

2014 Scholarship Winners

Mary Russell Peters Memorial Award\$2,000



Seth Prisament, alto saxophone, (Nyack High) is lead soloist and first chair of the school’s Jazz Band, student director of the Jazz Quartet and a member of the Marching Band. He has performed with the Thurber School of Music Improvisation Ensemble, the Larchmont Academy Saxophone Quartette, the New York Jazz Academy and the Rockland Youth Jazz Ensemble. In 2012, he joined his high school Jazz Band in Nyack Library’s Carnegie Concert Series. Seth was awarded a scholarship for “Performance Excellence” at the New York Summer Music Festival in Oneonta (SUNY) in 2013. Locally, he has participated in fundraisers for student activities, veteran and senior groups; and been employed as a tutor in saxophone. Seth will attend Vassar in the fall.

Francoise & Paul Laderach Award / MMC \$500.....\$1,500



Reuben Foley, violin, (Suffern High), has been playing violin for ten years. He served as concertmaster in the school’s Symphony and Chamber Orchestras, and in the pit orchestra’s annual Spring Musical. This year, he returns for his second season with the Bergen Youth Symphony Orchestra, sitting fourth chair in the first violin section. Reuben is immeasurably thankful to his family and his teachers (Mr. Frank Bruno and Mr. Daniel McCarter) for their support and mentorship and to MMC for this performance opportunity and award. He intends to pursue a career in music performance and education. In the fall he will attend Ithaca College.

Victor Powell Memorial Award gifted by

Geraldine Goumas.....\$1,000



Taylor Simpson, percussion, (Tappan Zee High) has played drum set and percussion in the pit orchestra for all the school musicals and is currently a student at Manhattan School of Music’s Pre-College Division. His professional engagements include the Ramsey Wind Symphony, the New Jersey Conservatory Orchestra, and currently the internationally acclaimed Rock group, “Junoon.” He participated in the Leigh Howard Stevens Marimba Camp, the William Patterson University Summer Jazz Group and the Chin Picnic Music Festival in Toronto. In June, Taylor will perform with the Treble Choir of Houston at the Stern auditorium/Perelman stage at Carnegie Hall.