



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.



Photo by Glenn Reeder

Left to Right (regardless of row): Selena Aviles, Humberto Giles, Justin Jacobs, Alexis Bowers, Julia Hilt, Kennede Haynes, Savion Jackson, Marquise Bonaparte, Dana Bays, Emma Papineau, Isaiah Crews, Samantha Morey, Rob Reinbrecht, Samuel Skinner, Mark Dover, Madison Robinson, Deonte Mosely, Savannah Shelton, Shelby Bays, Isaac Spencer, Jaylin Johnson, Melody Kramme, Nakiya Rice, Michelle Fields, Aaron Jacobs, Meiko Shimoe, and (not shown) Kean Jones. *Bringing together 27 scholars at one time proved to be an impossible task, so slight variations in shadow and lighting are the results of photoshopping.*

Pratt Music Foundation Scholars for 2013-14



Four cello scholarships: **McCauley Classical Music Scholar** Alexis Bowers (BHS Grade 10); **Ruby K. Worner Charitable Trust Scholar** Samuel Skinner (Cornerstone Grade 10); **Zuill Bailey Strings Scholar** Rob Reinbrecht (U-High Grade 12); **Eric Dean Tapley Classical Music Scholar** Emma Papineau (NCWHS Grade 11).

Twelve piano scholarships: **Shirk Family Music Scholar** Isaac Spencer (home-school Grade 7); **Darrell Looney Classical Music Scholar** Mark Dover (BHS Grade 12); **Pratt Music Foundation Scholar** Aaron Jacobs (Colene Hoose Grade 3); **Minor Myers jr Classical Music Scholar** Marquise Bonaparte (NCHS Grade 10); **Hartnell Family Music Scholar** Savion Jackson (Cornerstone Grade 5); **Sofie L. Eisenberg Memorial Piano Scholar** Melody Kramme (BHS Grade 11); **Harriet and Phares O'Daffer Classical Music Scholar** Deonte Mosely (BJHS Grade 8); **Jennie and Scott King**

Classical Music Scholar Nakiya Rice (Irving Grade 4); **PNC Foundation Classical Music Scholar** Michelle Fields (Kingsley Grade 7);

Ten violin scholarships: **Hurst Strings Scholar** Shelby Bays (NCWHS Grade 12); **Mozart Classical Music Scholar** Selena

Aviles (BHS Grade 9); **Adolph Buchanan Classical Music Scholar** Isaiah Crews (BJHS Grade 7); **Joslin Family Classical Music Scholar** Kennede Haynes (Evans JHS Grade 8); **Beth Newdome Violin Scholar** Dana Bays (Kingsley Grade 7); **PNC Foundation Classical Music Scholar** Justin Jacobs (Sugar Creek Grade 5); **Chow Family Music Scholar** Jaylin Johnson (BJHS Grade 6); **Edmondson Family Music Scholar** Samantha Morey (BJHS Grade 6); **Pratt Music Foundation Scholar** Madison Robinson (Sheridan Grade 1); **Pratt Music Foundation Scholar** Savannah Shelton (Chiddix Grade 7).

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

The **Pratt Music Foundation** Scholar class of 2013-14 includes sixteen students from Bloomington, and eleven from Normal. Twelve students are studying piano, four study cello, one studies viola, and ten study violin. Twelve students attend **District 87** schools, eleven attend **Unit 5** schools, one attends the University laboratory schools, two attend private school, and one is home-schooled.



The 27 **Pratt Music Foundation** Scholars for 2013-14 represent an investment of \$33,750 in the next generation of musicians in our community.

Elerich Family Music Scholar Humberto Giles (BJHS Grade 7); **Jerry Antonini Piano Scholar** Kean Jones (Fox Creek Grade 3); **Martinez Family Classical Music Scholar** Meiko Shimoe (NCHS Grade 11).



"More than anything else rhythm and harmony find their way to the inmost soul and take strongest hold upon it." Plato (The Republic III)



Unit 5 Recognizes Pratt Music Foundation Scholars



Photo by Miquet Haynes

Left to Right: Teacher Angie Stalter, Teacher Becky Meadows, Kean Jones, Michelle Fields, Justin Jacobs, Dana Bays, Savannah Shelton, Kennede Haynes, Teacher Kimberly Martin-Boyd, Teacher Jan Scott. *Not shown:* Shelby Bays, Marquise Bonaparte, Emma Papineau.

The eleven **Pratt Music Foundation** scholars attending **Unit 5** schools were recognized by the school board before its meeting September 26. Board president John Puzauskas commented, "We are proud to have these talented students participating in this program, and we are proud to recognize their efforts tonight. We also appreciate the efforts of their teachers who are here tonight with their students."

Our Mission: PRATT MUSIC FOUNDATION

The **Pratt Music Foundation** supports music education in Bloomington-Normal through classical music scholarships in strings and piano. Pratt scholarships are awarded annually (in July) to talented youth in grades K through 12.

Concert pianist Awadagin Pratt, a member of the **Pratt Music Foundation** Board of Directors, commented, "Our program is not designed to create the next Mozart, but helps the kids to keep in touch with music for the rest of their lives."

Classroom and music teachers who are aware of a child with talent and financial need who could benefit from a **Pratt Music Foundation** Scholarship may request an application by contacting Marc Miller at 309-827-5534, or email: PrattMusicFoundation@gmail.com.

SIGMA ALPHA IOTA



Photo by Marc Miller

This year's Christmas mailing was assembled by IWU music students: members of the **Sigma Alpha Iota** International Music Fraternity. Thank you SAI!

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Sostenuto

A String Orchestra For Adults



Photo by Darlene Miller

District 87 orchestra teacher Karen Monhardt believes that musical opportunities shouldn't end with graduation. To that end, she has established **Sostenuto**: a string orchestra for adults, at all levels of ability, for ages 19 to 80 (and up). Zari Gary (**Pratt Music Scholar** 2005-2010) is an active participant, continuing her involvement with the viola as she pursues her AA at Heartland Community College.

Sostenuto invites interested musicians to contact Karen Monhardt at monhardtk@district87.org

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

Bill Schlipf 1945-2013

William J. "Bill" Schlipf worked as a piano technician, tuning and repairing pianos for many years, including at **Illinois Wesleyan University**. He was also a devoted jazz musician and played with the *Decatur Merchant Street Rowdies*.

When he died in July, his family asked that memorials be directed to the **Pratt Music Foundation**. Those contributions in his memory will ensure that deserving young people will have access to quality music education for decades to come.



Photo by Schlipf Family



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