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Coastal Concerts Announces 2020-21 Music Scholarship Awards

Coastal Concerts, Lewes-based chamber music presenting organization, takes great pleasure in announcing the winners of its Music Scholarship Awards for the 2020-21 school year. The scholarships are awarded to student musicians in middle and high school who reside on Delmarva. This year, Coastal Concerts awarded a total of \$5,000 to eight students, two of whom have recently graduated and will be furthering their music education in college. This year's recipients are:

Isabelle L. Bruening, Newark, Delaware

Piano

Isabelle is this year's recipient of the Dorothy and Elizabeth Music Scholarship, CoCo's most prestigious honor, funded each year by Pete and Joanne Harrigan. Isabelle is entering the eleventh grade at Cab Calloway School of the Arts (Cab) and studies privately with Christine Delbeau of the University of Delaware School of Music. She has won numerous awards over the past few years including first place at the Music School of Delaware (MSD) Piano Competition, age 13-15, in 2020. Isabelle is applying her scholarship award to the tuition for this summer's Interlochen Center for the Arts piano program.

Nathaniel Hoang, Lewes, Delaware

Piano

Nathan is an eighth grader at Beacon Middle School who began piano lessons at age five under the tutelage of Anne Chairge while attending the Wyoming Valley Montessori School in his former hometown of Kingston, PA. After moving to Lewes in 2019, he took up private lessons with Louise Foster. Nathan plans to apply his CoCo Scholarship Award to future piano lessons and a piano tuning or two.

Shinnyom David Park, Wilmington, Delaware

Viola

David is a ninth grader at the Independence School in Newark, DE and has been studying viola at MSD for six years under Shelley Beard Santore. He received an Honorable Mention at the Delaware Competition for Young Musicians in 2018, and, most recently, he achieved Level 7 at the MSD 2020 Suzuki Academy. He plans to put his CoCo Scholarship money toward his private lessons.

Emilee Rau, Felton, Delaware

Violin

Emilee is an honors student entering the eleventh grade at Lake Forest High School and studying violin at MSD under Amos Fayette. She plans to continue her musical career throughout college and intends to put her CoCo Scholarship award toward her continuing studies. Most recently, Emilee gave a Live Stream Recital Performance at MSD, Milford.

Marcos Salvador-Riera, Wilmington, Delaware

Viola

Marcos is a rising eighth grade vocal and strings major at Cab, where he was a tenor in the 7th grade choir and a violist in the select High Chamber Orchestra. Studying under Julianne Murphy Ruiz of MSD, he intends to put his CoCo Scholarship Award toward music camp or future private lessons. Marcos is a winner of a 2020 Jacqueline Beach Faulcon Honor Award & Scholarship and a member of the Delaware Youth Symphony Orchestra (DYSO) under the direction of Maestro Simeone Tartaglione. Marcos is also a member of Cab's Science Olympiad team.

Nicolette Marie Sullivan-Cozza, Hockessin, Delaware

Viola

Nicolette recent graduated from Cab where she was a member of the National Honor Society. Her dream is to become an orchestral musician and viola teacher. During her studies with teacher, Kerri Ryan, Assistant Principal Violist of the Philadelphia Orchestra, she won an honorable mention in the Betsy I. Kent Concerto Competition and second place in the Delaware Concerto Competition for Young Musicians, both in 2020.

Nicolette has been a key member of the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra, the Temple University Music Preparatory Youth Chamber Orchestra, and a string quartet coached by Karen Kim of the Jasper Quartet. This summer she is attending the Heifetz International Music Institute and in the fall she will matriculate at the New England Conservatory of Music (NEC) on a dean's full scholarship studying under Kim Kashkashian. Nicolette intends to put her CoCo Scholarship toward room and board at NEC.

Owen Swartzentruber, Bridgeville, Delaware

Guitar

A ninth grader at Greenwood Mennonite School, Owen has been studying guitar since age eight with Douglas Seth of the Guitar Academy of Southern Delaware. His musical family gets together to share their musical gifts and to volunteer to play for the residents of a local retirement home. Owen has participated in the Association of Christian Schools International Music Festival at Messiah University as well as in recital at his school. He derives inspiration from the live performances of Grammy Award winner (and CoCo concert performer) David Russell and those of Mosaic String Duo, which includes his instructor.

Owen's current guitar is not full size and has a crack in it. He plans to use his Scholarship Award to help pay for a new, pristine, full size instrument.

Justin Xu, Hockessin, Delaware

Viola

Justin, a recent graduate of the Charter School of Wilmington, studies viola with Shelley Beard Santore of MSD, where he was awarded an Honorable Mention at MSD's Merit Scholarship Competition and named finalist in the Delaware Solo and Chamber Festival. This season is Justin's second in the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra. Previously, he played in the DYSO, the Philadelphia Young Artists Orchestra, the Delaware All-State Orchestra, and the Cab Calloway School of the Arts Chamber Orchestra. Justin plans to use his CoCo Scholarship Award in support of continued viola study in college.

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