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Schmidt Vocal Arts Awards Scholarships to Singers Pursuing Careers in Vocal Arts

William E. Schmidt Foundation Funds 18 Students with Need-Based and Merit Scholarships

(Evansville, Ind.) July 1, 2019 – The William E. Schmidt Foundation has awarded college financial assistance through its **Schmidt Vocal Scholarships** program to a diverse group of young singers, supporting their continuing education as vocal artists. For 2019-2020, eighteen new awards were made with a four-year value in excess of \$427,000; scholarships ranged from \$1,000 to \$20,000 per year, renewable annually. When combined with prior scholarship awards for students currently in school, the four-year value for Schmidt Vocal Scholarships exceeds \$670,000.

Need-based scholarships, which are typically awarded to winners (top three places) of Schmidt Vocal Competitions, reduce the scholars' burden of borrowing and lessen funding gaps between cost and ability to pay. Scholarship recipients major in Vocal Performance and maintain a minimum 2.8 GPA. Students also benefit from financial aid advising by the Scholarship Manager for Schmidt Vocal Arts.

This year's Schmidt Vocal Scholars will attend prestigious music conservatories and universities including Juilliard School of Music, Mannes School of Music, New England Conservatory of Music, Berklee College of Music, San Francisco Conservatory of Music, Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, Oberlin College, Belmont University, Stetson University, Miami University of Ohio, University of Michigan, Oklahoma City University, Northwestern University, University of Nevada Las Vegas, University of Texas, University of Minnesota, and University of North Carolina. Scholarship recipients represent a wide variety of states including Wyoming, Colorado, North Carolina, Texas, Tennessee, Florida, Kentucky, and Ohio.

About Schmidt Vocal Arts

Schmidt Vocal Arts has impacted the lives of thousands of young students over the past two decades, offering awards, scholarships and educational experiences for more than 400 students annually. Schmidt Vocal Arts programs include: Schmidt Vocal Competition, a day-long competition held annually in 17 locations throughout the U.S. for aspiring high school singers to perform, learn and compete for cash awards; Schmidt Vocal Institute, a two-week intensive summer program, that gives young singers opportunities to participate in voice lessons with esteemed professionals, master classes and coaching with world-renowned guest artists, and both solo and ensemble performance opportunities; Schmidt Vocal Education provides regional programs for singers and teachers to learn and challenge themselves, participate in performance experiences, and continue formal education and training through intensive workshops; and Schmidt Vocal Scholarships provides need-based support for talented singers continuing their professional vocal education. Many accomplished Schmidt Vocal Arts alumni have gone on to pursue musical degrees at leading music schools and enjoy successful careers in the arts. Schmidt Vocal Arts is funded by the William E. Schmidt Foundation, which encourages aspiring young singers to pursue their passion in vocal arts.

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