



RUDI E. SCHEIDT SCHOOL OF MUSIC

AWARDS  
*Ceremony*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24  
AWARDS CEREMONY 12:35 PM

SCHEIDT FAMILY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER  
PLOUGH FOUNDATION PERFORMANCE HALL  
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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. This year's recipient also 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**

