

Acadiana Center For The Arts Announces Scholarships For These Ten Young Creatives From Across Acadiana



Pictured (clockwise from top left): Laurel Greenway, Carley Dupré, Reed Patin, Elias Smith, Zhoriel Tapo, Oliver Gallagher, Cathryn Hanks, Ethan Moody, Sylvie Smith, Gabrielle Marino

LAFAYETTE, LA - May 20, 2024 - Acadiana Center for the Arts is thrilled to announce the recipients of their two student artist awards, Jean Breaux Award and Courtney Granger Memorial Award. This year AcA will award ten total recipients a total of \$7,500.

Both awards support Acadiana-based highschool and college students with new creative endeavors. The Courtney Granger Memorial Award focuses on students with a passion for traditional music, in memory of the late musician.

Courtney Granger's father Kenneth, who helps chair the award selection in his son's name, says, "One of the best things about being part of the award committee is informing an applicant they will be receiving an award to help them support their study of music. This is something I will never get tired of."

2024 Courtney Granger Memorial Award recipients:

- Ethan Moody, a college student will be undertaking guitar lessons with Chas Justus



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- Elias Smith, a highschool student who will be taking accordion lessons with Reggie Matte
- Reed Patin, a highschool student set to graduate in May, will take on bass lessons with Brazos Huval
- Cathryn Hanks, a college student, will be attending a music camp during the summer
- Sylvie Smith, a highschool student who will be taking fiddle lessons with Brazos Huval

Acadiana Center for the Arts Executive Director, Sam Oliver, says “these remarkable young people represent only the tip of the iceberg for a bright and talented future of Acadiana. AcA’s board and staff are delighted to help them at a critical step in their creative journeys.”

2024 Jean Breaux Award recipients:

- Laurel Greenway, a college student, will use the funds towards traveling to Rome for a 6-week theatre intensive
- Gabrielle Marino, a college student, will be attending the Hubbard Street Explore Dance Intensive in Chicago over the summer
- Carley Dupré, a college student, will be attending a ceramics summer intensive
- Zhoriel Laiya Tapo, a highschool student, will be using the funds to make a short film about what it’s like to be an overachieving highschool student
- Oliver Gallagher, a graduating highschool student, will be attending The Premier Orchestral Institute’s two-week Music Festival, an immersive summer strings program dedicated to orchestral training for his violin practice.

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About AcA

As the community leader in arts and culture, the Acadiana Center for the Arts (AcA) serves to bring elevating arts experiences to the people of Acadiana through many approaches including holding public concerts, presenting art exhibitions, providing grants to artists and cultural organizations, and bringing artists into schools across the region. AcA brings equitable access to the arts through year-round education and outreach activities and aims to build a more sustainable cultural ecosystem for future generations in Acadiana.