2016 TEACHING ASSISTANT PRIZES
Awarded to students who distinguish themselves for teaching excellence.
Feldman, Rachel Bone; Burger, Saffiyah; Brown, Emily; Yang, Alice; Chen, An Wan; Chen, Zeng; Richards, Alexander; Liu, Kevin Michael; Holzman, Reilly Pascal; Spitzfaden, Tyler Wayne

ROBERT WAYNE BARLOW AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN HARP PERFORMANCE
Named for the son of Eastman faculty composer Wayne Barlow; presented to a student judged for excellence in harp performance.
An Wan Liu

WAYNE BREWSTER BARLOW PRIZE
Awarded to students who have shown excellence in composition.
Nicholas Lee Merandt, Zachary Thomas Shih

GERALD BARNES AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN PIPE ORGAN
Recognizes exceptionally qualified pipe organ students.
Gerald Barnes

ANDREW J. BOGIAGES MEMORIAL PRIZE IN BASSOON
Established to commemorate the life and musical contributions of a talented Eastman graduate; awarded to a deserving undergraduate or graduate bassoon student.
Andrew J. Bogiages

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.
Lucas James Batten, Stephen Patrick Cannistraci, Aaron James Eckert, John Celentano, Lucas James Batten, Stephen Patrick Cannistraci

HENRY CORO S. PIANO PRIZE
Established to commemorate the memory of the life and musical contributions of a talented Eastman graduate and ecumenist; honors students who have demonstrated exceptional achievement in the study and performance of piano.
Alicia Chang

DR. JAMES B. COCHRAN ORGAN PRIZE
Established by the Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church [Naples, FL] to honor the life’s work of Eastman organist, organ and music theory professor James Cochran (MM 87, DMA 91); awarded to an exceptional Eastman School of Music organ student.
James Michael Sullivan

ANNE T. CUMMINS PRIZE
Established as a memorial scholarship to honor and remember Anne T. Cummins, the Administrator of the Eastman School of Music; recognizes the achievements of an outstanding undergraduate vocal major.
Ann T. Cummins

ANTHONY AND CAROLYN DONATO PRIZE
The Anthony and Carolyn Donato Prize is awarded biennially to recognize exceptionally qualified students who show outstanding potential in the study and performance of chamber music.
Anthony and Carolyn Donato

EXCELLENCE IN ACCOMPANYING AWARD
Recognizes students who have particularly distinguished themselves through their work as collaborative pianists.
An Wan Chen, Kurt Eric Galván, Christopher Reginald Kayler, Edith Widajanti

CHARLES WARREN FOX AWARD
Established in memory of the distinguished musicologist and former Eastman School of Music professor; presented to a graduating musicology student in recognition of a special academic accomplishment.
Naomi Gregory

FRIENDS OF EASTMAN OPERA VOICE COMPETITION PRIZES
Established 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 vocal student who shows outstanding talent and musicality through his or her first prize performance in the Friends of Eastman Opera Voice Competition.

ANNABEL MUEINTER VOCAL PRIZE
Established to honor the memory of Annabel Mueinter; awarded to the second prize performance in the Friends of Eastman Opera Voice Competition.
Joyce Loretta Ringel

THIRD PLACE VOCAL PRIZE

HONORABLE MENTION VOCAL 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.

BELLE S. GITELMAN AWARD
Established in memory of Belle Gitelman and the contributions she made to the Eastman School of Music; recognizes the achievements of an outstanding undergraduate student.

JERALD C. GRAUE FELLOWSHIP
Recognizes and celebrates DMA/PRL students at Eastman who present exemplary lecture recitals within a given calendar year.
James Michael Sullivan

WALTER HAGEN CONDUCTING PRIZE
Established in 1974 to honor the memory of Walter Hagen, a conductor, and a student of the composition of the late Walter Hagen.
Kevin Michael Holzman

HOWARD HANSON ORCHESTRAL PRIZE
Given in honor of Howard Hanson, distinguished composer, conductor, and Director of the Eastman School of Music from 1933 to 1974; awarded in recognition of a student who composes an original and distinguishable orchestral piece.
Reilly Pascal Spitzfaden

HOWARD HANSON ENSEMBLE PRIZE
Given in honor of Howard Hanson, an organization which supports an original and distinguishable ensemble piece.

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.

ELSA T. JOHNSON FELLOWSHIP
Awarded to a deserving undergraduate vocal student, in order to make it possible for that student to devote his or her time to the writing of the PhD dissertation.
Lauren Jakubik Kebler

JESSE KNISEL LIEBER 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: Paulina Lopinski Swierciecki; Second Place: Nicholas Robert Huff; Third Place: Emily Ann Helenbrook

JESSE KNISEL LIEBER PRIZE—PIANO
Ann C. Felsen Memorial Award: Rosanna Marie Egg; Second Place: Kurt Eric Galván; Third Place: Edward Russell Rethmel; Honorable Mention: Jeremy Figl

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 whose work is distinguished by passion for working with singers.

LOUIS LANE PRIZE
Named for an Eastman composer and alumnus; awarded to a student who has shown excellence in composition.
Jon Lin Chua

LECTURE RECITAL PRIZE
Recognizes and celebrates DMA/PRL students at Eastman who present exemplary lecture recitals within a given calendar year.
James Michael Sullivan
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.  
Anne Marie Weaver

SINDEY 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.  
Bailey Alexander Pangb

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.  
Garret Michael Reynolds

NEW VENTURE CHALLENGE PRIZE  
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.  
First Prize: Cora Swenson Lee  
Second Prize: Max Taylor Kanowitz

ROBERT L. OPPETT 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.  
Sergio Ignacio Munoz Leiva

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.  
Brent Robert Doucette, Hailey Rose McAvoy, Teresa Catherine Perrotta, Alicia Rose Rosser

TALLON STERLING PERKES FLUTE PRIZE  
Established in memory of Talon Sterling Perkes (BM ’84); awarded to students who have demonstrated exceptional achievement in the study of flute.  
Chun Sum Wong

BERNARD ROGERS MEMORIAL PRIZE  
Established in memory of the renowned Eastman faculty composer; awarded to worthy composition students selected by the faculty.  
Justin Jaramillo, Daniel Raymond Pica, Alex Edward Stephenson

RAYMOND AND MAXINE SCHIRMER PRIZE IN JAZZ COMPOSITION  
Awarded to a student in the Department of Jazz and Contemporary Media for jazz composition.  
Chace Ellison

RAYMOND AND MAXINE SCHIRMER PRIZE IN JAZZ PERFORMANCE  
Awarded to a student in the Department of Jazz and Contemporary Media.  
Aaron James Ecker

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

MILTON SCHLESINGER PERCUSSION PRIZE  
Established in honor of the legacy and remarkable career of Milton Schlesinger, a percussionist pioneer of early radio, theater, and television; awarded to students who have demonstrated exceptional achievement in the study of percussion.  
Erin Graham

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.  
Katherine Klauser

GLENN WATKINS TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP  
Established by a distinguished Eastman alumnus (PhD ’52); awarded to support dissertation research travel for a doctoral student in musicology.  
Laura-Feder Igboho, Megan Ann Stierverdu

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.  
Timothy Fox Taylor

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.  
Michael David Peraza, Jollian Koi Tanaka

THE PRESSER MUSIC AWARD  
Funded by a grant from the Presser Foundation; awarded to a student in recognition of outstanding achievement in music.  
Sergio Ignacio Munoz Leiva

THE PRESSER FOUNDATION UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP  
Funded by a grant from the Presser Foundation; awarded to an undergraduate music student in recognition of outstanding achievement.  
Jen Lin Chua

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