

Spark Awards 2024-2025

The following is a comprehensive record of awards distributed through Spark's grant programs during the 2024–2025 academic year.

Mini Grants 2024-2025

Students:

Adam Clifton	Bass Pipes for Gamelan-Bound
Deepti Vadhiyar	Pedagogical tools for flute
Benjamin Pouncy	CBDNA Registration
Brenna Curtis	CBDNA Registration
Blake Fowler	CBDNA Registration
Worth Lewallen	Recording project- Celtic Music CD
Hillary Flowers	ASCAP Registrations
Allison Yablonski	Music Commission
Zachary Cook	Music Commission
Adrian Montero	Recording Project- Hashi: A Musical Bridge
Ed Senn	Meg Quigley Bassoon Symposium
Caroline Grace	Southeast Horn Workshop
Charlie Winston	Southeast Horn Workshop
Micah Sullivan	Southeast Horn Workshop
Claire Shirley	Certificate in Applied Neuroscience and Voice
Agnieszka Lakso	NCKP Piano Conference/ MTNA Conference
Braydon Corbett	Southeast Horn Workshop
Isis Cardoso	MTNA National Conference
Julia Jacobsen	Short film
Alyssa Santiváñez	USC Flute Studio Music Mural project

Faculty:

Mandy Fang
Nicholas Susi
Dominic Armstrong
Scott Herring & Bailey Seabury
Claire Bryant
Serena LaRoche
Mike Harley, Jennifer Parker-Harley
& Hassan Anderson
Birgitta Johnson
Mike Harley
Hassan Anderson
David Garner
Clifford Leaman

Guest Artist Residency, Trudy Chan
Spro Masterclass with Spencer Myer
Happy Hour with Alex Fletcher
Wireless In-Ear Monitors for Percussion Studio
SC Cello Choir
NOA & NATS Conferences
Woodwind Chamber Music Day

Guest Lecture: Dr. Abimbola Cole Kai-Lewis
Meg Quigley Bassoon Symposium
Oboe Adjustment with David Greenwald
Melodicas for Music Theory Classes.
Guest Artist: Moaning Frongs lecture/workshop

Community Impact Projects

Students:

Agnieszka Lasko
Maddy LaFontan
Austin Englehardt
Antoine Marshall

Celebrating Women Composers through 22
Nocturnes for Chopin
Masterclass Series- Vocal Vibes
The Art of Sound
The Collective Commissioning Project

Faculty:

Jeremy Polley
Colleen Clark
Ari Streisfeld

Women in Music Conference
Jazz Girls Day
Duo Cortona + Geoff Deibel

Alicia Walker

Graduate Choral Conducting Immersion Study:
British Choral Literature

Clifford Leaman

Guest Artist: Jean-Michel Goury, Yves Josset,
and Denis Leviellant

Summer Study Grants

Laura Hutchins

The Castleton Festival

Mingzi Hu

National Conference on Keyboard Pedagogy

Grace Pennington

Veneto Art and Music Summit

Julia Jacobsen

Emerald Coast Chamber Music Festival

Ella Canney

Opera Lucca

Charles Winston

Bluecoats Drum & Bugle Corps

Jada Hooker

Modern Band Summit 2025

Douglas Temple

Global Seminar: Chamber Music Performance
(Aix-en-Provence, France)

Alana Brezenski

Bel Canto in Tuscany Summer Opera School

Brenna Curtis

University of Texas Conducting Workshop

Alyssa Romeo

Modern Band Summit 2025

Jonathan Krause

Mostly Modern Festival 2025

Patrick Reindl

Sweetwater Director Academy at the Bands of
America Summer Camp

Victoria Brodeur

LAHSOW Academy of Vocal Arts in Philadelphia

Elias Matthew Blake

Adamant Music School in Vermont

Ella Johnson

International Society of Bassists

Nicole Bedoya

Modern Band Summit 2025

Amanda Harrell

Castleman Quartet Program

Ian Hall

Green Mountain Chamber Music Festival

James Allen

Spoletto Vocal Arts Workshop

Bailey Barefoot

Opera Seme

Agnieszka Lasko

Golandsky Institute Summer Symposium

Ruxi Wang	Amalfi Coast Music & Arts Festival
Cydney Washington	Bayview Music Festival
Madison Constantine	Chicago Summer Opera & Orchestra
Hillary Flowers	Decoda Chamber Music Festival
Ally Yablonski	Summer Bach Academy,
John Koontz	Decoda Chamber Music Festival
Austin Englehardt	International Computer Music Conference
Ian Hamrick	International Society of Bassists
Antoin Marshall	The Castleton Festival
Shupeng Cao	Composition Course Saint Petersburg
	Contemporary Music CenterreMusik.org
Ed Senn	Monteux Festival Orchestra
Margaret Moore	Green Mountain Chamber Music Festival
Grant Ebert	The Castleton Festival
Abby Brewer	Opera to Broadway
Thomas Sunderland	Brevard
Ziyi Eng	Global Seminar: Chamber Music Performance (Aix-en-Provence, France)
Jacob Tierney	The Castleton Festival
Avea Diamond	International Society of Bassists
Paul Maxwell	Decoda Chamber Music Festival
Maclean Tollefson	Global Seminar: Chamber Music Performance (Aix-en-Provence, France)
Joshua Grocost	International Society of Bassists