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53 New Trier Students Awarded Summer Scholarships by the New Trier Fine Arts Association

Winnetka, Ill. – More than four dozen continuing arts students at New Trier recently learned that they had been selected to receive a one-time merit scholarship to pursue dance, music, media, speech or theater during the summer of 2017. They will gather in May so that the New Trier Fine Arts Association (NTFAA) can congratulate them, and will also be asked to make a short presentation describing their experiences to the NTFAA Board during the following school year.

“Summer is a great time to be creative, so I’m planning on learning some new repertoire that I normally wouldn’t try,” said Junior Ria Honda, expressing her excitement about her scholarship to attend Meadowmount School of Music in Essex, New York. “Meadowmount is an incredible place where all of the students are working toward the same goals, and it’s extremely inspiring to work with other, talented musicians. The faculty is all very encouraging, and I hope to work with other musicians to improve myself as a violinist and a person.”

The NTFAA raises money throughout the school year through donations, raffles, and yard sign and car magnet sales to fund the scholarships. It believes strongly that summer studies and immersive cultural programs such as the ones the grant recipients embark upon enhance the classroom experience for all New Trier arts students.

Students will engage in a broad range of summer arts activities from classical music programs, such as the one Ria Honda described, to debate camps, digital filmmaking, dance and theater intensives, architecture and comedy camps, to name a few. The locations are as varied as the courses, with students traveling as far away as Paris, and as close by as Evanston for Northwestern University’s esteemed Cherubs program.

Freshman Sara Bunge will attend Broadway Workshop, a five-day acting intensive in New York City, where she will focus on vocal skills, but will also act and dance with professional Broadway actors. “Because my passion for musical theater is such a big part of my life,” she explains, “I’m beyond excited to have received this scholarship, as it is helpful not only to my family, but to me as an artist as well.”

The 2017 NTFAA Summer Scholarship recipients are:

In Art: Luke Anaclerio, Sophie Cook, Maggie DiPatri, Jake Gustavo Gilchrist, Gretta Gleeson, Drew Gorski, Amelia Kelley, Houston Hunter, Allen Moy, Bella Nocera, Shawn Patel, Katherine Schindler, Isis Seppelfrick, Lauren Sheldon, Ryder Vassilos, Tianyuan Wu, and Nicole Urban.

In Dance: Anna Caffarelli, Grace Garrou, Amelia Haag, Maddie Jednorowicz, Abby Merrill, and Robin Park.

In Debate: Jack Altman, Maggie Cao, Caitlyn Kacena, Janice Kang, Zachary Lim, David Peng, and Patrick Tolan.

In Music: Lydia Campbell, Celeste Carsello, Benjamin Eberle, Stina Hawkinson, Ria Honda, Rachel Hsu, Qiao Huang, Jack James, Garrett Kalter, Jack Nadler, Jason Paul, Caroline Swanson, Brendan Traverso, Helen Ware, Cecily Weinrib, Ryan Williamson, and Andrew Xue.

In Theatre: Sara Bunge, Lila Jo Formicola, Pearson Hague, Halle Powell, Liam Oh, and Max Rezek-TeWinkle

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