

awards ceremony



Rudi E. Scheidt
School of Music

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26
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Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music

Annual Awards Ceremony 2023

PERFORMANCE

Andrew Stine, saxophone
2023 Presser Award Winner

WELCOME

Dr. Kevin Sanders
Director, Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Dr. William Shaltis
Associate Professor of Percussion

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Kevin Sanders
Director, Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music

Thank you everyone for all your hard work, beautiful music
and dedication to the Rudi E Scheidt School of Music!

THE AWARDS COMMITTEE 2023

Mary Wilson, Chair
Dr. Kenneth Kreitner
Dr. William Shaltis
Dr. Lenny Schranze

*Award recipients listed below are not final until they have been approved
by the University of Memphis scholarship office.*

DOUGLAS C. LEMMON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Given by friends, colleagues and family, in memory of Douglas C. Lemmon, professor of trombone at the University of Memphis.

AWARDED TO COLIN WOODS

DR. CHARLES SCHULZ SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to an outstanding tuba student in honor of professor emeritus Dr. Charles A. Schulz who served as head of the brass division.

AWARDED TO JUAN GARCIA

PATRICIA ANN FISHER MUSIC EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

This award is in memory of Patricia Ann Fisher to support an outstanding student majoring in choral music education.

AWARDED TO JACOB BROSS

DR. BARBARA MASHBURN CHORAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Dr. Barbara D. Mashburn Endowed Scholarship was established to assist students who desire careers in choral music education.

Dr. Mashburn is a retired choral music teacher and an alumna of the University of Memphis.

AWARDED TO KAROLINE LARSEN

SHIRLEY W MCRAE MUSIC EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

This award was established to recognize and assist an outstanding student who desires a career in elementary music education.

AWARDED TO MICAYLA SCOTT

JAMES R. HOLBCOMB MUSIC EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

This award, given in honor of James R. Holcomb, recognizes an outstanding music education student.

AWARDED TO JACOB HAPPY

ETHEL TAYLOR MAXWELL VOCAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship, given by Professor Emerita Ethel Taylor Maxwell, recognizes outstanding music students majoring in voice.

AWARDED TO CAROLINE DAVIS

ELBA GANDY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Donated by Ellen Davies-Rogers in memory of Elba Gandy, this scholarship is presented to outstanding music students.

AWARDED TO KEIBER UTRERA, AYOMIDE BOLAJOKO AND NAZIRA WALI

NOEL A. GILBERT VIOLIN SCHOLARSHIP

This award was established to honor Noel A. Gilbert to recognize an outstanding student majoring in violin performance. Gilbert was a former faculty member and was a member of several historic musical organizations in Memphis throughout his lifetime.

AWARDED TO DARIO SANTOS

DR. SIDNEY J. MCKAY FELLOWSHIP

This award recognizes an outstanding graduate student with a focus in instrumental music education. McKay was a former University of Memphis bands director and served on faculty for 28 years.

AWARDED TO JOSE WILDER AUGUSTO DA SILVA

JIM GREEN AND TAG HEDGES GREEN GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

Established by the Hedges family to recognize an outstanding graduate student pursuing band conducting or instrumental music education.

AWARDED TO MATT WHITT

PAUL B. EARHART SCHOLARSHIP IN FLUTE

This award was established to recognize an outstanding flutist.

AWARDED TO SAMUEL JESUYEMI

LUBRANI CLARINET AWARD/MUSIC MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP

Established in memory of former faculty member, Frederick Lubrani, professor of clarinet, this award honors an outstanding clarinetist.

AWARDED TO ONYINYE IGBOANUGO

JAMES & CHRISTOPHER GHOLSON SCHOLARSHIP

This award recognizes an outstanding student in the woodwind area or music business.

AWARDED TO DES TAYLOR

JOHN G. HUGHES MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

This award, given in memory of John G Hughes, recognizes an outstanding keyboard student.

AWARDED TO CORA HASLETT

HERBERT HERMANN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This award, given in memory of Herbert Herman, recognizes outstanding students studying keyboard.

AWARDED TO NOHELIA GOMEZ

JERRY LEE LEWIS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This award is given to an outstanding student enrolled in jazz studies pursuing a Bachelor of Music degree.

AWARDED TO FRANKO COLEMAN

JOE D'GEROLAMO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Established in honor of Joe D'Gerolamo, former faculty member in jazz, this award is given to an outstanding student enrolled in jazz studies.

AWARDED TO EVANN VELASQUEZ

CHARLIE RICH SCHOLARSHIP

Established by the family of Charlie Rich, this scholarship is awarded to an outstanding music major.

AWARDED TO SIRLATIMORE WILSON

SAM PHILLIPS SCHOLARSHIP

Established by his family and friends, this scholarship recognizes the creative achievements of Sam Phillips of Sun Studios, the first to record Elvis Presley. It is awarded to an outstanding music engineering major.

AWARDED TO BRENT BONNER

ELVIS PRESLEY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

This award given in memory of one of Memphis' most iconic musical names recognizes an academically outstanding and financially deserving music student.

AWARDED TO EMILY WEERHEIM

ROBERT KELLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This award is given in memory of Robert "Bob" Kelley, founder of Mid-South Concerts, and recognizes an outstanding music business student.

AWARDED TO JILIAN ACOR

SMIT MUSIC COMPOSITION AWARD

This award is given in memory of Johannes Smith, professor of composition at the University of Memphis. It recognizes outstanding composition students.

AWARDED TO ASHLEY HENRY

JOHN & SHELLY BAUR PRIZE

This award is given in honor of John Baur, professor of theory and composition at the University of Memphis. It recognizes outstanding composition students.

AWARDED TO MICHAEL JONES

EARLY MUSIC AWARD

This award recognizes the graduating senior who best exemplifies the spirit and practice of historical performance.

AWARDED TO KENDALL HOWARD

MEMPHIS GRIDIRON SHOW'S BERL OLSWANGER SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship, given in memory of Berl Olswanger by the Memphis Gridiron Club, recognizes an outstanding undergraduate music major.

AWARDED TO SAMUEL JESUYEMI

TRUIST SCHOLARSHIP FUND

PRESENTED BY TONI BARNES, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF TRUIST BANK

The two awards are given to outstanding incoming freshmen residing in or near Shelby County. The graduate award is given to an outstanding graduate student in music.

AWARDED TO INA TORRES O'RYAN, DANIEL HERNANDEZ AND CASEY CHRISTOPHERSON

PRESSER FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

This award, donated by the Presser Foundation, is the School of Music's most prestigious award, and is given to an outstanding music major who will be a senior next year. This award recognizes someone who combines excellence in their major with a strong record of academic achievement and contribution to the School of Music.

AWARDED TO ANDREW STINE

SCHOOL OF MUSIC UNDERGRADUATE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Identifies a student who demonstrates an exceptional level of creative achievements throughout the student's undergraduate studies in relation to peers within the student's discipline.

AWARDED TO ROBERT SHAWN CAMPBELL

SCHOOL OF MUSIC GRADUATE DOCUMENT AWARD

Given to the student in the School of Music whose dissertation or thesis is judged the most outstanding. This year's winning document is entitled "The New Messiah: A Neo-Baroque Approach to Ornamentation in the Performance of Paul Ayres' Messiah"

AWARDED TO TJ TURNER

SCHOOL OF MUSIC GRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD

Recognizes the contributions a student makes in research to their field of study. This year's winning research is in vernacular musics of the Southern United States.

AWARDED TO JOHN SHAW

SCHOOL OF MUSIC GRADUATE PERFORMANCE AWARD

Recognizes a graduate student's outstanding achievement in the creative arts. **AWARDED TO BRIANNA RILEY**

MARCIE RICHARDSON STAFF RECOGNITION AWARD

This award is given in memory of our own Marcie Richardson, and recognizes the hard work and dedication of a staff employee at the School of Music who has exceeded expectations this school year.

AWARDED TO KALEB RITCHIE

FACULTY EXCEPTIONAL TEACHING AWARD

This award was established to recognize an outstanding faculty member who has exhibited generous and uncommon dedication toward academic excellence and individual student development, and has far exceeded expectations for this academic year.

AWARDED TO DR. RANDAL RUSHING

2022 MUSIC EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

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AWARDED TO MICHELLE JOHNSON

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AWARDED TO CHRISTOPHER PIECUCH

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

The Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music celebrates and honors the rich legacy of learning and accomplishments of those graduates who have excelled in their chosen field or performed exemplary service to our community.

The purpose of the award is to publicly recognize alumni for distinguished personal and career accomplishments and for exemplary contributions to society that bring credit to the University of Memphis.

AWARDED TO MARK YASHIDA

