Scholarships & Prizes

Merriam Music Outstanding Solo Performance
PRIZE: Tuition Scholarship ranging from $50-$100
Open to all Merriam School of Music students participating in the MSM Competitive Festival
- Recipients must receive a mark of 90% or more and must be nominated by an adjudicator to qualify for the scholarship
- Each adjudicator will nominate performers who demonstrate a thorough understanding and excellent interpretation of their piece, in conjunction with outstanding proficiency in the instrument
- Nominees will have their video performance reviewed by the Festival Scholarship Panel to determine final winners of the award

Merriam Music Star Composer Award
PRIZE: One (1) Recording Studio Scholarship (2 hours of recording and studio editing time)
Open to all Merriam School of Music students participating in a Composition or Songwriting Category (Category #001-006, 007SEQ-016SEQ)
- Scholarship will be awarded to the performer with the highest mark in a Composition/Songwriting category
- Recipient must receive a mark of 90% or more
- All performances will be reviewed by our Festival Scholarship Panel to determine a final winner

Merriam Music Most Promising Voice Student
PRIZE: One (1) $300 Tuition Scholarship
Open to all Merriam School of Music students participating in a minimum of three (3) vocal categories (Category #701SEQ-715SEQ)
- Scholarship will be awarded to the performer with the highest average between 3 vocal categories
- Recipient must receive an average mark of 90% or more
- All nominees will be reviewed by our Festival Scholarship Panel to determine a final winner

Intermediate Keyfest Piano All-Around Performer
PRIZE: One (1) $150 Tuition Scholarship
Open to all Merriam School of Music students participating in a minimum of three (3) Intermediate Keyfest Piano categories (Category #513-514, 518-526, 551-552, 557SEQ-558SEQ, 560SEQ-561, 570SEQ-571SEQ)
- At least one of those categories must be a jazz/pop category (Category #557SEQ-558SEQ, 560SEQ-561, 570SEQ-571SEQ)
- Scholarship will be awarded to the intermediate piano performer with the highest average between the 3 piano categories
- Recipient must receive an average mark of 90% or more
- All nominees will be reviewed by our Festival Scholarship Panel to determine a final winner

Advanced Keyfest Piano All-Around Performer
PRIZE: One (1) $200 Tuition Scholarship
Open to all Merriam School of Music students participating in a minimum of three (3) Advanced Keyfest piano categories (Category #527-532, 553, 559SEQ, 562SEQ-563, 572SEQ)
- At least one of those categories must be a jazz/pop category (Category #559SEQ, 562SEQ-563, 572SEQ)
- Scholarship will be awarded to the advanced piano performer with the highest average between 3 piano categories
- Recipient must receive an average mark of 90% or more
- All nominees will be reviewed by our Festival Scholarship Panel to determine a final winner

Senior Keyfest Piano All-Around Performer
PRIZE: One (1) $250 Tuition Scholarship
Open to all Merriam School of Music students participating in a minimum of three (3) Senior Keyfest piano categories (Category #533-539, 554, 564SEQ-565, 573SEQ)
- At least one of those categories must be a jazz/pop category (Category #564SEQ-565, 573SEQ)
- Scholarship will be awarded to the Senior piano performer with the highest average between 3 piano categories
- Recipient must receive an average mark of 90% or more
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Merriam Music Exceptional Artist Piano Award (non-piano/non-voice scholarship)
PRIZE: One (1) $300 Tuition Scholarship
Open to all Merriam School of Music students participating in a minimum of three (3) Artist Piano categories (Category #540-550, 555, 566SEQ, 567, 574SEQ)
- Scholarship will be awarded to the performer with the highest average between 3 Artist Piano categories
- Recipient must receive an average mark of 90% or more
- All nominees will be reviewed by our Festival Scholarship Panel to determine a final winner

Merriam Music Outstanding Solo Performance (non-piano/non-voice scholarship)
PRIZE: One (1) $200 Tuition Scholarship
Open to all Merriam School of Music students participating in a minimum of three (3) non-piano/non-voice categories (Category #301-310, 315-317, 401-406)
- Scholarship will be awarded to the performer with the highest mark in a non-piano/non-voice category
- Recipient must receive a minimum mark of 90% or more
- All nominees will be reviewed by our Festival Scholarship Panel to determine a final winner

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PRIZE: One (1) Recording Studio Scholarship (2 hours of recording and studio editing time)
Open to all Merriam School of Music students participating in a Composition or Songwriting Category (Category #001-006, 007SEQ-016SEQ)
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- Recipient must receive a mark of 90% or more
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- At least one of those categories must be a jazz/pop category (Category #557SEQ-558SEQ, 560SEQ-561, 570SEQ-571SEQ)
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