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**EASTERN MUSIC FESTIVAL STUDENTS TO RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS FROM LOUIS DEJOY
AND ALDONA Z. WOS FAMILY FOUNDATION**

Scholarship Funding Designated to Assist North Carolina Students in 2019

GREENSBORO, N.C. (May 21, 2019) - Eastern Music Festival (EMF), a nationally recognized music festival and summer educational program based in the heart of North Carolina, announces the 2019 Louis DeJoy and Aldona Wos North Carolina Young Artists Scholarships. Thirteen musicians from across North Carolina have been named as scholarship recipients. The scholarship funding comes from a \$20,000 gift from the Greensboro-based **Louis DeJoy and Aldona Z. Wos Family Foundation**. This marks the foundation's fourth year of support for EMF.

"We are grateful for the continued generosity of the Louis DeJoy and Aldona Z. Wos Family Foundation for its support and recognition of the Festival's long-standing commitment to educational excellence," said executive director Chris Williams. "It is partnerships like this that reaffirm EMF's commitment to music education in North Carolina, and it expands our class of well-prepared and motivated young learners this summer," added Williams.

Eastern Music Festival stands among the country's premier summer music educational programs and most imaginative performance festivals. For 58 years, EMF has served three equally important missions: to provide exemplary musical education; to present and produce engaging concerts that meet the highest artistic standards; and to serve as a cornerstone artistic and cultural institution in the Triad.

With approximately 270 young artists enrolled from around the nation and globe and a faculty of 70+ acclaimed musicians each summer, EMF is an intensely-focused learning environment. "Every EMF student meets the highest artistic standard," says Dr. Tim Lane, chairman of the organization's Board of Directors. "Contributions to our scholarship fund enable the participation of these talented young musicians. We are grateful to the DeJoy Wos Family Foundation for dedicating support to our North Carolina students again this year."

This summer's five-week session begins June 22 for 270 students ages 14 to 23. Students pay \$5,696 in tuition, room and board. More than 80 percent of EMF's students are supported through full or partial scholarships thanks to philanthropists and Festival friends.

The 2019 scholarship recipients are:

- Laura Blankenship (violin fellow), Winston-Salem, received her master's degree from the University of Wyoming, where she studied with EMF first assistant concertmaster and EMF alum John Fadiel. She has been an assistant librarian at EMF for several seasons.
- Soloman Caldwell (double bass), Greensboro, is a college junior pursuing his degree in double bass performance at the UNC School of the Arts. He studied at EMF in 2018.

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- Marissa Colter (violin), Clemmons, is a high school junior at West Forsyth High School.
- Winfred Felton (bassoon), Greenville, is a college freshman studying at the University of Denver.
- Ian Graves (tuba), Jacksonville, is pursuing a master's degree in tuba performance at Florida State University.
- Violet Huang (viola), Chapel Hill, is a college freshman at UNC-Chapel Hill.
- Ross Jarrell (percussion), Charlotte, is a college freshman at University of Georgia.
- Rafalia Kapsokavadi (violin), Charlotte, is a college freshman at Appalachian State University.
- Sofia Liu (violin), Morrisville, is a high school freshman at Cary Academy.
- Lalia Mangione (violin fellow), from Grand Rapids, MI, is pursuing a master's degree at UNC-Greensboro.
- Lorenzo Nigrelli (double bass), Hickory, is a rising sophomore at UNC Greensboro and plays with the UNCG Symphony, Symphonic Band, and a bass quartet. In high school he was in the All-State Orchestra and Western Regional Honors Orchestra.
- Morgan Short (harp fellow), from Roanoke, VA, is a college sophomore at the UNC School of the Arts in Winston-Salem. In 2018, she was an EMF Concerto Competition winner and won the Rosen-Schaffel Competition at An Appalachian Summer Festival.
- Henry Wagner (euphonium), Winston-Salem, is a high school senior at Atkins Academy and Technology High School.

The 2019 Festival returns June 22 through July 27 for its 58th season of over 65 performances by three symphonies, multiple chamber ensembles, and signature guest artists performances at its home location at Guilford College and other locations in Greensboro, the Triad, and Boone, North Carolina.

Aldona Z. Wos is a former U.S. ambassador to Estonia and former secretary of the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services. Louis DeJoy was the chief executive officer of High Point-based New Breed Logistics and XPO Logistics' supply chain business in the Americas. He is now the president of LDJ Global Strategies, a strategic real estate investment and consulting company. For more information about their foundation, visit louisdejoyandaldonawosfamilyfoundation.com

About Eastern Music Festival:

For almost six decades, Eastern Music Festival (EMF) has been produced each summer on the campus of Guilford College, UNCG, and other venues in the Greensboro area. EMF is distinguished by its accomplished faculty, exhilarating repertoire, and world-renowned visiting artists. A powerful teaching institution, EMF provides encouragement and guidance to over 260 young musicians from across the country and around the globe as they take their first steps towards careers in the performing arts. During EMF's five-week annual season (June 22 – July 27, 2019), the Festival presents more than 65 concerts under the artistic direction of Gerard Schwarz. In addition, 30-plus outreach performances are performed throughout the region. For more information, visit easternmusicfestival.org.

Mission Statement:

Eastern Music Festival's mission is to promote musical enrichment, excellence, professional collaboration, innovation and diversity through a nationally recognized teaching program, music festival, concerts and other programs which will enhance the quality of life, health and vitality of our region.

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