

Dr. Gerald R. Mack Music Award



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THE DR. GERALD R. MACK MUSIC AWARD

In the amount of \$1,000.00

Return this application and your narrative by **MAY 15, 2019** to:
Music Worcester, Inc.
Patsy Cecil, Outreach Program Chair, Worcester Chorus
319 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608

NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (home) _____ (cell) _____ EMAIL: _____

HIGH SCHOOL: _____

COLLEGE ATTENDING IN SEPTEMBER, 2019: _____ INTENDED MAJOR: _____

COLLEGE ADDRESS: _____

HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC EXPERIENCE:

MUSIC COURSES TAKEN: _____

EXTRACURRICULAR MUSIC ACTIVITIES (all 4 years, including private lessons)

PERSON SUPPLYING REFERENCE (Two Required)

Name: _____ Position: _____

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*** Please attach a one page narrative explaining your goals as a music major in college, and how you intend to use this award to attain these goals.**

Thank you, and best wishes from the Worcester Chorus of Music Worcester, Inc. as you pursue your career in music.



The **Dr. Gerald R. Mack Music Award** was established and funded by the Worcester Chorus in 2010. The \$1,000 award is restricted to a qualified graduating senior from a Worcester area public or private high school who plans to attend college in the fall with a major in music. The award will be granted in the fall, after the recipient has enrolled in college.

Christopher Kennedy, winner of the 2015 scholarship, is now studying at the University of Massachusetts in Lowell, MA. Christopher wrote "The scholarship I received . . . has really helped me be able to afford all the music-related expenses I had . . . That included my instrument storage, new drumsticks, and lesson books."

Dr. Mack was the esteemed conductor of the Worcester Chorus for 28 years and Director of Choral Activities at the Hartt School of Music, University of Hartford. He gained a national reputation for his expertise in the field of choral music and served as a guest conductor, lecturer and clinician. He conducted choruses at Carnegie Hall and Tully Hall as well as at many of the renowned concert halls of Europe. His festival appearances include the New York Mostly Mozart Festival, the Salzburg and the Dubrovnik International Music Festivals, and he concertized throughout Western Europe and Russia. He was founder and choral director of the Great Waters Music Festival in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, which he led for 15 years until he retired in 2009.

Honoring Dr. Mack with this award not only recognizes his contribution to choral music performance, but it is also a visible and concrete manifestation of his long commitment to education in the arts for future generations.

The Worcester Chorus

of Music Worcester, Inc. is one of the oldest ongoing choral groups in the United States.

Founded in 1858 to sing in the first annual Worcester Music Festival in the newly built Mechanics Hall, the 100-voice Worcester Chorus is sponsored by Music Worcester, Inc. The Chorus traditionally performs four concerts each year as part of the Worcester Music Festival, including Handel's *Messiah* in December. Its repertoire includes the world's finest choral masterpieces, as well as works by contemporary composers and arrangements of American folk songs and classics from the musical theater.

During its rich history the Chorus has performed with a variety of symphony orchestras, including appearances with the Prague Symphony in Carnegie Hall, the American Symphony in Avery Fisher Hall in Lincoln Center, the Philadelphia Orchestra, Rochester Philharmonic, and the symphonies of Boston, Baltimore, Detroit, Hartford and Springfield. The chorus has toured internationally as well, performing in the Oaxaca Festival in Mexico, the Strathclyde Festival in The British Isles, the Salzburg Festival in Austria, and in concerts and festivals in Switzerland, Italy, Croatia, Russia, Scandinavia, and Canada.

The Worcester Chorus of Music Worcester, Inc. includes both amateur and professional musicians, with the primary mission of fostering the choral arts and enhancing the cultural life of Worcester and the surrounding area. It endeavors to provide the highest level of musicianship and artistry, resulting in an enriching and emotional experience for both the audience and singers.



Music Worcester, Inc., one of the most active performing arts organizations in Massachusetts, regularly presents events spanning jazz, orchestral, choral and chamber music, as well as dance in venues around greater Worcester.

Music Worcester, Inc. proudly presents the concerts of the Worcester Chorus, which has been an integral part of its annual series since the very beginning in 1858.

The annual Young Artists Competition, sponsored by Music Worcester, Inc., gives awards and extends performance opportunities to highly talented area student musicians. Interested students should visit Music Worcester's website for more information about this competition, which is held in May of each year.

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