



HONORS and AWARDS

Eastman School of Music
96th Commencement
Sunday, May 23, 2021

2021 TEACHING ASSISTANT PRIZES

Awarded to students who distinguish themselves for teaching excellence.

*Pallas Riedler Catenella, Cesar Haas Costa, David James Falterman,
Alexander Kai-yi Lo, Eron Frances Smith, Keane Southard*

EXCELLENCE IN ACCOMPANYING AWARD

Recognizes students who have particularly distinguished themselves through their work as collaborative pianists.

Fantee Jones, Jenny Kirby, Will Shi

WAYNE BREWSTER BARLOW PRIZE

Awarded to students who have shown excellence in composition.

Parker Callister

GERALD BARNES AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PIPE ORGAN

Recognizes exceptionally qualified pipe organ students.

Ryan Chan, Ryan Greene

BARR AWARD IN ACCOMPANYING

The Barr Award in Accompanying was established in 2001 through a gift from Jean Barr to enhance the recipient's professional library of musical scores and recordings and/or to provide opportunities for professional enrichment, such as attendance at summer music institutes/festivals.

Maeve Ruthane Berry

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.

Matthew Boice

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.

*Nathan Heng-chi Cheung, Jonathan Robert Churchett, Ciara Charlesse Hager,
Shirley Hyunjin Kim, Phoebe Kuan*

HENRY COBOS ENDOWED 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.

Peter Klimo

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.

Daniel John Minnick

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 themselves in humanities classes.

Ela Kodzas, Travon Dion Walker

EASTMAN DIVERSITY AWARD

First established in 2018, the Eastman Diversity Award recognizes contributions to the principles and practice of diversity and inclusion made by individuals or groups within the Eastman community. Faculty, staff, and students from the collegiate program and the Eastman Community Music School are eligible to be nominated.

Bri Garcon, Travon Dion Walker

RUNYAN-MONFORT 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.

Pallas Cantella Riedler

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.

Hannah V. Stokes

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.

Edward Bland

THIRD PLACE VOCAL PRIZE

Kira Ilana Kaplan, Sofia Scattarreggia

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.

Charles Christopher Berofsky, Yi-Ning Lo, Zoe 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.

Nick Anderson

WALTER HAGEN CONDUCTING PRIZE

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

Anna Christine Lenti

HOWARD HANSON ENSEMBLE PRIZE

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

Keane Southard

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.

Cheng “Allen” Liang, Macintyre Donnelley Taback

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.

Mary G. McArthur

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: Edward Bland; Second Place: Kyrsten Annika Jones

Third Place: David Robert Wolfe

JESSIE KNEISEL LIEDER PRIZE—PIANO

Established to honor the memory of Ann C. Fehn; awarded to an outstanding pianist who has collaborated with a singer in a performance of German Lieder.

First Place: Brock Jacob Tjosvold

Second Place: Jenny Kirby; Third Place: Delvan David Lin

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.

Chun-Hsin Liu

LOUIS LANE PRIZE

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

Ethan Noah Resnik

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.

Daniel Martin Kuebler

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.

Benjamin Stewart Baker

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.

Giulia Anna Rath

LINDA MUISE STUDENT LIFE AWARD

Established in honor of Eastman's former Assistant Dean for Residential Life; presented to one Eastman School of Music undergraduate student whose contributions to co-curricular life have strengthened community spirit and involvement. Applicants need not be in formal positions of leadership to be considered. Instead, this award recognizes dedication, enthusiasm, collaboration, and leadership traits that help promote and maintain a strong quality of life for all.

Raffi Wright

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.

Aditi Prakash

TAL PERKES FLUTE PRIZE FUND

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

Alexander Jason Day

THE PRESSER MUSIC AWARD (GRADUATE STUDENT)

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.

Kyrsten Annika Jones

THE PRESSER FOUNDATION UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

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

Alex Nick

BERNARD ROGERS MEMORIAL PRIZE

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

Xingyi Chen, Reilly Pascal Spitzfaden, Zihan Wu, Justin Zeitlinger

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.

Jeongwon An, Robert A. Sanders

RAYMOND AND MAXINE SCHIRMER PRIZE IN JAZZ COMPOSITION

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

Jordan Lerner

RAYMOND AND MAXINE SCHIRMER PRIZE IN JAZZ PERFORMANCE

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

Stephen Michael Parisi Jr

MILTON SCHLESINGER PERCUSSION PRIZE

Established in honor of the distinguished music education faculty member
at the Eastman School of Music.

Andrew Gared Laufer

JIM AND JAMIE SELF TUBA AWARD

Awarded to an outstanding tuba student who demonstrates a high level
of performance proficiency and a record of leadership and service to the
school and/or broader community.

Juan Alonso

DONALD J. SHETLER PRIZE IN MUSIC EDUCATION

Established in honor of the distinguished music education faculty member
at the Eastman School of Music.

Alvin Franklin Simpson

GLENN WATKINS TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP

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

Pallas Cantella Riedler

STEVE WITSER MEMORIAL PRIZE

Established by friends and family to honor the memory of trombonist
Steve Witsler '81E; awarded to one or more outstanding trombone students

Jeffrey Randall Dunn, Nolan Michael Hennessey

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.

Joseph Ray Palmer, Jueun Seok