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THE ROCHESTER, NEW YORK CHAPTER OF
THE LINKS, INCORPORATED SCHOLARSHIP CONCERT

LAUREN EDWARDS, VIOLIN

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Kilbourn Hall

3:30 PM



EASTMAN
SCHOOL OF MUSIC
UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER

PROGRAM ORDER

WELCOME

Aqua Y. Porter, President
The Rochester (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated

INTRODUCTION OF ARTIST

Keana M. Williams, Arts Chair

LAUREN EDWARDS, VIOLIN

From the studio of Robin Scott
with Irina Lupines, piano

PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Aqua Y. Porter, President
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REMARKS

Aqua Y. Porter, President

PROGRAM

Sonata for Violin and Piano in A Major

Allegretto ben moderato

Allegro

Recitativo-Fantasia. Ben moderato – Molto lento

Allegretto poco mosso

César Franck

(1822-1890)

Five Negro Melodies for Piano Trio, Op. 59 Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

I. Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child

(1875-1912)

V. My Lord Delivered Daniel

Tyler Brown, cello

Irina Lupines, piano

MEET THE ARTIST

Lauren Edwards is a graduate of the Peabody Preparatory, enrolling at the age of 5 years old, and graduating at the age of 18. Whilst being a student at the prep, she would spend her Saturdays in group classes, and taking private lessons with her teacher, Libby Belamy, whom she would be with for 10 years. She was a member of many ensembles in the preparatory, from the Peabody Youth Orchestra to the Pre Conservatory Violin Program. She attained her high school diploma from the performing arts highschool, Baltimore School for the Arts, enhancing her chamber and orchestral experience through performing semesterly recitals and concerts. Lauren has performed for many masterclasses with renowned musicians, including Midori Goto, Gil Shaham, Tai Murray, Melissa White, and Boris Kuschnir. In addition to masterclasses, Lauren has attended a variety of summer music festivals and programs, including being a part of the first national cohort of the Fortissima Program at the Colburn Conservatory. She is a Sphinx Fellow, having attended the Sphinx Performance Academy for three years, and has attended festivals such as the Bowdoin International Music Festival. Her most recent performances took place in Italy this past summer during her attendance at the Interharmony International Summer Festival, as well as Eastman's very own Kilbourn Hall, where she played alongside members of the Black Student Union during their Black History Month Showcase in February. Lauren is now completing her sophomore year of undergraduate violin performance studies at the Eastman School of Music, studying under Professor Robin Scott of the Ying Quartet.



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THE LINKS, INCORPORATED Rochester, New York Chapter

The **Rochester (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated** was established May 5, 1984. The Links, Incorporated is an international not-for-profit corporation established in 1946. It consists of over 17,000 professional women of color in 299 chapters located in 41 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, and the United Kingdom. The late Sarah Scott and Margaret Hawkins founded the organization in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1946. It is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of extraordinary women who are committed to enriching, sustaining, and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry.

Every chapter of The Links, Incorporated is constitutionally committed to implementing the national program facets in the area where the chapter is located. In Rochester, The Links organization is proud of its continuing programs in the areas of The Arts, Services to Youth, National Trends and Services, International Trends and Services, and Health and Human Services.

Today's event is the result of a cooperative effort between The Links, Incorporated and the Eastman School of Music. Our purpose is to identify and recognize extraordinary talent and to invite the Rochester community to join us in recognition and celebration.

We have met a need by committing our efforts to network at a national level and by enhancing the career aspirations of the Links artists.

The Rochester Links recital and scholarship award is given each year in April. At this time, we invite the Rochester Community to join us in Kilbourn Hall in our salute to a young, gifted black artist of exceptional talent.

We thank the faculty and staff at the Eastman School of Music for their continuing support and cooperation.

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Young, Gifted, and Black: A Search for Excellence

Scholarship Concert
at the Eastman School of Music
University of Rochester

PREVIOUS LINKS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

<i>2023-2024</i>	Holden Turner	<i>2003-2004</i>	David E. Berry
<i>2022-2023</i>	Nyla Thomas	<i>2002-2003</i>	Zia Tahirih Nizin
<i>2021-2022</i>	Jacob Hunter	<i>2001-2002</i>	Isrea L. Butler
<i>2020-2021</i>	Brianna Garcon	<i>2000-2001</i>	Michael Jorgensen
<i>2019-2020</i>	Travon Walker	<i>1999-2000</i>	Lee Wright
<i>2018-2019</i>	Alexis Peart	<i>1998-1999</i>	Madeline Neely
<i>2017-2018</i>	Veena Akama-Makia	<i>1997-1998</i>	Gary Roebuck
<i>2016-2017</i>	Adam Sadberry	<i>1996-1997</i>	Abram Wilson
<i>2015-2016</i>	Clarence Tyrone Allen II	<i>1995-1996</i>	Janeen Ceparano
<i>2014-2015</i>	Leonard Hayes	<i>1994-1995</i>	Jeffrey Ziegler
<i>2013-2014</i>	Carmen Johnson Pájaro	<i>1993-1994</i>	Authur Ross, III
<i>2012-2013</i>	Keenan McCoy	<i>1992-1993</i>	Vali Phillips
<i>2011-2012</i>	Sterling Tyler	<i>1991-1992</i>	Kelly Hall
<i>2010-2011</i>	Alex Gonzalez	<i>1990-1991</i>	Nicole Rose
<i>2009-2010</i>	Nicholas A. Wiggins	<i>1990-1991</i>	Frederick Harris
<i>2008-2009</i>	Jazmine Byas	<i>1989-1990</i>	Heather Caulton
<i>2007-2008</i>	André Washington	<i>1988-1989</i>	Kenneth Law
<i>2006-2007</i>	Richard Williams	<i>1987-1988</i>	Mellasenah Morris
<i>2005-2006</i>	Jason Holmes	<i>1986-1987</i>	Kimberly Harris
<i>2004-2005</i>	Cory Hunter		

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UPCOMING EASTMAN SERIES CONCERTS

Tickets for all series concerts can be purchased at EastmanTheatre.org

Holocaust Remembrance Concert

Kilbourn Hall

Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 7:30 PM

*Free, tickets not required

WORLD MUSIC SERIES

Gamelan

Kilbourn Hall

Monday, April 28, 2025 at 7:30 PM

*Free, tickets not required

Lotte Lenya Competition Finals

Kilbourn Hall

Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 1:00 PM

*Free, tickets not required

UPCOMING STUDENT ENSEMBLE CONCERTS

All student performances are free unless otherwise noted.

Eastman Wind Ensemble

Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre

Monday, April 28, 2025 at 7:30 PM

Music of Prokofiev, Schwantner, Roger Nixon & David Maslanka

Collegium Musicum

Kilbourn Hall

Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 7:30 PM

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.



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