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Student from School of the Arts to Receive Musical Instrument Award from Rochester Education Foundation

Who:

Stephanie Bukuru, an 8th-grade student at School of the Arts

What:

Rochester Education Foundation Musical Instrument Award

When:

Friday, June 2, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Where:

Hatch Recital Hall
Eastman School of Music
26 Gibbs Street
Rochester, NY 14604

Details:

The Rochester City School District congratulates Stephanie Bukuru, an 8th-grade student at School of the Arts, who will receive a musical instrument award from the Rochester Education Foundation (REF).

Stephanie will be given her award on Friday, June 2 at the Eastman School of Music. The REF Musical Instrument Award is given to a deserving student in the Eastman Community Music School (ECMS) Pathways Program from REF. ECMS is part of the Eastman School of Music, a professional school at the University of Rochester. Stephanie, just a first-year student in the program, was chosen for this award because of her ability, hard work, and determination. She will be presented with a double bass, which is used in symphony orchestras.

Stephanie was recognized by her instructor, Payton Dziekan, who was also Stephanie's student teacher at School of the Arts. "I have come to know an incredibly intelligent, deeply thoughtful, and musically gifted young person," said Dziekan. "It is not often I come across students who possess Stephanie's innate musicality. Through my experience as both a private lesson instructor and public-school music educator, students like Stephanie are few and far between."

"Stephanie is a hard-working 8th-grade bassist," said Elana Herman, Stephanie's orchestra teacher at School of the Arts. "Since trying out and being accepted into the Pathways program, she has made notable strides on the bass. She performed a solo with the middle school orchestra in March, and she is always up for a lesson or extra practice and is a role model to her peers."

About Rochester Education Foundation

Founded in 2005, REF is an independent not-for-profit organization providing resources and programs to support the success of Rochester students through partnerships with educators, businesses, and the community.

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About Eastman Community Music School

The [Eastman Community Music School](#) (ECMS) in collaboration with members of the collegiate division faculty, strives to introduce students of all ages to the joy and discipline of music by providing a rich environment that supports each student's musical participation and enjoyment, develops a solid foundation for the young musician aspiring to a professional career, presents opportunities for lifelong musical experiences, and offers ongoing development for teachers and other music professionals.

About Eastman School of Music

The [Eastman School of Music](#) was founded in 1921 by industrialist and philanthropist George Eastman (1854-1932), founder of Eastman Kodak Company. It was the first professional school of the University of Rochester. Mr. Eastman's dream was that his school would provide a broad education in the liberal arts as well as superb musical training. More than 900 students are enrolled in the Collegiate Division of the Eastman School of Music—about 500 undergraduates and 400 graduate students.