

2016 TEACHING ASSISTANT PRIZES

Awarded to students who distinguish themselves for teaching excellence.

Daniel Ross Baer, Benjamin Stewart Baker, Myles Jacob Boothroyd, Peter Johnson Folliard, Aaron Benjamin Grant, Megan Ann Steigerwald, Meng Zhou

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.

Dai-An Liu

WAYNE BREWSTER BARLOW PRIZE

Awarded to students who have shown excellence in composition.

Nicholas Lee Morandi, Zachary Thomas Sheets

GERALD BARNES AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PIPE ORGAN

Recognizes exceptionally qualified pipe organ students.

Brian Vincent Glikes, Jeremy Paul Jelinek

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 undergraduate or graduate bassoon student.

Ivy Loretta Ringel

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 Button, Stephen Patrick Cannistraci, Aaron James Eckert, Jillian Christine Hohn, Thea Emma Humphries, Sho Andrew Kato, Ji-Yeon Lee, Sammy Lesnick, Sergio Ignacio Muñoz Leiva, Andrew Martin Luther Payton, Ivy Loretta Ringel, Wendy Wan Ni Toh, William Bruce Wortley

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.

Alison Chiang

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 (MM '80, DMA '91); awarded to an exceptional Eastman School of Music organ student.

Karl John Robson

ANNE T. CUMMINS PRIZE

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

Rose Elizabeth Hegele

ANTHONY AND CAROLYN DONATO PRIZE

The Anthony and Carolyn Donato Prize is awarded biennially for the composition of a sonata for violin and piano.

Michael Anthony Frazier, Diana Rosenblum

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 Widayani

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.

Naomi Gregory

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.

Keely LeCocq Chichester Futterer

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.

Emily Ann Helenbrook

THIRD PLACE VOCAL PRIZE

Alan W Cline

HONORABLE MENTION VOCAL PRIZE

Emily Rose Siar

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.

Elizbeth Willa Barnes, Anthony Charles Baron, Nathaniel Barak Bear, Addie Rose Brown, Liliana Natalie Buickians, Daniela Maria Camilleri, Sara De Franco, Brent Robert Doucette, Keely LeCocq Chichester Futterer, Katarina Galagaza, Kurt Eric Galván, Megan Nicole Graves, Emily Ann Helenbrook, Keith Chamberlain Klein, Ariana Rose Jen-Jen Maubach, Hailey Rose McAvoy, John V. Meyer, Arielle Nachtigal, Anders Jacob Namestnik, Caroline Kathleen Nielson, Galen Louise Otten, Sun-Ly Pierce, Charles Edwin Sciascia, Emily Rose Siar, Robin Lyn Steitz, Yvonne Trobe, Natalie Diane Vatcher, Migle Zaliukaite

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, Anh Dang Minh Vu, Aristéa Mellos, Yucong Wang

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.

Gabrielle Eraca Cornish, Christopher Reginald Kayler

WALTER HAGEN CONDUCTING PRIZE

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

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 1924 to 1964; 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; awarded to a student who composes an original and distinguishable ensemble piece.

Tyler Wayne Taylor

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.

Mario Bastea-Forte, Amanda Skye Laborete

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.

Lauron Jockwig Kehrler

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: Paulina Lopinski Świerczek; Second Place: Nicholas Robert Huff; Third Place: Emily Ann Helenbrook; Honorable Mention: Emma Ruth Ritter*

JESSIE KNEISEL LIEDER PRIZE—PIANO

Ann C. Febn Memorial Award: Rosanna Marie Egge; Second Place: Kurt Eric Galván; Third Place: Edward Russell Rothmel; Honorable Mention: Jeremy Vigil

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.

Edward Russell Rothmel

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

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.

Bailey Alexandra Paugh

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. 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.

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

Chun Sum Wong

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.

Samuel Alan Bivens

THE PRESSER FOUNDATION UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

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

Jon Lin Chua

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 Pesca, 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.

Chase Ellison

RAYMOND AND MAXINE SCHIRMER PRIZE IN JAZZ PERFORMANCE

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

Aaron James Eckert

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.

Yiqiu Chen

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.

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.

Heather Klossner

GLENN WATKINS TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP

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

Lauron Jockwig Kehrer, Megan Ann Steigerwald

STEVE WITSER MEMORIAL PRIZE

Established by friends and family to honor the memory of trombonist Steve Witsler (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 Forfia, Julian Kei Tanaka



HONORS and AWARDS

Eastman School of Music
91st Commencement
Sunday, May 15, 2016, 11:15 a.m.