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Coastal Concerts Announces 2020 Music Scholarship Awards

Coastal Concerts, Lewes-based chamber music presenting organization, takes great pleasure in announcing the winners of its 2019-20 Music Scholarships. The scholarships are available to student middle and high school musicians residing in Delmarva.

This year, Coastal Concerts awarded a total of \$4,200 to five students, three in high school and two in middle school. The program was funded by generous contributions from Sussex County Council, Minnie Shorter, Rob Young, Carol Dennis, and Pete and Joanne Harrigan.

This year's awardees are:

Robert Reese-Hengel, Milton, DE
Violin

Robert is an eighth grader at Mariner M.S. and plays in the band under the direction of Brian Mahoney. He takes private solo performance instruction with Mike Marotta, under whose direction Robert performed in recital at Bethel United Methodist Church in Lewes, DE in January 2019 and 2020.

Robert plans to apply his Coastal Concerts Music Scholarship award partly to the purchase of his violin and partly to support his private instruction.

Grace Kerr, Millsboro, DE
Flute, Composition

Grace is a graduating senior at Indian River High School where she served as Drum Major for the Marching Band, President of the Tri-M Music Honor Society and Lead Reed Musician for the Pit Orchestra, among other musical, social, academic and community activities. Outside of school, she performed with the Delaware All-State Band, Sussex County Honors Choir and Band, and the Rehoboth Community Concert Band.

Grace plans to use her Coastal Concerts Scholarship award to supplement her tuition to West Chester (PA) University where she will pursue studies in music education.

Gabriela Salvador-Riera, Wilmington, DE
Violin

Gabriela is a vocal and strings major completing the eighth grade at Cab Calloway School of the Arts in Wilmington, where she was a soprano in the Advanced Treble Choir, a first violinist in the select High School Chamber Orchestra, and treasurer of the National Junior Honor Society. Gabriela studies violin with Julianne Murphy Ruiz at MSD where she participates in the Honors Program under Shelley Beard Santore. She is currently co-concertmaster of the Delaware Youth Symphony Orchestra (DYSO) and a member of the #HashtagJazz vocal ensemble.

Gabriela intends to apply her Scholarship to the continuation of her studies in the MSD Honors Program.

Katarina Swann, Newark, DE
Harp

Katarina is completing the 9th grade at Sanford School in Hockessin, DE where she is the recipient of a High School Merit Scholarship Award and a member of the Concert Choir and Vocal Ensemble, having previously played clarinet and piano in the school's Concert and Jazz Bands. Katarina played with DYSO from 2017 to 2019 and this season was her second with the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra (PYO), performing at the Kimmel Center.

Katarina plans to apply her scholarship award to the tuition for harp study this summer at the Interlochen Arts Academy Summer Camp in Michigan, COVID-19 conditions permitting.

Zoe Yost, Newark, DE
Viola

Zoe is completing the 11th grade at Mt. Sophia Academy in Newark and studies viola with Kerri Ryan of the Philadelphia Orchestra. She is principal violist with Temple University Music Prep's Youth Chamber Orchestra, and plays in two string quartets. She was a member of Settlement Music School's (Phila., PA) Trowbridge Advanced Study String Quartet in 2017 and 2018, and the PYO from 2017 to 2019.

Zoe intends to apply her Coastal Concerts Music Scholarship award to conservatory tuition or a new bow.

A more complete listing of the students' accomplishments, honors and awards is available on www.coastalconcerts.org. Since the introduction of the scholarship program in 2002, 40 students have received awards totaling \$42,700.

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