



RUDI E. SCHEIDT SCHOOL OF MUSIC

AWARDS
Ceremony

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24
AWARDS CEREMONY 12:35 PM

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Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music

Annual Awards Ceremony 2024

PERFORMANCE

Karoline Larsen

2024 Presser Award Winner

Natalia Vanegas, pianist

WELCOME

Dr. Kevin Sanders

Director, Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Dr. Albert Nguyen

Associate Professor

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 2024

Mary Wilson, Chair

Dr. Karman Ince

Dr. Lenny Schranze

Dr. William Shaltis

Ben Smith

*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 NATHAN OWEN

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 PATRICK IAN GREER

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 MADELINE HAWKINS

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 MELODY BAXTER

JAMES R. HOLBCOMB MUSIC EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

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

AWARDED TO EDLYN JARQUIN

ETHEL TAYLOR MAXWELL VOCAL SCHOLARSHIP

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

AWARDED TO LUIS ALEJANDRO BARAJAS PEREZ-AFANADOR

ELBA GANDY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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

AWARDED TO SEBASTIAN GAVIRIA, PHILLIP SWEET AND JACOB SAUNDERS

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 JANAINA FERNANDES

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 ERIN DUKE

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 J.P. MORA

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 EMILY WARD

TERRI AND RICHARD CESANI SCHOLARSHIP

Established in memory of former faculty member, Richard Cesani and his wife Terri, this award honors an outstanding percussionist.

AWARDED TO COLTON RENFROW

JAMES & CHRISTOPHER GHOLSON SCHOLARSHIP

This award recognizes an outstanding student in the woodwind area or music business. Named in honor of professor emeritus James Gholson and his son Christopher Gholson, a University of Memphis alumnus.

AWARDED TO PARIS MCCANN

JOHN G. HUGHES MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

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

AWARDED TO KAT WILLIAMS

HERBERT HERMANN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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

AWARDED TO YUN-HENG TIAO

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 CONOR KNAUP

CHARLIE RICH SCHOLARSHIP

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

AWARDED TO KENNETH REED

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 RYAN CLEAVER

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 MEAGHAN MOORE

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 ARNIECE IBEZIM

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 AARON BROCK

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 SOPHIA (ORION) OVERSTREET

EARLY MUSIC AWARD

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

AWARDED TO LUCIAN SEVERS

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 SOPHIA (ORION) OVERSTREET

TRUIST SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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 ISABELLA WALLACE, ALYSSA RENEE LARA
JULIAN SEVERS**

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 KAROLINE LARSEN

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 "Avenue Breakdown: Black Music and the Recording Industry in Shreveport 1948-1988.

AWARDED TO JOHN SHAW

SCHOOL OF MUSIC GRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD

Recognizes the contributions a student makes in research to their field of study. This year's winning research examined topic modeling approaches to analyzing research trends in music education" (OPTIONAL: "...and received first place in the liberal and fine arts category of the UofM Graduate Student Research Forum.

AWARDED TO JANEL LONG

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 SUSAN BINGHAM

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 PAULINA VILLARREAL

2024 MUSIC EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

The Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music celebrates and honors the accomplishments of educators who have made a significant and lasting contribution to the music education field and demonstrate a commitment to educating and inspiring the next generation of musicians and music lovers. The purpose of the award is to publicly recognize music educators for distinguished career accomplishments and for exemplary contributions to society and music they have made.

AWARDED TO JEFFREY MAYO

2024 ALUMNI OF THE YEAR 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 HENRY DORN

