

2018 TEACHING ASSISTANT PRIZES

Awarded to students who distinguish themselves for teaching excellence.
Gabrielle Eraca Cornish, Hannah Salome Harrow, Samuel Reenan, Nicki Roman, Garrett Nicholas Wellenstein

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 Marie Lenbert

WAYNE BREWSTER BARLOW PRIZE

Awarded to students who have shown excellence in composition.
Sean William Calhoun, Diana Rosenblum, Haotian Yu

GERALD BARNES AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PIPE ORGAN

Recognizes exceptionally qualified pipe organ students.
Wai Leong Ryan Chan

BARR AWARD IN ACCOMPANYING

The Barr Award in Accompanying provides an annual prize for up to three qualified students who are receiving either the Master of Music or Doctor of Musical Arts degrees in Piano Accompanying and Chamber Music at the Eastman School of Music, based upon the students' excellence of their collaborative performances and their potential for success in the field of collaborative pianism.
Kurt Eric Galván, Christopher Reginald Kayler, Jeong-Eun Lee

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.
Debra Lob

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 Joseph Camp, Anna Marguerite Leunis, 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.
Edith Widayani

DR. JAMES B. COCHRAN ENDOWED ORGAN PRIZE

The James B. Cochran Organ Prize fund was established to honor the life's work of Eastman graduate James Cochran '80E (MM), '92E (DMA) and given by Dr. Cochran and Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Martin. Dr. Cochran received Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees in Organ Performance and Literature from the Eastman School of Music. He has been Director of Music and Organist at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church for more than 25 years.
Malcolm Matthews

ANNE T. CUMMINS PRIZE

Established in memory of a well-loved professor of French who taught at the Eastman School of Music from 1924 to 1966; awarded to graduating seniors who have distinguished him-or herself in humanities classes.
Christian Mark Birkness, Laura Kristina Hundert

EXCELLENCE IN ACCOMPANYING AWARD

Recognizes students who have particularly distinguished themselves through their work as collaborative pianists.
Nathan Heng-chi Cheung, Mei-En Chou, Lorenzo Bueno Medel, Corey Silberstein

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.
Mariya Vasilevskaya

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.
Maire Therese Carmack

THIRD PLACE VOCAL PRIZE

Tsz Wai Mok

HONORABLE MENTION VOCAL PRIZE

Brianna Jashai Robinson

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.

Summer 2017: *Nathaniel Barak Bear, Achilles Leonidas Bezanis, Kevin Donald Bryant, Maire Therese Carmack, Hugo Christensen-Diehl, Ashley Lauren Cooley, Christiana Clare Goslin, Megan Nicole Graves, Marcus Edward Jefferson, Joanna H. Kim, Keith Chamberlain Klein, Tsz Wai Mok, Galen Louise Otten, Judith Ariane Prenzlow, Jane Ellen Robertson*

Fall 2017: *Veena Woeh Akama-Makia, Kevin Donald Bryant, Maire Therese Carmack, Nathaniel Allen Catasca, Keely LeCocq Chichester Futterer, Brianna Jashai Robinson*

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.
Noah Litman Kabrs, Reilly Pascal Spitzfaden, Yan Yue

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.
Jane Margaret Sylvester

WALTER HAGEN CONDUCTING PRIZE

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

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.
Michael Anthony Frazier

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.
Adrienne Polly Hyde

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.
Alexis Ann VanZalen

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: Tsz Wai Mok; Second Place: Adam Hunter Wells; Third Place: Liliana Natalie Buickians; Honorable Mention: Anders Jacob Namestnik

JESSIE KNEISEL LIEDER PRIZE—PIANO

Ann C. Febn Memorial Award: Ting Laurina Hong; Second Place: Corey Silberstein; Third Place: Gloria Choyoung Engle; Honorable Mention: Yucong Wang

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.
Gloria Choyoung Engle

LOUIS LANE PRIZE

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

Si Hyun Uhm

LECTURE RECITAL PRIZE

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

Wei-Han Wu

ALFRED MANN DISSERTATION AWARD

Established in honor of the distinguished musicologist and professor emeritus at the Eastman School of Music, the Alfred Mann Award recognizes a student in the department of musicology or theory for a dissertation of unusual distinction.

Lauren Jockwig Kehrer

SIDNEY MEAR TRUMPET PRIZE

Given in honor of Sidney Mear; awarded to outstanding senior trumpet students in addition to honoring all who teach, play and study trumpet.

Johnathon Micah Pitts, Matthew Robert Suckling

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.

Kara Elizabeth Miller

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.

Alexander McLaughlin

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 the Eastman School of Music for at least one year, who have shown excellence in academic and musical study and whose performing instrument is voice.

Marcus Edward Jefferson, Jane Ellen Robertson, Kelly Marie Whitesell

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.

Adam Wilson SADBERRY, Yidi Song

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.

Alexis Ann VanZalen

THE PRESSER FOUNDATION UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

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

Matthew Samuel Nedvin

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, Varun Rangaswamy, Daniel John Sawler

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.

William Evan Ritter

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

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

Max Berlin

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

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

Scott Kwiatek

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.

David Yun

GLENN WATKINS TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP

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

Jane Margaret Sylvester

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.

Tanner Andrew Jackson

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.

Max Greenberg, Abraham Sprunger Nouri



HONORS and AWARDS

Eastman School of Music
93rd Commencement
Sunday, May 20, 2018, 11:15 a.m.