



PRATT MUSIC FOUNDATION

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

Pratt Scholar Profiles:

Mark Dover

Mark Dover is a senior at BHS and looks forward to graduation and then the University of Illinois. He participates in BHS Concert Choir, varsity tennis, and the Civil Air Patrol. He also plays piano at two local nursing homes monthly. Mark has just finished Advanced Placement Music Theory and is beginning his fourth year studying piano as the **Darrell Looney Classical Music Scholar** in the Pratt program.



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TWENTY-SEVEN SCHOLARS NAMED FOR 2013-14

The **Pratt Music Foundation** Board of Directors considered a total of 57 applications in June and selected 27 students to receive **Pratt Music Foundation** Scholarships. The 27 scholars include students from Bloomington and Normal studying piano, violin, viola, and cello. They attend Unit 5, District 87, ISU Lab Schools, Cornerstone, and one is home-schooled.

Sofie L. Eisenberg Memorial Piano Scholar Melody Kramme (BHS Grade 11) piano.

McCaughey Classical Music Scholar Alexis Bowers (BHS Grade 10) cello.

Eric Dean Tapley Classical Music Scholar Emma Papineau (NCWHS Grade 11) cello.

Jennie and Scott King Classical Music Scholar Nakiya Rice (Irving Grade 4) piano.

Elterich Family Music Scholar Humberto Giles (BJHS Grade 7) piano.

PNC Foundation Classical Music Scholar Michelle Fields (Kingsley Grade 7) piano.

PNC Foundation Classical Music Scholar Justin Jacobs (Coleen Hoose Grade 5) violin.

Chow Family Music Scholar Jaylin Johnson (BJHS Grade 6) violin.

Zuill Bailey Strings Scholar Rob Reinbrecht (U-High Grade 12) cello.

Pratt Music Foundation Scholar JD Martin (NCHS Grade 9) piano.

Jerry Antonini Piano Scholar Kean Jones (Fox Creek Grade 3) piano.

Edmondson Family Music Scholar Samantha Morey (BJHS Grade 6) violin.

Martinez Family Classical Music Scholar Meiko Shimoe (NCHS Grade 11) piano.

Mozart Classical Music Scholar Selena Aviles (BHS Grade 9) violin.

Beth Newdome Violin Scholar Dana Bays (Kingsley Grade 7) violin.

Pratt Music Foundation Scholar Madison Robinson (Sheridan Grade 1) violin.

Pratt Music Foundation Scholar Savannah Shelton (Chiddix Grade 7) violin.

Rob Reinbrecht



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Rob Reinbrecht is a senior at U-High and looks forward to Illinois Wesleyan University in the Fall of 2014. Rob is the principal cellist in both the University High School Orchestra and the Central Illinois Youth Symphony. Rob says, "Music is my life," and he demonstrates it with his involvement in music competitions, string quartets, and string trios. He is the **Zuill Bailey Strings Scholar** in the Pratt program.

The 27 Pratt Music Scholars are:

Hurst Strings Scholar Shelby Bays (NCWHS Grade 12) violin.

Shirk Family Music Scholar Isaac Spencer (home-school Grade 7) piano.

Ruby K. Worner Charitable Trust Scholar Samuel Skinner (Cornerstone Grade 10) cello.

Heartland Bank and Trust Classical Music Scholar Julia Hilt (BJHS Grade 8) viola.

Darrell Looney Classical Music Scholar Mark Dover (BHS Grade 12) piano.

Minor Myers jr Classical Music Scholar Marquise Bonaparte (NCHS Grade 10) piano.

Hartnell Family Music Scholar Savion Jackson (Cornerstone Grade 5) piano.

Adolph Buchanan Classical Music Scholar Isaiah Crews (BJHS Grade 7) violin.

Joslin Family Classical Music Scholar Kennede Haynes (Evans JHS Grade 8) violin.

Harriet & Phares O'Daffer Classical Music Scholar Deonte Mosely (BJHS Grade 8) piano.



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Melody Kramme

Melody Kramme is a junior at BHS. Already experienced in the violin, she decided to expand to the piano. Then she broke her finger! Her teacher Sara Hoffee transposed *Nocturne for the Left Hand* to the right hand and Melody mastered it for her Spring Recital. Sara commented, "Many students would have used a broken finger to not practice, but not Melody!" She is the **Sofie L. Eisenberg Memorial Piano Scholar**.

The Harriet and Phares O'Daffer Classical Music Scholarship

Eric O'Daffer, Sue O'Daffer Thornquist, and Sara O'Daffer Marberry, in honor of their parents, endowed the **Harriet and Phares O'Daffer Classical Music Scholarship** in mid-2012. The first recipient was Deonte Mosely, who is studying piano and is now in the 8th grade at Bloomington Junior High School.

Our previous coverage misstated Sara's name.

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of your support goes to our
endowment; earnings are used
only for music scholarships.



"A painter paints his pictures on canvas. But musicians paint their pictures on silence."

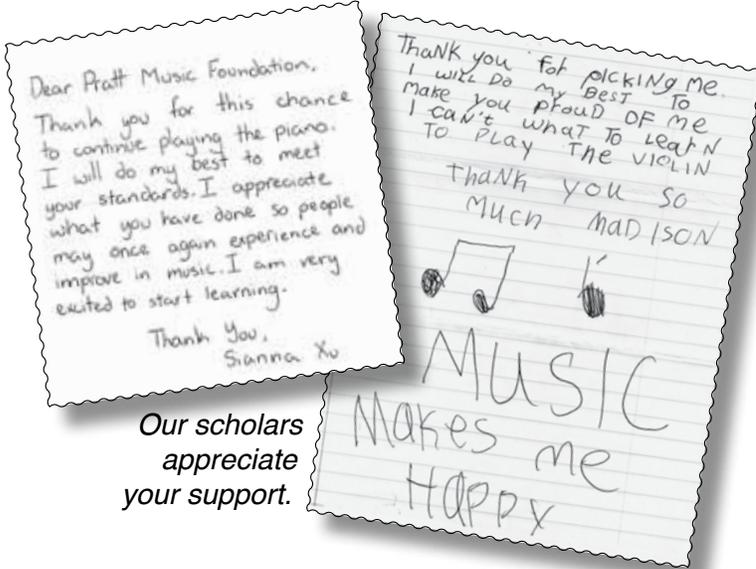
Leopold Stokowski addressing an audience at Carnegie Hall in 1967.

Most quotations leave out his third sentence: *"We provide the music; you provide the silence."*



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3 New and 11 Total Annual Grants

Sixteen **Pratt Music Foundation** Scholars are supported by named scholarships funded by earnings of the **Pratt Music Foundation Endowment**.

This year we are able to support an additional eleven scholars through generous donors providing annual grants; each grant supports one student's music lessons for the 2013-2014 school year. This support includes three NEW grants this year:

- ♪♪♪ James and Michelle Chow
- ♪♪♪ Ruben and Annette Martinez
- ♪♪♪ Jay and Sue Edmondson

Eight continuing grants are:

- ♪♪♪ Dr. Darrell Looney
- ♪♪♪ Willie McCauley
- ♪♪♪ Friends of Eric Dean Tapley
- ♪♪♪ Heartland Bank and Trust
- ♪♪♪ Mary Hartnell Ogata
- ♪♪♪ PNC Foundation (two grants)
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2013 World Piano Competition



Over the week of July 4-13, Cincinnati was the site of the **World Piano Competition**: 24 of the world's best pianists vying for a top prize of \$20,000, a recording contract, and a debut recital in New York. Immediately thereafter, a hundred young artists competed July 22-25 for cash prizes and a group recital at Carnegie Hall.

Awadagin Pratt is the newly named Artistic Director of the re-energized **World Piano Competition**. Promoting piano excellence since 1956, the WPC is working with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and the University of Cincinnati Conservatory of Music to be one of the premier piano competitions in the world.



Left to Right: Awadagin Pratt, World Piano Competition Artistic Director, Peter Landgren, Dean University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, Trey Dewey, President Cincinnati Symphony, and Mark Ernster, World Piano Competition Executive Director.



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