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**EIGHT YOUNG PERFORMING ARTISTS RECEIVE \$10,000  
DEVELOPING ARTIST GRANTS FROM THE HNATYSHYN FOUNDATION**

Ottawa, September 23, 2014 – Eight young performing artists will receive grants of \$10,000 each this year from The Hnatyshyn Foundation to pursue their studies in September 2014. This brings to \$780,000 the amount invested in university-level scholarships over the past ten years by the Ottawa-based foundation.

In announcing the winners of the 2014 Developing Artists Grants in Ottawa today, Gerda Hnatyshyn, C.C., President of The Hnatyshyn Foundation, said: “The nominees for 2014 are representative of the wealth of young talent in Canada. The Hnatyshyn Foundation is privileged to celebrate their accomplishments by awarding these grants, investing in and supporting, at the most fundamental level, the development of world-class artists of tomorrow.” The grant winners were adjudicated anonymously by expert juries from across Canada.

In addition to the \$10,000 grant, recipients in classical music and jazz may be invited to perform in a concert at Bourgie Hall in the Musée des beaux-arts de Montréal. The opportunity is made possible thanks to an agreement between The Hnatyshyn Foundation and the Fondation Arte Musica, which will feature performances by selected grant recipients from the 2013, 2014 and 2015 competitions starting in the winter of 2015. The first artist chosen to appear at Bourgie Hall is bassoonist Marlene Ngalissamy, the 2013 recipient in the category classical music – orchestral instrument. She will perform on February 11, 2015 as part of the “Youth and Pros” program.

The recipients of the 2014 Developing Artist Grants are:

**Antonin Cuerrier** of Montréal receives the classical music grant for orchestral instrument. The 21 year old clarinetist will be studying at the Conservatoire de Musique de Montréal where he begins the final year of Bachelor of Music degree this autumn.

**Meagan Milatz** of Weyburn, Saskatchewan is awarded the classical music grant for piano. She begins the third year of a Bachelor of Music degree at the Schulich School of Music of McGill University this September.

**Ewen Farncombe** of Toronto is the winner of the Oscar Peterson Grant for Jazz Performance. The promising young pianist continues his studies in the Bachelor of Music program at Humber College this fall.

**Caroline Gélinas** receives the graduate grant for classical vocal performance. The young singer continues her Masters program at the Conservatoire de Musique de Montréal.

**David Bouchard** of Québec City is the winner of the grant for acting - French theatre. He is enrolled at the Conservatoire d'art dramatique de Québec. The French theatre acting grant is funded by CIBC.

**Ghazal Azarbad** of Vancouver receives the grant for acting - English theatre. The 22 year old actor is entering her final year of studies in the Bachelor of Fine Arts Acting Program at the University of British Columbia. The English theatre acting grant is funded by CIBC.

**Justin de Luna** of Richmond Hill, Ontario, receives the award for contemporary dance. Justin is studying in Performance Dance at the Ryerson Theatre School in Toronto.

**Andrew Swan Greer** of London, Ontario, also receives a grant in contemporary dance. He is entering his fourth year of studies at the School of Toronto Dance Theatre.

This year, there were no successful candidates in the ballet category. Instead, the foundation awarded two grants in contemporary dance.

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### **About The Hnatyshyn Foundation**

The Hnatyshyn Foundation is a private charity established by the late Right Honourable Ramon John Hnatyshyn, Canada's twenty-fourth Governor General, to assist emerging and established artists in all disciplines with their schooling and training, and promote to the Canadian public the importance of the arts in our society. Its programs are funded by donations from government, foundations, corporations and individuals. The Department of Canadian Heritage has provided \$5 million in grants to assist the Foundation.

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