

## **Rossini Scholarship Report 2019**

The Rossini Scholarship Competition took place Saturday, June 1, 2019 at Woodford's Congregational Church in Portland, from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. Two instrumentalists, three singers (all sopranos), and one pianist competed for the \$1300 First Prize and \$900 Second Prize in each category. The applicants came from Augusta, Buxton, Cumberland, Kennebunk, Portland, and South Portland.

### **Emily K. Rand Instrumental Scholarship**

First Place Winner was Aaron Emerson of Augusta, who plays oboe. He studies with Neil Boyer and attends the University of Southern Maine.

Second Place Winner was Kinnon Church, who plays double bass. A former student at USM, he will attend the Royal Academy of Music in Denmark in the fall, studying with Erik Higgins.

### **Barbara C. Littlefield Vocal Scholarship**

First Place Winner was Rosemary Crimp, soprano, from Kennebunk, who attends Gordon College. Her instructor is Katherine Whyte.

Second Place Winner was Ida Santos, soprano, from Portland, who attends the University of Southern Maine. Her instructor is Scott Wheatley.

Honorable Mention went to Christina M. Gove from Cumberland. A student of David Goulet, she will attend Wagner College in the fall.

### **The Lucia A. Wright Piano Scholarship**

Second Place Winner was Josie DiPhilippo of South Portland, who attends the University of Southern Maine. She is a student of Laura Kargul. Josie was awarded an additional \$100 over the usual \$900 Second Prize.

**Guest Judges:** Robert Lehmann, Mary Sullivan, and Christopher Staknys

**Rossini Member Judges:** Mary Johnston Letellier, Danielle Vayenas, Diane Walsh, and Cecile DeRoche-Cain

**Chaired** by President Eleanor Lehmann

**Registrar and Stage Manager:** Dale Ashby

**Assistant:** Barbara Graustein

**Scholarship Chair:** Elizabeth Harmon