

Up Close AND MUSICAL



Saturday, 7: 30 pm, September 22, 2012
Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois

AWADAGIN PRATT

Internationally-acclaimed pianist Awadagin Pratt returns to his hometown-- *where it all began*-- for a special concert to benefit the **Pratt Music Foundation** and music education for talented, motivated children with financial need.

Pianist Awadagin Pratt grew up in Normal, graduated from the Peabody Conservatory (with degrees in piano, violin, and conducting), and achieved instant recognition when he won the prestigious *Naumburg Prize* in 1992. He has played at the White House, at Carnegie Hall, with the Illinois Symphony Orchestra, and around the world.

HOW TO ORDER TICKETS:

Get your tickets early; seats are limited. **Dinner: RSVP by August 31.**

SILVER \$50. *Up Close and Musical* classical concert with Awadagin Pratt.

GOLD \$250. Add the Pre-Concert Dinner in the Joslin Atrium at IWU, program recognition, and preferred concert seating.

PLATINUM \$500. Add both the Pre-Concert Dinner and the Post-Concert Reception, program recognition, preferred concert seating, and a photo with Awadagin.

MENTORING \$25. Add one or more of our Mentoring Tickets to be distributed to music students who could not otherwise attend.

Celebrating

Over the past year, nine generous patrons from our community have pledged \$25,000 each to establish endowed **Pratt Music Foundation** Scholarships, each to support one student a year for decades to come.

Mildred Pratt's response was short and heartfelt, "Words fail me. Thank you just seems so inadequate."

Our Gala Concert is, in part, a celebration of this wonderful generosity.

Mentoring Tickets

Consider adding Mentoring Tickets to your purchase. We'll distribute them to students who could not otherwise afford

to attend the concert.

100 Percent

ALL of your support (including concert tickets) goes to our endowment; only earnings are used for scholarships.

The Concert

Everyone in the 548-seat Westbrook Auditorium on the **IWU** campus will be-- *up close*-- for this wonderful evening.

Dinner and a Reception

Gold and Platinum guests share the evening with friends at the Pre-Concert dinner in the Joslin Atrium.

Platinum guests will visit with Awadagin and pose for a photo at the **Champagne and Chocolate** Reception under the new Triple Helix glass sculpture in the Joyce Eichhorn Ames School of Art.

Our Business Sponsors

Production of the **Pratt Gala Benefit Concert** is underwritten by our current sponsors: their support allows 100% of your ticket price to go to our endowment.



If you receive this newsletter by mail, you will receive an invitation with full ticket information in early August.

You may also order tickets

OnLine:

www.PrattMusicFoundation.com

or Call Our Concert Hotline for more information:

309-827-5534



"Music is more than just music." Dr. Joe Plazak



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If You Don't Have Time To Read This Newsletter, Read This:

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23 Pratt Music Scholars This Year!

23 Scholars

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The Pratt Music Foundation Board of Directors reviewed 51 applications in June and selected 23 Pratt Music Scholars:

Our Piano Scholars are:



Kaylin Richards (Fox Creek, 4th grade). **Isaac Spencer** (home-school, 6th grade). **Isabelle Jacobsen** (Metcalf, 6th grade). **Marquise Bonaparte** (NCHS, 9th grade). **Mark Dover** (BHS, 11th grade). **Josiah Henry** (home-school, 2nd grade). **Annalise Jacobsen** (Metcalf, 2nd grade). **Savion Jackson** (Cornerstone, 4th grade). **Melody Kramme** (BHS, 10th grade). **Kennedy Lovell** (Oakland, 1st grade). **Deonte Mosely** (BJHS, 7th grade). **Nakiya Rice** (Irving, 3rd grade).

Our String Scholars are:



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Samuel Skinner has studied cello as a Pratt Music Foundation Scholar since 2010.

Shelby Bays (NCWHS, 11th grade). **Frankie Tiede** (Parkside, 3rd grade). **Kennede Haynes** (Evans JHS, 7th grade). **Selena Aviles** (BJHS, 8th grade). **Isaiah Crews** (BJHS, 6th grade). **Julia Hilt** (BJHS, 7th grade). **Alexis Bowers** (BHS, 9th grade). **JaKiah Jolly** (Evans JHS, 8th grade). **Samuel Skinner** (Cornerstone, 9th grade). **Rob Reinbrecht** (U-HI, 11th grade). **Emma Papineau** (NCWHS, 10th grade).

Pratt Scholar Demographics:

Fourteen scholars are from Bloomington, 8 scholars from Normal, and one from Gridley. Twelve students study piano, 5 study violin, five study cello, and 1 viola. Nine scholars attend District 87, 7 attend Unit 5, 2 attend private schools, 3 attend the ISU laboratory schools, and 2 are home-schooled. They range from 2nd grade to 11th grade.



Caribel Washington 1914-2011

We were honored to have Caribel Washington on the Pratt Music Foundation Board of Advisors from our very beginnings. Caribel died December 26, 2011. She strongly backed our mission, and she will be dearly missed.



9 Annual Grants

New donor Dr. Darrell Looney is an emergency physician at OSF and a jazz musician: www.phatfunk.com. He has funded the studies of one Pratt Music Scholar for the coming year. Dr. Looney characterized his grant as "a way of paying forward" for the support he has received in his own life.

Our eight additional grants from supportive donors: each grant supports one student's music lessons for the 2012-2013 school year.

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in memory of her parents and grandparents, and
- ♪♪ Anonymous gift from a music teacher who wanted to express her commitment to music education as a way of changing students' lives.



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