Daniel Jacob Brotzman, Jason Vincent Thorpe Buchanan,  
Joshua Andrew Hey, John S. Liberatore*

**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 1984 to honor the memory of Walter Hagen;  
awarded to a student of conducting.  
*Conner Gray Covington, Geoffrey Nicholas Gardiner Pope*

**HOWARD HANSON ENSEMBLE PRIZE**

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

**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.  
*Jennifer Kate Bellor*

**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.  
*Myo ah Seo, Ji In Shin, Miles Cole*

**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 Elise Kintner*

**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.  
*Thomas Edward Lehman IV,  
Andrew John Pramuk (second prize), Elizabeth Anne Smith (third prize),  
Zbing Huang (honorable mention)*

**JESSIE KNEISEL LIEDER PRIZE—PIANO**

*Joseph Steven Yungen,  
Peter Pal Klimo (second prize), Ksenia Vladimirovna Stichmann (third prize),  
Ming Ching Wu (honorable mention)*