

2023 TEACHING ASSISTANT PRIZES

Awarded to students who distinguish themselves for teaching excellence.
*Miles Fredric Greenberg, Robert Hamilton, Joelle Lachance, Lukas Perry,
Li-Yun (Cindy) Shang, Floris Agnes R Van der Veken, Haeyun Yang*

EXCELLENCE IN ACCOMPANYING AWARD

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

WAYNE BREWSTER BARLOW PRIZE

Awarded to students who have shown excellence in composition
Marlies Carmen Joris Hollevoet, Patrick Holcomb, Zihan Wu

GERALD BARNES AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PIPE ORGAN

Recognizes exceptionally qualified pipe organ students.
Wai Leong Ryan Chan, Alyssa Marie Acero Santos

BARR AWARD IN ACCOMPANYING

Established in 1997, the Barr Award honors graduating Accompanying majors who have distinguished themselves at Eastman and who show outstanding promise for future success in the profession.
Rebecca Alexis Golub, Gregory Scott Smith

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.
Carl Gardner

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.
Gretchen Elaine Berendt, Andrés Filipe Carrero, Jenny Choi, Peter Davies, Zachary Fung, Mateo Patricio Garza, Noah Janowicz, Sean Marron, Belle Mina Ra, Logan Christopher Wadley

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.
Jiaying Chen

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.
Madelin Morales

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.
Trevor Rand Nelson

INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE AWARD

First established in 2018, the Eastman Inclusive Excellence 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.

Alexis Victoria Prescott, Steven Daigle, Jean Pedersen

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.

Sofia Scattarreggia

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.

Ori Marcu

THIRD PLACE VOCAL PRIZE

Alexandra Rose Hotz

HONORABLE MENTION VOCAL PRIZE

Benjamin Krutsch

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.

Bo Huang, Tucker Johnson, Yixuan (Lisa) Ling, Peiwen Zou

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.

Federico Ercoli

WALTER HAGEN CONDUCTING PRIZE

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

Luke Camarillo

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.

Joohyun Baek, Isaac Pagano-Toub

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.

Logan Barrett

HOWARD HANSON ENSEMBLE PRIZE

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

Kate Budde Ragan

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.

Bronwen Kerry McVeigh

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: Megan Brilleslyper

Second Place: Alexandra Rose Hotz

Third Place: Peter Schoellkopf

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.

Ann C. Fehn Memorial Award: Maeve Ruthane Berry

Second Place: Érico Freire Bezerra

Third Place: Gregory Scott Smith

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.

Maeve Ruthane Berry, Érico Freire Bezerra

LOUIS LANE PRIZE

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

Yuanming Gao

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.

Hannah Salome Harrow

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.

Joseph VanderStel

REBECCA MCCORD PIANO SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to students majoring in piano who demonstrate extraordinary musicianship, technical development, balanced repertoire, and successful performances.

Xinyue Yang

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.

Davan Sagara, Samuel Arturo Santiago

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.

Wayne A. Kreml

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.

Lucinda Gelber

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.

Eric Bergeman

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.

Ruixue Hu

THE PRESSER FOUNDATION UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

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

Carly Paris

BERNARD ROGERS MEMORIAL PRIZE

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

Talia Berenbaum, Cory Brodack, Yi-Ning Lo, Ko Muramatsu

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.

Emilie Rose Tupper, Chloe Kathleen Yofan

RAYMOND AND MAXINE SCHIRMER PRIZE IN JAZZ COMPOSITION (OR PERFORMANCE)

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

Dennis Michael Baciuc, Lee Harold Wolf

MILTON SCHLESINGER PERCUSSION PRIZE

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

Kana Funayama, Justin Eric Lamb

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.

Cole Henslee

DONALD J. SHETLER PRIZE IN MUSIC EDUCATION

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

Joseph Martino

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.

Timothy Ogumbiyi

VERDEHR AWARD

Established by Dr. Elsa Ludewig-Verdehr '58E (MM) '64E (DMA) and Dr. Walter Verdehr to enrich audiences through the performance of Verdehr Trio repertoire created for the violin-clarinet-piano trio. Awarded to three students who perform an annual concert of violin-clarinet-piano music consisting of Verdehr Trio commissioned repertoire.

Yip Wai Chow, Ju Young Yi, May Li

GLENN WATKINS TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP

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

Lauren Rebecca Berlin



HONORS and AWARDS

Eastman School of Music
Graduation Ceremony
Saturday, May 13, 2023

We acknowledge with respect the Seneca Nation, known as the "Great Hill People" and "Keepers of the Western Door" of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. We take this opportunity to thank the people whose ancestral lands the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester currently occupies in Rochester, New York.