

The winners of the FNACO Awards for the Bursary competition 2023 are Christoph Chung and Maria Krstic

To the Friends of NACO,
I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for your generosity and support towards my education at the Juilliard School. Your donation has made a significant impact on my life and has helped me to take a significant step towards achieving my academic goals.

As I am sure you know, pursuing a Master's Degree in music in New York is an expensive endeavour and your contribution has provided me with some of the financial assistance needed to pursue my passion for music. With your support I can now focus on my studies and develop my skills as a musician without worrying as much about the financial burden. The opportunity to compete with my talented peers in this competition has been an honour and has allowed me to showcase my abilities in front of esteemed professionals.

I am deeply grateful for your kindness and generosity and rest assured that I will use this time to its fullest and will strive to make you proud. Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart.
Sincerely,

Christoph Chung



Thank you message from Maria Krstic (recorded in her apartment in Vienna, Austria) Winner of the FNACO Evelyn Greenberg Award

I wanted to say a heartfelt thank you to the members of the Friends of the National Arts Centre Orchestra for the scholarship I received at the NAC Bursary Competition.

I am super grateful for your support in these difficult times. Contributions like yours mean the world to young musicians growing up and looking forward to hopefully a great career. We have the opportunity to try things we would not have been able to try without support like yours. Thank you so much for caring about the future of the arts and the especially the future of classical music in Canada. I truly appreciate it. I hope you know how much it means to up and coming young musicians.
All the best,

Maria Krstic



The Pleasure of Seeing the NAC Bursary Finalists in Performance Kathryn Balica Member FNACO

On Sunday, April 23rd, I attended the 2023 NAC Bursary Competition at Freiman Hall, University of Ottawa. A first for me. Eight students with ties to the National Capital Region were selected to participate by jury in the finals of this Ottawa based Bursary Competition. I learned of it via Christine McLaughlin, who had encouraged me to join FNACO.

On arrival, I was surprised to see the Freiman Hall filled with enthusiastic supporters, from friends to parents and grandparents. Following the first performance, I could understand why. And the familiar, classical musical repertoire certainly appealed to me.

I was most impressed with the talent displayed by each participant, as well as the appreciation shown by the audience. Every single participant (ages of 16-26 only) contributed to make it a lovely concert event. Our world could benefit with more of this.

Please consider attending next year; these are our future orchestra musicians who need your support.

Musicianship and leadership combine for Carleton Winner Maria Neil FNACO Member

This Friends university award is for a student who is completing their music undergraduate degree with high competence and who has demonstrated a desire to assist in some meaningful way with music in the community.

When President Christine invited me to Carleton's Theatre to hear the young drummer recommended by the University of Carleton's music department to receive Friends' new award of \$2,500.00, I was eager to attend. Part of the fun of anticipation was not knowing the type of drumming we'd hear: ancients of India, modern orchestral or jazz. It was the latter!

The drummer was Joel Oppong-Boateng and he was excellent, well supported and accompanied by both professional musicians and fellow students. His rendition of a couple of Coltrane pieces in particular rivalled the best to the point where even Coltrane would surely have been impressed.

As Joel is an exceptional music student and has worked within his Church music community and met all our requirements -he was truly deserving of this award.

The Carlton University Award Winner Joel Oppong-Boateng

Thank you message

I want to extend my gratitude to the members of the Friends of the National Arts Centre Orchestra for all of their support during my final year.

This past semester, I was awarded with the Friends of the National Arts Centre Award this year, and I'm extremely thankful for this opportunity. It is indeed a blessing to be recognized in this regard, and the funds given will help jumpstart my career as I transition into music full time. As a drummer, there are so many components that I have to invest in. These funds will propel me into investing the necessary gear to continue my journey as a professional musician.

To Christine, and Maria, and all the members. Thank you for your support throughout my grad recital process, and for seeing am fit for this award. I am truly honoured, and grateful for each and every one of you.

Joel Oppong-Boateng



Dear Friends of the NAC Orchestra,

Thank you for the donation to the OTTAWA YOUTH ORCHESTRA ACADEMY! Your ongoing support helps us keep the doors open. I wanted to let you know that we received and have deposited the gift of \$1,000.00.

Wishing you a lovely day!

Dr. Tasha Ausman
OYOA General Manager

Dear Ms McLaughlin and Friends of NACO

On behalf of the YOUNG STRING PERFORMERS' Foundation Board of Directors, I would like to express our appreciation upon receiving the generous donation of \$1,000 from the Friends of NACO.

We are continuing to recognize the FRIENDS of NACO in our concert programs. Though the YSPF tries very hard to keep its expenses at a minimum [Insurance premiums, rental fees for venue, etc.], we keep our bursary presentations as our primary responsibility. Thank you so very much!

Wishing you a wonderful and musical 2023.

Yours truly,

Joan Milkson
Young String Performers' Foundation

Obituary

- ❖ We are sad to announce that Christina Lubbock died in April. Christina was the President of FNACO from 1987 to 1991. Through her love of music and leadership she brought great recognition to our Association as it was called then. We send our condolences to all her family.



SAVE THE DATE

The last **FREE** rehearsal of the 2022-23 NACO season
takes place Wednesday June 7th, 10 a.m.

Watch for registration notification.

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