



HONORS and AWARDS

2020 TEACHING ASSISTANT PRIZES

Awarded to students who distinguish themselves for teaching excellence.

*Lauren Rose Irschick, Daniel Martin Kuehler, Sarah Elizabeth Luebke,
Derek James Myler, Stephania Alexandra Jane Romaniuk, Yidi Song*

EXCELLENCE IN ACCOMPANYING AWARD

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

*Rebecca Alexis Golub, Fang-Wei Hsu, Jonathan Joab Mamora,
Brock Jacob Tjosvold, Wanting Zhao*

WAYNE BREWSTER BARLOW PRIZE

Awarded to students who have shown excellence in composition.

*Nicolas Basim Chuaqui, Michael Anthony Frazier, Varun Rangaswamy,
Reilly Pascal Spitzfaden, SiHyun Uhm*

GERALD BARNES AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PIPE ORGAN

Recognizes exceptionally qualified pipe organ students.

Alessio Giacobone

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.

Clancy Andrew Ellis, Michael Curtis Matthews, Siobhan Jane Plouffe, Uday Singh

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.

Alison Chiang

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.

*Wai Leong Ryan Chan, Daniel Kiyong Chang, James Kealey,
Jiaqi Shao, Jennifer Shin*

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.

Rachel Kobernick

ANTHONY AND CAROLYN DONATO PRIZE

The Anthony and Carolyn Donato prize is awarded biannually for the composition of a sonata for violin and piano.

Haotian Yu, Yan Yue

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.

Anaar Desai-Stephens

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.

Jane Margaret Sylvester

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.

Ye Ji Lee

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.

Sophie Thompson

THIRD PLACE VOCAL PRIZE

Gene Patrick Graham III

HONORABLE MENTION VOCAL PRIZE

Michael Joseph Aiello

FRIENDS OF EASTMAN OPERA STUDENT OPPORTUNITY AWARD

Established by the Friends of Eastman Opera to assist voice students with extra-curricular opportunities that may enhance their development as vocalists.

*David Raymond Fournie, Alexis Noelle Peart, Jenson Alexander Wall,
Sarah Jane Yaden*

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.

Yi-Ning Lo, Diana Rosenblum, Keane Southard, Kitty Au Xiao

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.

Bronwen Kerry McVeigh

WALTER HAGEN CONDUCTING PRIZE

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

William Talley III

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.

Amy Victoria Nam

HOWARD HANSON ENSEMBLE PRIZE

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

I-Hsiang Chao

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.

Isaac Berglind, Dominic Seunghyun Lee

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.

Stephen Samuel Armstrong

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, Nathan Heng-chi Cheung, William Evan Ritter

LOUIS LANE PRIZE

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

Zihan Wu

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.

Chan Mi Na

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.

Megan Steigerwald Ille

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.

Jess Frances Green

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.

Ashleigh D. Wolf

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.

Ryan M. Hardcastle

ORNEST AWARD

Established by Dorothy Ornest '42E and Naomi Ornest '46E 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.

Rachel Kobernick, James McCarthy, Gwyneth Paker, Alexis Noelle Peart

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.

Austin Thomas Richey

THE PRESSER FOUNDATION UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

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

Yvonne Rogers

BERNARD ROGERS MEMORIAL PRIZE

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

Charles Christopher Berofsky, Bram Fisher, Drew Flieder, 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 iolinist, violist, cellist, or pianist who exemplifies the beloved and rare combination of outstanding artist, collaborator, and passionate humanitarian that characterizes Peter Salaff.

Ryan Cheng, Letitia Yu-ching Jap

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

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

Kaiji Wang

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

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

Emiel Daniel De Jaegher

MILTON SCHLESINGER PERCUSSION PRIZE

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

Oliver Xu

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.

Joshua Bradley Lesperance, Logan Wadley, Michael Raymond Witt

DONALD J. SHETLER PRIZE IN MUSIC EDUCATION

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

Erik S. Piazza

GLENN WATKINS TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP

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

Anthony Paul LaLena

STEVE WITSER MEMORIAL PRIZE

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

Sophia Lynn Volpe

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.

Andrew Watkins Alcocer