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News from the Delta Omicron Foundation, Inc.

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Reba A. Will Foundation supports future music educators; DO Foundation develops its Principal Fund

For the past several years, the Delta Omicron Foundation has been assisted in its philanthropies by generous gifts by the Reba A. Will Foundation.

Will was a member of Delta Omicron and was initiated into Delta Alpha Chapter at the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, Maryland.

The Will Foundation grants are directed toward Foundation educational grants for students pursuing music education at either the undergraduate or graduate level.

The first recipients of the Will Memorial Grants in 2018-19 were Cameron Richards

and Melanie Valone (Western Kentucky University), April Roberts (Central Michigan University), and Haley Blevins (Virginia Tech University). In 2019-2020, Will Memorial Grants went to Emily Jones and Sara Klapps (University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point), April Roberts (Central Michigan University) and Melanie Valone (Western Kentucky University).

For the DO Foundation, attention has been turned to building its principal fund for the purpose of giving educational grants to deserving DO members. The fund, which is the primary source of monies to be used for scholarships, will provide even more worthy

students with financial assistance and perhaps allow the Foundation to make larger individual grants.

Sound good? There are two major ways that you can help.

First, you can donate annually to the Foundation, designating your contributions specifically toward the Educational Grant Program and encourage friends and family to do likewise. Because the Foundation is a non-profit 501c3 organization, some employers may even match your contributions.

Secondly, you may think about including the Foundation in your estate planning by remembering the Delta Omicron Foundation in a bequest through your will or a living trust. The Foundation has a brochure that may be helpful in getting started. Contact the Foundation President by e-mail at jramsey18@verizon.net for a free copy.

We encourage you to join in this effort to increase funding for educational grants and provide support for music study among our collegiate and alumni members. For those who would like to make gifts to the Foundation and its projects through the convenience of a credit card account, a link to PayPal is now available on the Delta Omicron Foundation website at www.dofoundation.org.

Visit the site's home page and click on "Make a Gift" on the links at the left. You may use a PayPal account that you already have or one of several credit card types that are accepted.

Meet the 2019-2020 Foundation Grant Recipients

Here are the students who received grants for the academic year 2019-2020. The Foundation has accepted its applications for educational grants for 2020-21. A list of the grants may be downloaded from the Foundation website at www.dofoundation.org.

Would you like to help? Please use the form on page 3 to donate to the Foundation's Principal Fund.



*Emily Jones
Univ. of Wisconsin-
Stevens Point*



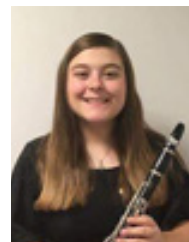
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Composers create works in the Delta Omicron Studio at the MacDowell Colony

Recent renovations to the Delta Omicron Studio have made it much more comfortable for all of the artists who live and work there. Of particular interest to members of Delta Omicron are the composers who have stayed there.

Here is a look at some of the composers who have received MacDowell Fellowships and who have worked at the studio.

David Rakowski is the Walter W. Naumburg Professor of Composition at Brandeis

University. He also has had a number of fellowships at the MacDowell Colony, most recently in 2018. He was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in music, first for *Persistent Memory* in 1999 and then for *Ten of a Kind* in 2002. He has received the Rome Prize, the Stoeger Prize from the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center (for “significant contributions to the chamber music repertory”), the Barlow Prize, two Fromm Foundation commissions and two Koussevitzky Foundation commissions.

Richard Danielpour has had a number of MacDowell fellowships, most recently in 2015 and 2017. A Grammy Award winner, his works have been commissioned and performed by such artists as Dawn Upshaw, Emanuel

Ax, Gil Shaham, Frederica von Stade, Thomas Hampson, Gary Graffman, Anthony McGill, the Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio and the Guarneri and Emerson String Quartets, as well as the New York Philharmonic,

Philadelphia Orchestra, Orchestre National de France, Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, and many others. One of his most recent works was *The Passion of Yeshua*, an

oratorio which was recorded by the UCLA Chamber Singers and the Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus and Orchestra and released this spring. He is on the composition faculty at UCLA.

Dutch composer and poet *Rozalie Hirs* was at the MacDowell Colony in 2017. A doctoral graduate of Columbia University in composition, she says the principal concerns of her work are “the adventure of listening, reading and the imagination.” She has written vocal, orchestra and electronic compositions, and sometimes combines electronic sounds with traditional instruments. Recent works include *lightclouds* (2019) for brass quartet, ensemble and electronic sounds; *parallel sea [to the lighthouse]*

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The renovated Delta Omicron Studio at the MacDowell Colony in Peterborough, N.H.

Contributors to Delta Omicron Foundation's Campaigns

The following persons and groups have contributed to the Foundation campaign from June of 2019 through April of 2020. Monies raised will support scholarships to worthy Delta Omicrons. Thanks, everyone!

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In Memoriam: Phyllis I. Conrad, 1927-2020



Phyllis Iseringhausen Conrad, who served as International President of Delta Omicron, Secretary of the Delta Omicron Foundation, and Trustee

member of Zeta Chi alumni chapter in Dayton. She went on to serve as Alpha South Province President and International Second Vice President before becoming International President in 1987. She served two three-year terms as President, then was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Delta Omicron Foundation, which she served as Secretary for many years.



Past International Presidents Jonny Ramsey, Ann Jones, Phyllis Conrad and Jennifer Klafeta cut the Centennial anniversary cake in 2009.

Emeritus of the Foundation, died March 1, 2020.

A native of Dayton, Ohio, she became a member of Delta Omicron while attending the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music (Alpha Chapter). She was also a longtime

A well-known singer in southwest Ohio, she was a soloist at the Hope Lutheran Church for a number of years. She was also a 50-year member and a past president of the Dayton Music Club.

Just last year, Michelle Worthing, Foundation Secretary and Editorial Assistant, went to interview her for an article in the *Wheel of Delta Omicron*.

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Today's Gifts are Tomorrow's Philanthropies

For more than sixty years, the Delta Omicron Foundation, Inc. has served the philanthropic purposes of the Delta Omicron International Music Fraternity. As a member or friend of the Fraternity, you can help the Foundation increase its giving potential.

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- Giving memorial or recognition gifts (one acknowledgment will be sent for each gift of \$10.00 or more)
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Composers at MacDowell

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for instrumental ensemble, and a new work for soprano and piano trio that is expected to be premiered this fall.

Tania Leon, a native of Cuba and longtime resident of New York City, worked at the MacDowell Colony in 2016. She is recognized not only as a composer, but as an educator and advisor to arts organizations. She has received commissions from organizations such as Los Angeles Philharmonic, the International Contemporary Ensemble, Ursula Oppens and the Cassatt Quartet, Nestor Torres, Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, New World Symphony, Koussevitzky Foundation, Fest der Kontinente (Hamburg, Germany), Cincinnati Symphony, National Endowment for the Arts, NDR Sinfonie Orchester, American Composers Orchestra, The Library of Congress, Ensemble Modern, The Los Angeles Master Chorale and The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, among others.

She was among the 19 women composers featured in the New York Philharmonic's Project 19 initiative in honor of the centennial of the 19th Amendment.

Mara Gibson was at the MacDowell Colony in 2016. A doctoral graduate of SUNY-Buffalo in composition, she is associate professor of composition at Louisiana State University, a post she has held since 2017. She has received grants and honors from the American Composer's Forum, the Banff Center, Louisiana Division of the Arts, Meet the Composer, the Kansas Arts Commission, the National Endowment for the Arts, the International Bass Society, ASCAP, Virginia Center for Creative Arts and Yale University. Internationally renowned ensembles and soloists perform her music throughout the United States, Canada, South America, Asia, and Europe. She released her first compilation CD, *Artifacts*, in 2015, and her second CD, *Skyborn*, was released in 2017 through PARMA Recordings.

Phyllis Conrad

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That article appeared in the Winter 2020 issue of the Wheel and is available online on the DO website at www.delta-omicron.org.

The Delta Omicron Foundation has plans to give a memorial scholarship in her name this fall as part of the Foundation's annual awards. Memorial gifts may be made via PayPal at the Foundation's website, www.dofoundation.org, under the "Contact" tab. Gifts in the form of checks may be sent to the Foundation Treasurer, Susan Tams, 2 Wynfield Trace, Winfield, WV 25213.

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