

#### **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.

*Jacinda Kathryn Ripley*

#### **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.

*Tanatchaya Chanphanitpornkit*

#### **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.

*David J. Heid*

#### **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.

*Lucas Alexander Goodman*

#### **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.

*Emily Helenbrook, Katherine Louise Koester,  
David Sean McNeeley, Laura Corina Sanders*

#### **TALLON STERLING PERKES FLUTE PRIZE**

Established in memory of Tallon Sterling Perkes (BM '84); awarded to students who have demonstrated exceptional achievement in the study of flute.

*Zachary Thomas Sheets*

#### **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.

*Aristéa Mellos*

#### **THE PRESSER FOUNDATION UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

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

*Colleen Darragh Bernstein*

#### **BERNARD ROGERS MEMORIAL PRIZE**

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

*Joseph Anthony Bellissimo, Justin Paul Jaramillo,  
Anh Dang Minh Vu, Jon Lin Chua*

#### **RAYMOND AND MAXINE SCHIRMER PRIZE IN JAZZ COMPOSITION**

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

*Gabriel Luke Condon*

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

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

*David Earl Detweiler*

#### **PETER SALAFF PRIZE**

Established to honor the Eastman alumnus, faculty violinist, and founding member of the Cleveland Quartet; awarded to a graduating senior violinist, violist, cellist, or pianist who exemplifies the beloved and rare combination of outstanding artist, collaborator, and passionate humanitarian that characterizes Peter Salaff.

*Ji-Yeon Lee*

#### **MILTON SCHLESINGER PERCUSSION PRIZE**

Established to honor the legacy and remarkable career of Milton Schlesinger, a percussionist pioneer of early radio, theatre, and television; awarded to students who have demonstrated exceptional achievement in the study of percussion.

*Brant Richard Blackard*

#### **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.

*Josef Michael Hanson*

#### **BARBARA B. SMITH GAMELAN PRIZE**

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

*Daniel Kosakoff Kohane*

#### **GLENN WATKINS TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP**

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

*Jacek Blaszkiwicz*

#### **STEVE WITSER MEMORIAL PRIZE**

Established by friends and family to honor the memory of trombonist Steve Witser (BM '81); awarded to one or more outstanding trombone students.

*Joshua Aaron Becker, Paul Joseph Seib, Austin Reid Richardson*

#### **RAY WRIGHT PRIZE**

Established by alumni to honor the legacy of their teacher and mentor, Rayburn Wright, legendary composer, arranger, conductor, and professor of jazz studies and contemporary media at the Eastman School of Music (1970 to 1990), the Ray Wright Prize is awarded to students in the Eastman jazz program who embody Ray's spirit of artistry, dedication, versatility and entrepreneurship.

*Brendan Adair Lanighan*



# HONORS and AWARDS

Eastman School of Music  
90th Commencement  
Sunday, May 17, 2015, 11:15 a.m.

#### 2015 TEACHING ASSISTANT PRIZES

Awarded to students who distinguish themselves for teaching excellence.  
*Sarah Elizabeth Fuchs Sampson, Joseph Chi-Sing Siu, Jungeyun Choi, Joseph Maxwell Grube, Nils Haugen Klykken, Yoshiko Arahata*

#### 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.  
*Anna Dunlap*

#### WAYNE BREWSTER BARLOW PRIZE

Awarded to students who have shown excellence in composition.  
*Daniel Raymond Pesca, David Clay Mettens*

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

Recognizes an exceptionally qualified pipe organ student.  
*Karl John Robson*

#### 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.  
*Matthew Martin Gregoire*

#### 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.  
*Matthew Stephen Amedio, Chan Song An, Myles Jacob Boothroyd, YiuTing Chik, Luke Mackenzie Eckhoff, Timothy Garth Harris, Ji In Shin, Jonathan Wintringham*

#### HENRY COBOS 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.  
*Hanbo Ma*

#### DR. JAMES B. COCHRAN ORGAN PRIZE

Established by the Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church (Naples, FL) to honor the life's work of Eastman graduate James Cochran; awarded to an exceptional Eastman School of Music organ student.  
*Thomas Edwin Gaynor*

#### 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.  
*Carly Jessica Gordon*

#### EXCELLENCE IN ACCOMPANYING AWARD

Recognizes students who have particularly distinguished themselves through their work as collaborative pianists.  
*Florence Ah Yan Mak, Edith Widayani, Wei-Han Wu*

#### 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.  
*Jacek Blaszkiewicz, Sarah Elizabeth Fuchs Sampson*

#### 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.  
*Evelyn Saavedra*

#### 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.  
*Keely LeCocq Chichester Futterer*

#### THIRD PLACE VOCAL PRIZE

*Samuel Isaac Grosby*

#### HONORABLE MENTION VOCAL PRIZE

*Matthew Robert Swensen*

#### 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.  
*Emilyn Elizabeth Badgley, Anthony Charles Baron, Aaron Bigeleisen, Daniela Maria Camilleri, Lourdes Cossich, Jordan Stoller Costa, Kara Allison Cregin, Sara De Franco, Kaley Marie Harman, Jonathan Arthur Heller, Katherine Louise Koester, Hee Yun Lee, Kimberly Anne Merrill, Cody Lewis Muller, Ariel Nachtigal, Celeste Lenore Pellegrino, Matthew Robert Swensen, Isaac Edward Wenger, Migne Zaliukaite, 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.  
*Ching-Shan Chang, Evan C. Henry, Michael Anthony Frazier, Zachary Thomas Sheets*

#### 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.  
*Alexis Ann VanZalen*

#### WALTER HAGEN CONDUCTING PRIZE

Established in 1984 to honor the memory of Walter Hagen; awarded to a student of conducting.  
*Boon Hua Lien*

#### HOWARD HANSON ENSEMBLE PRIZE

Given in honor of Howard Hanson; awarded to a student who composes an original and distinguishable ensemble piece.  
*Aristéa Mellos*

#### 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.  
*Nikolas Allen*

#### 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.  
*Dustin Sangchul Seo, Sohyeon Park*

#### 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.  
*Eric Michael Lubarsky*

#### 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.  
*First Place: Matthew Robert Swensen; Second Place: Alan Wayne Cline; Third Place: Candice Chung; Honorable Mention: Alicia Anne Elisabeth Ault*

#### JESSIE KNEISEL LIEDER PRIZE—PIANO

*Ann C. Fehn Memorial Award: An-Wan Chen; Second Place: Christopher Lynn Reed; Third Place: Kaeul Kim; Honorable Mention: Yewon Jeong*

#### 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.  
*Christopher Lynn Reed*

#### LOUIS LANE PRIZE

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

#### LECTURE RECITAL PRIZE

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

#### 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.  
*Joan Campbell Huguet*