



# PRATT MUSIC FOUNDATION

Promoting Classical Music In Bloomington-Normal Since 1996

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The **Pratt Music Foundation** identifies children in Bloomington-Normal with talent to excel and who need support in order to pursue their talent. The **Foundation** selects, nurtures, and provides scholars with music instruction from the **Illinois Wesleyan University** Music Preparatory Program.



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**Left to Right (regardless of row):** Audrie Schuller, Evanna Kinzie, Lydia Langston, Deonte Mosely, Itzel Mendoza, Angela Estabrook, Tysondra Calhoun, Julia Hilt, Sarang Hong, Freyja Huffman, Jose Espinoza, Renata Olivo, Alyssa Sigler, Konnor Bouman, Katherine Williams, Jasil Olabode, Mamush Rogal, Taylor Thompson, Nakiya Rice, Isaiah Martin, Dana Bays, Mia Fullilove, Lucas Karr, Ben Nguy, Sarah Andrews, Juliet Herrarte, Samula Kamara, Hannah Geraghty, Riley Breedlove-Flowers, Alina Jankowiak. *Not pictured:* Samantha Morey, Isaiah Crews, and Joseph Aceves.



## 33 Scholars for 2017-18



### 4 CELLO SCHOLARSHIPS

**Harriet & Phares O'Daffer Classical Music Scholar** Konnor Bouman (Metcalf Grade 8), 4th year cello. **Zuill Bailey Strings Scholar** Sarah Andrews (homeschool Grade 9), 2nd year cello. **Pratt Music Foundation Scholar** Riley Breedlove-Flowers (BJHS Grade 6), 1st year cello. **Casey Laughlin Music Scholar** Samuela Kamara (NCHS Grade 10), 1st year cello.

### 16 PIANO SCHOLARSHIPS

**Jennie and Scott King Classical Music Scholar** Nakiya Rice (BJHS Grade 8), 6th year piano. **Charles Ives Classical Music Scholar** Deonte Mosely (BHS Grade 12), 6th year piano. **Sofie L. Eisenberg Memorial Piano Scholar** Jose Espinoza (Evans JHS Grade 8), 3rd year piano. **Jerry Antonini Piano Scholar** Jasil Olabode (Cornerstone Christian Grade 12), 3rd year piano. **Minor Myers, jr. Classical Music Scholar** Freyja Huffman (Glenn Grade 5), 3rd year piano. **Pratt Music Foundation Scholar** Joseph Alexander Aceves (Cornerstone Christian Grade 12), 2nd year piano. **Raymond Family Music Scholar** Tysondra Calhoun (BJHS Grade 7), 2nd year piano. **Pratt Family Music Scholar** Isaiah Martin (Oakland Grade 4), 2nd year piano. **Shirk Family Music Scholar** Sarang Hong (Evans JHS Grade 6), 2nd year piano. **Pratt Music Foundation Scholar** Mia Fullilove (Oakdale Grade 4), 2nd year piano. **Pratt Music Foundation Scholar** Renata Olivo (Parkside Grade 6),

2nd year piano. **Pratt Music Foundation Scholar** Lucas Karr (Fox Creek Grade 3), 1st year piano. **Pratt Music Foundation Scholar** Juliet Herrarte (homeschool Grade 7), 1st year piano. **Pratt Music Foundation Scholar** Mamush Rogal (homeschool Grade 5), 1st year piano. **Pratt Music Foundation Scholar** Agatha Estabrook (Prairieland Grade 3), 1st year piano. **Pratt Music Foundation Scholar** Evanna Kinzie (NCWHS Grade 10), 1st year piano.

### 4 VIOLA SCHOLARSHIPS

**John Borg Viola Scholar** Julia Hilt (BHS Grade 12), 7th year viola. **Hurst Strings Scholar** Alyssa Sigler (BHS Grade 9), 4th year viola. **Darlene and Marc Miller Classical Music Scholar** Alina Jankowiak (BHS Grade 11), 3rd year viola. **Pratt Music Foundation Scholar** Ben Nguy (NCWHS Grade 8), 1st year viola.

### 9 VIOLIN SCHOLARSHIPS

**Adolph Buchanan Classical Music Scholar** Isaiah Crews (Illinois Math and Science Academy Grade 11), 6th year violin. **Barbara Bowman and Steven P. Hill Music Scholar** Samantha Morey (BHS Grade 10), 5th year violin. **Beth Newdome Violin Scholar** Dana Bays (NCWHS Grade 11), 5th year violin. **Joslin Family Classical Music Scholar** Hannah Geraghty (St. Mary's Grade 7), 4th year violin. **Elterich Family Music Scholar** Itzel Mendoza (BHS Grade 10), 4th year violin. **Pratt Music Foundation Scholar** Lydia Langston (Central Intermediate Grade 8), 3rd year violin. **Mozart**

**Classical Music Scholar** Audrie Schuller (Evans JHS Grade 8), 1st year violin. **Pratt Music Foundation Scholar** Taylor Thompson (Parkside Grade 6), 1st year violin. **Pratt Music Foundation Scholar** Katherine Williams (Parkside Grade 6), 1st year violin.

The **Pratt Music Foundation** Scholarship Class of 2017-18 includes 23 students from Bloomington, 9 from Normal, and one from Washington.

Sixteen students study piano, nine study violin, four study viola, and four pursue the cello. Ten students attend District 87 schools, fourteen attend Unit 5 schools, three are home-schooled, three attend private schools, one attends the University Lab schools, one attends the Illinois Math and Science Academy, and one attends CUSD 51.

The thirty-three **Pratt Music Foundation** Scholars for 2017-18 represent an investment of over \$40,000 in the next generation of music in our community.



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Julia Hilt is a senior at Bloomington High School. She is in her seventh year studying viola.



*"I despise a world which does not feel that music is a higher revelation than all wisdom and philosophy."*

– Ludwig von Beethoven, from a letter to Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (May 28, 1810)



# Appreciation From Our Scholars

Every year, **Pratt Music Foundation** scholars write to tell us of their appreciation for their scholarships:

- ♪♪ This scholarship has taught me about who I really am and it has given me confidence and passion. I love music. —Tysondra
- ♪♪ Piano has helped me through life. When my father was sick, I used piano as an outlet for my emotions. —Nakiya
- ♪♪ Thank you for paying for my piano lessons and letting me do them. Also, thank you for giving me a keyboard to practice on. I am soooo excited. —Lucas
- ♪♪ I would like to say with a grateful heart THANK YOU! —Julia

- ♪♪ I have gained so much more confidence to walk on stage. This opportunity has given me a chance to show what I am capable of. From playing pieces I wouldn't ever think of playing to help me with stage fright: I am very thankful. — Itzel
- ♪♪ My goal of being a music teacher/band director will enable me to share this love of music with others. I believe that these lessons will make me a better musician, and thereby enable me to be even better at being a part of improving others' lives through music. —Evanna

- ♪♪ Thank you for the opportunity to improve my skills with more one on one teaching. —Dana

- ♪♪ I have been able to work on not only piano, but with both my church and school choirs. I have received many compliments on how I have shown great improvements. I owe that to your staff, the people who give to the fund, and to God. —Deonte

Dear Pratt Music Foundation,  
 Thank you for giving me the scholarship. I will try my best to practice hard everyday to become a better violinist. I will not let this scholarship be of no use. I will do my hardest. Thank you again,  
 Lydia Langston

Thank you for the scholarship.



agatha

- ♪♪ Having these lessons in the past has helped me grow so much as a violinist. I am in the running to be a section leader for the orchestra at my high school. —Samantha

- ♪♪ I am so very thankful and appreciative of this scholarship! Thanks for providing me an opportunity to study and learn piano for these past three years. It has been a blessing to me, one that will impact my life and career for days to come. —Jasil

Thank you for the scholarship! It helps my family very much! peace,  
 Momush Rogal

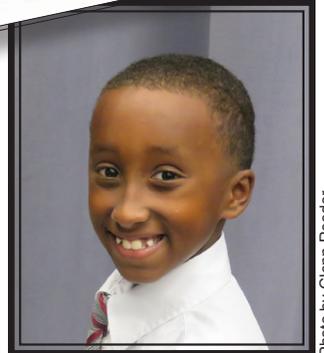


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Our photographer (and Board Member) Glenn Reeder nominated Momush Rogal for most engaging smile.

- ♪♪ Thank you all for your hard work making it possible for someone like me who couldn't afford to pay for this program. —Samuela

## PRATT MUSIC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The **Pratt Music Foundation** supports music education in Bloomington-Normal through classical music scholarships in strings and piano. Scholarships provide for individual weekly instruction and recitals through the academic year, sheet music, and summer instruction. Instruments may be available at no-cost through our partner **Share The Music Program**. Pratt scholarships are awarded annually (in July) to talented youth in both elementary and high school.

Classroom or music teachers aware of a child with talent and financial need who could benefit from a **Pratt Music Foundation** Scholarship may request an application by calling 309-827-5534, or email:

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