

2017 TEACHING ASSISTANT PRIZES

Awarded to students who distinguish themselves for teaching excellence.
Emily Kathryn Dobmeier, Amy Lauren Fleming, Molly Ann Murdock, Trevor Nelson, Sarah Ashcroft Vandenbrink, Jonathan Wintringham

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.
Elizabeth Morgan Ojeda

WAYNE BREWSTER BARLOW PRIZE

Awarded to students who have shown excellence in composition.
Nikolas Allen, Jon Lin Chua, Miles Jefferson Friday, Nicholas Lee Morandi, Diana Rosenblum

GERALD BARNES AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PIPE ORGAN

Recognizes exceptionally qualified pipe organ students.
Daniel Chang, Benjamin David Henderson, Jiaqi Shao

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.
Amelia Morgan del Caño

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.
Devin J. Camp, Harrison Edward Clarke, Erik Jarl Elmgren, Helio Moraes De Goes, Tanner Andrew Jackson, Gabriel Lamar Pique, William Evan Ritter, Nicki Roman, Tyler Mitchell Simms, Liam Watson Wilt, Brandon Kayne Xu

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.
Daniel Ross Baer

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.
Hailey Rose McAvoy

EXCELLENCE IN ACCOMPANYING AWARD

Recognizes students who have particularly distinguished themselves through their work as collaborative pianists.
Gloria Engle, Kurt Eric Galván, Jeremy Dathan Vigil

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.
Gabrielle Eraca Cornish

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.
Laura Corina Dating Sanders

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.
Liliana Natalie Buickians

THIRD PLACE VOCAL PRIZE

Robin Steitz

HONORABLE MENTION VOCAL PRIZE

Emma Ruth Ritter

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.
Nathaniel Barak Bear, Achilles Leonidas Bezanis, Kevin Bryant, Maire Therese Carmack, Hugo Christensen-Diehl, Ashley Lauren Cooley, Keely L.C.C. Futterer, Kameron Ghanavati, Christiana Clare Goslin, Megan Nicole Graves, Nicholas Robert Huff, Marcus Edward Jefferson, Joanna H. Kim, Keith Chamberlain Klein, Hailey Rose McAvoy, Tsz Wai Mok, Caroline Kathleen Nielson, Galen Louise Otten, Gwyneth Anne Paker, Judith Ariane Prenzlow, Jane Ellen Robertson, Laura Corina Dating Sanders, Robin Steitz, Yvonne Zora Trobe, Miglė Žaliukaite-Limantas

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.

Christopher Elon Chandler, Reilly Pascal Spitzfaden, Alex Edward Stephenson

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

WALTER HAGEN CONDUCTING PRIZE

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

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.
Daniel Hansen

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.
Eunji Kang

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.
Jacek Blaszkievicz

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: Robin Steitz; Second Place: Hannah Salome Harrow; Third Place: Emma Ruth Ritter

JESSIE KNEISEL LIEDER PRIZE—PIANO

Ann C. Febn Memorial Award: Christopher Reginald Kayler; Second Place: Edward Russell Rothmel; Third Place: George Warren

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.
Jeremy Dathan Vigil

LOUIS LANE PRIZE

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

LECTURE RECITAL PRIZE

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

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.
Dean Allen Mendes Oaks

LINDA MUISE STUDENT LIFE AWARD

Established in honor of Eastman's former 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.
Carley Ann Campbell

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.
Benjamin Scott Magruder, Neil Alexander Miller

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.
Nicole Minielli

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 John Osinski

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.
Derek K. Remeš

THE PRESSER FOUNDATION UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

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

BERNARD ROGERS MEMORIAL PRIZE

Established in memory of the renowned Eastman faculty composer; awarded to worthy composition students selected by the faculty.
Joseph Anthony Bellissimo, Michael Anthony Frazier, Yucong Wang, Yan Yue

PETER SALAFF PRIZE

Established to honor the Eastman alumnus, faculty violinist, and founding member of the Cleveland Quartet; awarded to graduating senior chamber music students who exemplify the beloved and rare combination of outstanding artist, collaborator, and passionate humanitarian that characterizes Peter Salaff.
Amelia Morgan del Caño, Katelyn Caroline Fridmann, Naomi Beth Harrow, Elliot Samuel Lichtenberg, Daniel Joseph Mills

RAYMOND AND MAXINE SCHIRMER PRIZE IN JAZZ COMPOSITION

Awarded to a student in the Department of Jazz and Contemporary Media for jazz composition.
Jonathan Samuel Rarick

RAYMOND AND MAXINE SCHIRMER PRIZE IN JAZZ PERFORMANCE

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

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.
Stella Koss Perlic

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.
Matthew Doiron

GLENN WATKINS TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP

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

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.
Tyler Mitchell Simms

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.
Christian David Crawford, Luke Angelo Norris



HONORS and AWARDS

Eastman School of Music
92nd Commencement
Sunday, May 21, 2017, 11:15 a.m.