

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 the 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.

Nineteen Scholarships Awarded for 2010-11

Every year, in June, the Directors of the Pratt Music Foundation face a truly enjoyable task: the selection of scholars for the coming year. Some students are new to our program; some are current scholars who want to continue their studies. This year, the Foundation considered 41 applicants and selected 19 scholars.

Seven of the students study piano, seven study violin, and five study cello; our scholars attend public and private schools (or are home-schooled) in Bloomington, Normal, and Leroy, and ranging in age from 6 to 17.

The scholars selected are:

Andrew Powers, Minor Myers, jr. Classical Music Scholar; **Brandon Churchill**, Zuill Bailey Strings Scholar; **Ryan Cavallo**, Joslin Family Classical Music Scholar; **Tess Johnson**, Beth Newdome Violin Scholar; **Shelby Bays**, Hurst Strings Scholar; **Haden Toohill**, Eric Dean Tapley Classical Music Scholar; **Stephen Cook**, Pratt-Clarke Music Scholar; **Alexis Bowers**, McCauley Classical Music Scholar; **Kaylin Richards**, Shirk Family Music Scholar; **Isaac Spencer**, Awadagin Pratt Piano Scholar; **Nathaniel Parson**, Ruby K. Worner Charitable Trust Scholar; **Mark Dover**, Elterich Family Music Scholar; **Bailei Johnson**, Dr. Mildred Pratt Classical Music Scholar.

Myung Wan Suh, **Ashtyn Rankin**, **Ethan Weniger**, **Yea Jee Suh**, **Isabelle Jacobsen**, and **Samuel Skinner** are our Pratt Music Foundation Scholars.

Many of our scholars are awarded named scholarships recognizing the generosity of the donors who funded those specific scholarships.

THE BETH NEWDOME MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Beth Newdome (1964-2010) was a world class violinist. She started music lessons at the age of three and pursued the study of music throughout her life. She played with the Symphony Orchestras in Dallas, Jacksonville, and Atlanta, with the Georgian Chamber Players, and the Inman Trio.

Beth generously shared her talent and her insights with others: she was Associate Professor of Violin at Florida State University, and on the faculty of the Aspen Music Festival.

When Beth died of breast cancer earlier this year, her family and friends established this scholarship in her memory. Beth was a very dear friend of Awadagin Pratt.

More information at www.farfuture.net/bethnewdome/

Since 1998, the Pratt Music Foundation has awarded 159 annual scholarships totalling \$141,237.

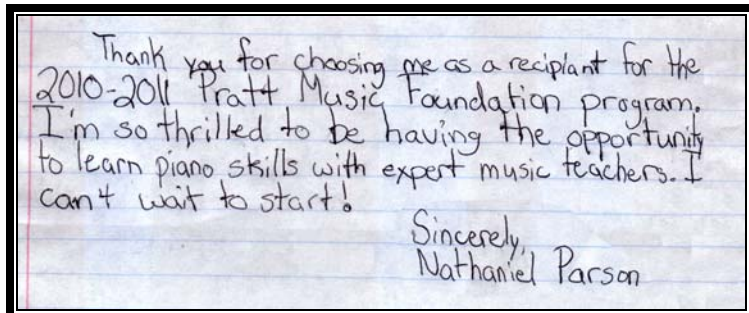
PRATT MUSIC SCHOLAR STANDARDS

Pratt Music Scholars are expected to meet high standards. All students commit to and sign our Standards Form when their scholarship begins.

The Standards Form states (in part):

- Attend lessons regularly, be on time, and notify your teacher before an absence.
- Practice regularly, and be well-prepared for each lesson.
- Demonstrate progress throughout the year and participate in selected recitals.
- Attend the annual scholar recognition reception.
- Participate in the summer lessons program.

A SCHOLAR'S THANK YOU

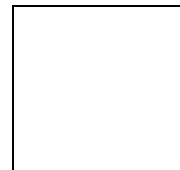


Nathaniel Parson (fifth grade, Sheridan School) is a second year piano student.





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*"Motivation
in a young musician
is more important
than talent.
Consistent practice
is more valuable
than any particular genetic
endowment."* -- Awadagin Pratt

Consider A Memorial Scholarship

A named **Pratt Music Foundation Scholarship** honors an important person in your life by supporting music education for the next generation. A contribution of \$1,250 allows the **Pratt Music Foundation** to provide quality instruction, in either strings or piano, to a talented, motivated student for one year.

The **Pratt Music Foundation** annually recruits eligible students and continues to nurture and support them during their course of study. Our scholarship award criteria require that recipients demonstrate financial need. Your gift allows a deserving, talented child to pursue his or her music potential at the **IWU Music Preparatory Program**.

Or consider an endowed scholarship with a one-time gift that would support deserving students for decades to come.

Contact: Marc Miller, **Pratt Music Foundation**, at 309-827-5534 or email at prattmusicfoundation@gmail.com.



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Former Pratt Music Scholars: Where Are They Now?

Sam Birsa (a Pratt Music Scholar 2006-2008) has played cello for the



Bloomington-Normal Youth Symphony for the past five years, and studied privately with Nina Gordon, Andrew Hesse, and Charlotte Williams. He is the **2010**

Howard H. Rye Solo Competition Winner. Sam will continue his study of music as he attends **Illinois Wesleyan University** beginning in the Fall, 2010.

Rachel Dauenbaugh (a Pratt Music Scholar 2002-2003) has played violin



The Bloomington-Normal Youth Symphony has provided a concert venue for community youth since 1989.

for the **Bloomington-Normal Youth Symphony** for the past five years, and currently studies privately with Vadim Mazo. Rachel will pursue a Political Science major at Depauw University beginning in Fall, 2010.

ERIC DEAN TAPLEY Classical Music Scholarship

Eric Dean Tapley (1959-2010), an emergency RN at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center (and the smiling face on many of their billboards) died unexpectedly in May.

A friend has established this scholarship in recognition of Eric's love for music. Home-schooled eleventh grader Haden Toohill will be the **Eric Dean Tapley Classical Music Scholar** for 2010-11.



**Elterich
Family Music
Scholar**

Mark Dover
plays piano
at the Pratt
Scholar Reception
last February.



Photo by Glenn Reeder



"After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music."

Aldous Huxley, *Music at Night*, 1931.

