



2014 HERB ALPERT YOUNG JAZZ COMPOSER AWARD RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

New York, NY January 30, 2014: ASCAP Foundation President Paul Williams has announced the recipients of the **2014 Herb Alpert Young Jazz Composer Awards**. Established by The ASCAP Foundation in 2002 to encourage gifted jazz composers under the age of 30, the program carries the name of the great trumpeter and ASCAP member Herb Alpert in recognition of The Herb Alpert Foundation's multi-year financial commitment to support this unique program. The recipients, who receive cash awards, range in age from 11 to 29, and are selected through a juried national competition.

Commenting on the awards, Paul Williams said, "The talented young music creators we recognize through this program represent the future of jazz composition. We congratulate the recipients and extend thanks to the dedicated panel of ASCAP composers who selected the honorees. We are delighted to partner with the Herb Alpert Foundation in this significant endeavor that represents one of the brightest moments in ASCAP's centennial year."

The Herb Alpert Young Jazz Composer Award Winners will be honored during ASCAP's Jazz Wall of Fame event on June 9, 2014 at the New York Institute of Technology in New York City.

The 2014 Herb Alpert Young Jazz Composer Award recipients are listed with their age, current residence, and place of origin: **Nii Akwei Adoteye**, age 27 of Washington, DC (Alexandria, VA); **Michael Caudill**, age 22 of Amherst, MA (Loveland, CO); **Mike Conrad**, age 25 of Waterloo, IA (Arlington Heights, IL); **Addison Frei**, age 22 of Oviedo, FL (Lawrence, KS); **Walter Gorra**, age 20 of Glenwood Springs, CO (Glendale, CA); **Nicolas Hetko**, age 22 of Miami, FL (Albany, NY); **Daniel Kaneyuki**, age 26 of Fountain Valley, CA (Huntington Beach, CA); **Keith Karns**, age 28 of Denton, TX (North Pole, Alaska); **Martha Kato**, age 24 of Brooklyn, NY (Nagoya, Japan); **John Kosch**, age 20 of Lincoln, NE; **Paul Krueger**, age 27 of Eugene, OR (Lincoln, NE); **Rafael de Lima**, age 28 of Miami, FL (Campinas, San Paolo, Brazil); **Sara McDonald**, age 22 of Brooklyn, NY (Bethesda, MD); **Josh Shpak**, age 20 of Boston, MA (Walnut Creek, CA); **Andrew Schiller**, age 24 of Boston, MA (Norfolk, VA); **Jeff Schneider**, age 26 of Cos Cob, CT (Bridgeport, CT); **Erica Seguire**, age 26 of Bloomfield, NJ (Albany, NY); **Todd Simon**, age 28 of Annapolis, MD (Dover, DE); **Martin Terens**, age 28 of New York, NY (Hamburg, Germany); **Zan Tetickovic**, age 22 of Brooklyn, NY (Ptuj, Slovenia); **Zac Zinger**, age 25 of Woodside, NY (Sewickley, PA); **Christopher Zuar**, age 26 of New York, NY; and **Nicole Zuraitis**, age 29 of Brooklyn, NY (Waterbury, CT).

The youngest ASCAP Foundation Young Jazz Composers, ages 11 to 18 are: **Esteban Castro**, age 11 (NY); **Michael Orenstein**, age 18 of Berkely, CA (Oberlin, OH); and **Tissiana Vallecillo**, age 12 (AZ) and **Matt Wong**, age 15 (CA) .

Composers receiving Honorable Mention are: **Coyote Anderson**, age 25 of New York, NY (Glen Stey, NY); **Dominic Bierenga**, age 19 of Mount Pleasant, MI (Grand Rapids, MI); **Jake Chapman**, age 19 of New York, NY (Los Angeles, CA); **Jodie Landau**, age 21 of Sherman Oaks, CA; **David Meder**, age 23 of New York, NY (Tampa, FL); **Caili O'Doherty**, age 22 of New York, NY (Portland, OR); **Jeremy Siskind**, age 27 of Kalamazoo, MI (Irvine, CA) and **Benjamin Tiberio**, age 22 of Miami, FL (Rochester, NY).

The ASCAP composer/judges for the 2014 competition were: **Ken Hatfield**, **Rufus Reid** and **Sachal Vasandani**.

Additional funding for this program is provided by The ASCAP Foundation Bart Howard Fund.

About Herb Alpert

Herb Alpert was born in Los Angeles and grew up in a house filled with music. He began his philanthropy in 1982, and with his wife, singer Lani Hall, oversees the Herb Alpert Foundation's commitment to funding the arts and education programs, as well as programs that promote compassion and well-being. The Foundation's significant commitments include the 2007 formation of the UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music, devoted to the performance and study of music in all of its global diversity, as well as the Herb Alpert School of Music at CalArts, the Herb Alpert Scholarships for Emerging Young Artists, and the PS Arts Lawndale Elementary School District Initiative, which has brought arts education to more than four thousand children annually for the past seven years.

The Herb Alpert Foundation, a non-profit, private foundation established in the early 1980's, makes significant annual contributions to a range of programs in the fields of Arts, Arts Education and Compassion and Well Being. Its funding is directed toward projects in which Herb and Lani Alpert and Foundation President Rona Sebastian play an active role. [The Foundation does not accept unsolicited proposals.]

The ASCAP Foundation

Founded in 1975, The ASCAP Foundation is a charitable organization dedicated to supporting American music creators and encouraging their development through music education and talent development programs. Included in these are songwriting workshops, grants, scholarships, awards, recognition and community outreach programs, and public service projects for senior composers and lyricists. The ASCAP Foundation is supported by contributions from ASCAP members and from music lovers throughout the United States. www.ascapfoundation.org

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