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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: 37 Scholars in the 2020-2021 Pratt Music Program!



Row 1 (Top) Left to Right. Sarah Andrews, Kaithlyne Balbuena, Jordyn Buckner, Tysondra Calhoun, Devin Diaz.
Row 2. Jose Patino, Alexa Espinosa-Cortes, Karen Espinosa-Cortes, Jose Espinoza, Agatha Estabrook.
Row 3. Mathilda Estabrook, Jahmal Evans, Jacob Geraghty, Diana Valentina Gonzalez, Diego Gonzalez.
Row 4. Juliet Herrarte, Freyja Huffman, Lydia Langston, Isaiah Martin, Dulce Mendoza.
Row 5. Ben Nguy, Amanda Quiros-Rojas, Tessa Radice, Joy Rattan, Renata Olivo.
Row 6. Rachel Roberts, Mamush Rogal, Rex Rowley, Audrie Schuller, Zoe Sorenson.
Row 7. Taylor Thompson, Leonardo Vargas Steinbacher, Lily Kirvan.
(Not Shown: Selena Childs, Diana Cornejo, Nakiya Rice, Savannah Turcotte-Cutkomp.)

Music In The Time Of The Pandemic:

In early Spring, our Pratt Scholars transitioned to on-line learning. For most, it was one-to-one Zoom classes, followed by Zoom recitals, just as you would expect. The IWU Prep instructors rose to the challenge and made on-line classes work with almost no preparation. For some students, classes were literally conducted by telephone. Who would have thought we could teach cello, or piano, by phone?

Fall marked a return to in-person instruction with strict protocols to minimize contact. Some students chose to continue remote learning, and the Prep instructors adapted to make the process succeed.

We have more Pratt scholars than ever, and music instruction is more important than ever: it is a haven from the tensions of the world, a comfortable friend when everything else seems upended. We are proud of our scholars and their dedication to their music in these trying times.

The Pratt Music Foundation Scholarship Class of 2020-21 includes 20 students from Bloomington, 15 from Normal, and one each from Washington and Gridley. Twenty-one students study piano, seven study violin, three study viola, and six pursue the cello. One scholar is taking both violin and viola. Nine students attend District 87 schools, eighteen attend Unit 5 schools, five are home-schooled, three attend private schools (Epiphany, St. Mary's, and Cornerstone), one attends CUSD 51 (Washington) and one attends Unit 11 (El Paso-Gridley).

The thirty-seven Pratt Music Foundation Scholars for 2020-21 represent an investment (this year) of over \$46,250 in the next generation of music in our community.

Share The Music:

Our partner project Share The Music provides 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 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.

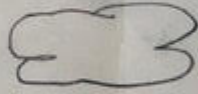
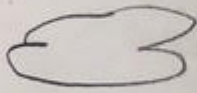
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Enjoy two heartfelt thank-you letters from our scholars:

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This Scholarship gave me the opportunity to continue in piano lessons.



Thank you so much for the award.

Love,
Valentina



The Pratt Music Foundation has been supporting student musicians for 24 years, and none of our work could have happened without your support. Thank you.

THANK YOU LETTER

07/14/20

Dear Pratt Music Foundation,
Thank you for giving me an opportunity to learn and grow during these difficult times. I would also like to thank my teacher Ms. Hoff for teaching me so ^{many} things while we were stuck in quarantine. Importantly, I'd like to thank the Foundation ~~and~~ and the people that are apart of this whole music foundation for having the gratitude to pay for me to go to these private lessons. Lastly, I'd like to thank my mom for believing in me and supporting me and reminding me that I can achieve anything I set my mind to, thanks mom! And thank you to everyone that was apart of this Music Foundation. Thank you for everything. ♥

Sincerely, Tysondra Calhoun

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

--Aldous Huxley, Music at Night, 1931.