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*The **Pratt Music Foundation** identifies children 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**.*

Our Biggest News: 35 Scholars in the 2019-2020 Pratt Music Program!



Piano Scholars' Class Photo 2019-2020



Strings Scholars' Class Photo 2019-2020

More Good News:

- * We sent three Pratt Scholars to Wesleyan's summer Chamber Music Camp: two weeks of round-the-clock instruction, practice, and performance.
 - * Our partner project **Share The Music** provided instruments to many of our scholars, and also supplies instruments to over 200 students in Unit 5 and District 87 band and orchestra. The **Music Shoppe** and the **Illinois Symphony Orchestra** partner with us to make this happen.
 - * We added Ted and Mildred Pratt's now-grown grandchildren — Raebekkah Pratt-Clarke and Emmanuel Pratt-Clarke — to our Board of Directors, continuing the concern and participation of the Pratt family for music education in Bloomington-Normal.
 - * Dr. S. Georgia Nugent, the new president of **Illinois Wesleyan University**, has agreed to serve on the Pratt Music Foundation Board of Directors, continuing a tradition dating back to President Minor Myers, jr.
 - * Roger and Mary Hunt sponsored the attendance of seven Pratt scholars to the Illinois Symphony Orchestra in May, and guest violinist Rachel Barton Pine met with them after the performance to discuss music and the importance of practice (picture below).
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We Appreciate Your Support:

Our 100% rule always applies: annual grants fund specific scholarships: everything else goes to our endowment with earnings used exclusively for music scholarships. If you can support us, please use the form below; OR, email or call us and we'll mail you a contribution form.

We appreciate every gift

\$25 \$50

\$100 \$250 \$500

- My employer will match my gift: form enclosed.
- \$1250 Annual Scholarship. Supports one student for a full year with a named scholarship.
- Endowed Scholarship. Supports one student every year for years to come (and creates an endowed named scholarship). We'll contact you.

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A heartfelt thank you from one of our students:

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Dear Pratt Music Foundation,

I wanted to thank you once more for this amazing opportunity. Piano has become such a huge part of my life now and I don't know what I would without it. Piano has become my safe place and it wouldn't be without you. You give so many children amazing opportunities, you change their lives. I'm one of those kids. It's more than just going to lessons every week, it's a whole experience that has changed my life forever. This is my eighth year and I can't wait to see how much I improve. These scholarships really do have a huge impact on our lives. I can't thank you enough for the opportunity you've given me again. You've truly changed my life.

Sincerely,

Nobuya Pille

Rachel Pine with Pratt scholar. A Pratt scholar at her February recital.



The **Pratt Music Foundation** has been supporting student musicians for 23 years, and none of our work could have happened without your support. *Thank you.*

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"Music is the universal language of mankind." —Longfellow