TONIGHT’S AWARDS

AFTER INTERMISSION, DR. JOHN VALLENTINE WILL PRESENT THE FOLLOWING AWARDS:

PRESSER FOUNDATION AWARD: $4200
CHARLES AND MARLETA MATHESON AWARD: $2000
MYRON AND RUTH RUSSELL AWARD: $1000
AS WELL AS YOUR CHOICE FOR THE “PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARD” (SEE ENCLOSED BALLOT)

CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY THANKS TO ALL THE STUDENTS WHO AUDITIONED IN THE PRELIMINARY ROUND ON TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2015.

MANY THANKS TO THE PRELIMINARY ROUND ADJUDICATION PANEL: ALISON ALTSTATT, ALEXANDER PERSHOUNIN, JONATHAN SCHWABE.

MANY THANKS ALSO TO TONIGHT’S FINALS ROUND ADJUDICATION PANEL: JULIA BULLARD, CAYLA BELAMY, JESSE ORTH.

In consideration of the performers and other members of the audience, please enter or leave a performance at the end of a composition.

Cameras and recording equipment are not permitted. Please turn off all electronic devices, and be sure that all emergency contact cell phones and pagers are set to silent or vibrate.

This event is free to all UNI students, courtesy of the Panther Pass Program. Performances like this are made possible through private support from patrons like you! Please consider contributing to School of Music scholarships or guest artist programs. Call 319-273-3915 or visit www.uni.edu/music to make your gift.
**Program**

**Visions of Light** (2003)
I. Monolith-the Face of Half Dome  
Brent Mead, trombone  
Serena Hou, piano

**Cinq mélodies populaires grecques**
I. Le réveil de la mariée  
II. Là-bas, vers l’église  
III. Quel gallant m’est comparable  
IV. Chanson des cueilleuses de lentisques  
V. Tout gai  
Ben Owen, voice  
Korey Barrett, piano

**Fantaisie for flute and piano**  
Linnea Casey, flute  
Robin Guy, piano

“Parto! Ma tu ben mio” from La clemenza di Tito  
W.A. Mozart  
(1756-1791)

**Canzonetta spagnuola**  
Megan Grey, voice  
Korey Barrett, piano

**Concerto, mvt III**  
Sam Bills, Saxophone  
Mariko Morita, piano

Presentation of awards from Sigma Alpha Iota by Diane Vallentine  
Presentation of inductees to Pi Kappa Lambda by Korey Barrett and Michelle Swanson

*Please join us* in the lobby after intermission for the announcement of awards and an award reception  
*Please see back panel of program for details*

**About the Finalists**

**Brent Mead** is a junior Instrumental Music Education major at the University of Northern Iowa. Brent has played trombone in the Wind Symphony, UNI Jazz Band I, Northern Iowa Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Band II, Panther Marching Band, UNI Jazz Slides, the UNI trombone quartet and trombone choir at UNI. He is involved in Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia where he served as the Practice-a-Thon committee chair in the spring of 2014, the UNI Honors program, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, UNI Iowa Bandmaster’s Association where he serves as president and the Iowa Bandmaster’s Association where he serves as the Student Affairs chair. Brent is also an active trombone teacher in the Cedar Valley where he is the low brass instructor at the UNI Community Music School and is the Cedar Falls New Horizons trombone instructor. Brent was the Audience Favorite award winner of the 2014 University of Northern Iowa Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition. He has also performed with the Jazz Coalition Big Band in Mason City, IA, recorded a CD with the Bill Shepherd Big Band, and performed regularly with the Don’t Quit Your Day Job Big Band in New Hampton, IA.

**Ben Owen** is a senior vocal music education major and native of Clinton, Iowa. He studies voice with Dr. John Hines and piano with Professor Sean Botkin. Most recently, he has been active in UNI ensembles such as Concert Chorale and Glee Club as a councilman. Along with his membership in collegiate ensembles, he acts as the director of music at Threehouse: A Wesley Foundation, directing the Hymn Festival Singers and Servants’ Chorus. Ben also serves as a collaborative pianist, church choir director, organist, student conductor, and composer. His deep love for music and education is rooted in his upbringing, fostered by public education, encouraged by the church, and polished by the astoundingly knowledgeable professors at UNI.

**Linnea Casey** is a junior Instrumental Music Education major with flute as her major instrument. She is a Robert W. Dean Scholar, a Distinguished Scholar, and a Susan A. Ackerman Scholar. She is an active member of Sigma Alpha Iota International women’s music fraternity. Linnea has been involved with the Northern Iowa Wind choir, UNI PMB, Symphonic Band, and Wind Symphony as well as flute quartets and chamber music performances throughout her time at UNI. Linnea is also active in music ministry at St. Stephen the Witness Catholic student center and is studying organ at UNI in addition to flute.

A native of Cedar Falls, **Megan Grey** is currently a Junior Voice Performance Major at the University of Northern Iowa. An active performer, Ms. Grey is a member of UNI Concert Chorale, Northern Iowa Symphony Orchestra, and UNI Opera Ensemble. As a member of the Opera Ensemble she has appeared as the Secretaries in scenes from Gian Carlo Menotti’s The Consul, the Sorceress and Spirit in Henry Purcell’s Dido and Aeneas, and as Mrs. Page in the production of Otto Nicolai’s The Merry Wives of Windsor this past February. Ms. Grey has also been a competitor in the National Association of Teachers of Singing Statewide contest where she placed 2nd in the Freshman Women division in 2012 and was a winner in the Junior Women division in 2014. Ms. Grey has also been recognized for her academic excellence by Pi Kappa Lambda in being named Outstanding Freshman and Sophomore of the UNI School of Music for the 2012-2014 academic years. Apart from singing, Ms. Grey is also a cellist and is on faculty with the UNI Suzuki School. Ms. Grey currently studies voice with Dr. Jean McDonald, and cello with Dr. Jonathan Chenoweth.

**Sam Bills** is a junior at UNI, majoring in instrumental music education with a jazz emphasis. He studies saxophone with Dr. Ann Bradfield and Professor Chris Merz and performs with the UNI Wind Symphony and Jazz Band One. Sam also is involved with the music fraternity Phi Mu Alpha and the community outreach program New Horizons Band at UNI. Sam is excited and honored to be sharing the stage with some of UNI’s finest musicians tonight.