



HONORS and AWARDS

Eastman School of Music
Graduation Ceremony
Saturday, May 17, 2025

2025 TEACHING ASSISTANT PRIZES

Awarded to students who distinguish themselves for teaching excellence.
Paul David Flood, Jonathan Thomas Madden, Jonathan Mott, Shangru Du, Scott Shao, Emily Dianne Skilling

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.

Derek J. Myler

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.

Emmalee Joyce Odom

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.

Madelyn Rose Stoklosa, Gabriel Arthur Williams

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 accompanying majors who share Mrs. Koeng's passion for working with singers.

Hyunmin Lee, Mizi Li

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.

Chun-Hsin Liu, Jeongmin Oak

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.

Logan Barrett, Nattakon Lertwattanaruk, John Stuart MacMillan

BERNARD ROGERS MEMORIAL PRIZE

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

Neil Patrick Holcomb, Julian Edward Stuart-Burns

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.

Charles Antony James Francis

ELSA T. JOHNSON FELLOWSHIP

Awarded to a deserving musicology student, in order to make it possible for that student to devote their time to the writing of the PhD dissertation.

Paul David Flood

EXCELLENCE IN ACCOMPANYING AWARD

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

Érico Freire Bezerra, William Shi, Gregory Scott Smith

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.

Benjamin Krutsch

ANNABEL MUENTER VOCAL PRIZE

Established to honor the memory of Annabel Muenter; awarded to the second-prize performance in the Friends of Eastman Opera Voice Competition.

Alanna Beilke

THIRD PLACE VOCAL PRIZE

Jillian Hope Griffey

HONORABLE MENTION VOCAL PRIZE

Carolina Sullivan

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.

Ethan R. Blake, Felix H. Kim, Hannah J. Sohn

GLENN WATKINS TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP

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

Miles Greenberg

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.

Zehao Bai, Ke'er Wang

HOWARD HANSON ENSEMBLE PRIZE

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

Matthew Lam

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.

Anak Baibarn

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.

Sam Falotico

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: Luke Honeck

Second Place: S Joshua Sheppard

Third Place: Emily Caitlyn Kondrat

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: Hyunmin Lee

Second Place: Chaeeun Lee

Third Place: William Shi

Honorable Mention: Caleb Connor Borick

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.

Kathryn Anne Carley

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.

Anne-Marie Wnek, Christopher Yao,

*The Cantante Quartet: Juan Emiliano Alvarez, Anika Grieve, Liliana Mahave,
Veronica Elizabeth Rokicki.*

*The Maple Quartet: Isabel Chen, John Crowley, Gabriel Hennebury,
Magali Pelletey*

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 Harnest

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.

Emily Caitlyn Kondrat

LOUIS LANE PRIZE

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

MILTON SCHLESINGER PERCUSSION PRIZE

Established in honor of the distinguished music education faculty member
at the Eastman School of Music.
Fletcher John Leonard, Cass Lo

MUSIC TEACHING AND LEARNING DOCTORAL PRIZE

Annual award to an outstanding Music Education Student.
Samantha Webber

ORNEST AWARD

The Ornест Fund provides for an annual award for up to four undergraduate students, enrolled in any degree program, who have completed at least one year of study at the Eastman School of Music and whose primary instrument is voice.
Abigail Liebegott, Ashton Rapp

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.

Leona Liu

THE PRESSER FOUNDATION UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

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

Abigail Marlene Hanna

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.

Chenxin Han

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.

Jack Houston Snelling

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

Awarded to students in the Department of Jazz Studies and Contemporary Media for excellence in jazz composition or performance.

Misha Pavlovich Studenkov

REBECCA MCCORD PIANO SCHOLARSHIP

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

Xiaolong Liu

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.

Paul David Flood

STEVE WITSER MEMORIAL FUND

One or more annual awards to Eastman trombone major(s) at the discretion of the Dean of the Eastman School of Music or the Winds, Brass and Percussion department chair.

Vincent Huang

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.

Norah June Krantz, Diego Adrian Turner

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 Mitchell Lehmann

WALTER HAGEN CONDUCTING PRIZE

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

Mason Peter St. Pierre

WAYNE BREWSTER BARLOW PRIZE

Awarded to students who have shown excellence in composition.

Niyayesh Bagheri, Yixuan Lisa Ling

WILLOW HALL PRESS AWARD FOR HARP

Established in memory of Jane B. Weidensaul, PhD, harpist, scholar and teacher; awarded to a harp performance major entering today's music profession.

Catherine Grace Caton

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.