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Meadowmount School of Music Awards Fifth Annual Gurrena Fellowship to Cellist Noam Ginsparg

Westport, NY – Meadowmount School of Music, an internationally recognized and beloved summer destination for young string players, has awarded the fifth annual Gurrena Fellowship, worth $50,000, to cellist Noam Ginsparg.

Noam is a 2025 Klein Competition second prize winner and the 2025 recipient of the American Opera Society of Chicago Award in honor of Mary Jane Peterson. He is also a two-time YoungArts winner (2020 and 2022). Currently a student of Hans Jørgen Jensen at Northwestern University's Bienen School of Music, he is a Meadowmount alumnus (2017, 2024-2026).

"We are delighted to award the 2027 Gurrena Fellowship to cellist Noam Ginsparg," said **Janet Sung**, Artistic Director for the Meadowmount School of Music. "Noam is a musician of fearless artistry, intelligence, and rare curiosity. His playing is always riveting and deeply personal, and his work as both a composer and performer gives him a perspective that is entirely his own. He is at an exciting moment in his development, and we are thrilled to support him as he takes his next steps as a unique emerging artist."

"Meadowmount has played a pivotal role in my journey as a musician since the first time I attended in 2017. The experience I had that summer deeply moved me and gave me a more profound understanding of the time and energy required for musicians to fulfill their potential. The inspiration I found then provided the foundation for me to pursue my goals as both a person and a musician," said Gurrena recipient **Noam Ginsparg**. "Returning to Meadowmount several years later, I again found the ideal environment to explore and refine my craft among a community of others doing the same. I am humbled to receive this Fellowship and see it as fitting to return in 2027 as the Gurrena Fellow, ten years after my first summer."

The Gurrena Fellowship was created in 2022 in memory of David A. Barnebl, an educated, passionate music lover, by his wife, Linda Gurrena Barnebl, of Shelburne, VT. The purpose of the Fellowship is to support and encourage exceptionally talented students to become abundantly successful in their professional journey.

“As we begin the fifth year of the Gurrena Fellowship, we remain grateful to Linda Gurrena Barnebl for her vision and generosity in supporting outstanding young artists,” said **Genevieve Twomey**, Executive Director of the Meadowmount School of Music. “It is incredibly rewarding to see the impact the fellowship has on each recipient. Noam Ginsparg is a courageous and thoughtful musician, and it is a pleasure to announce him as the fifth Meadowmount Gurrena Fellow.”

About Noam Ginsparg

Cellist Noam Ginsparg, 22, studies with Hans Jørgen Jensen at the Bienen School of Music at Northwestern University, where he is also a computer science student at Weinberg College. While attending the Hotchkiss School in Connecticut, he studied cello performance with Richard Aaron and Sieun Lin at the Juilliard Pre-College and developed a particular interest in counterpoint and composition.

Noam is an alumnus of Meadowmount Music School, Silk Road’s Global Musician Workshop, the Perlman Music Program, Bowdoin, and Sewanee Summer Music Festivals, as well as the Kinhaven and Greenwood Junior programs. He is the inaugural recipient of the Gingold Chamber Fellowship for cello at Meadowmount for 2026, and received the Stephen Kates Scholarship in 2025. He is the 2017 winner of the Spectrum Symphony of New York Young Artist Concerto Competition and soloed with the orchestra under the direction of David Grunberg. He is a 2020 and 2022 YoungArts winner, the 2025 winner of the American Opera Society of Chicago Award in honor of Mary Jane Peterson, and the second prize winner of the 2025 Klein Competition. In 2026, he competed at the Queen Elisabeth Competition in Brussels. In his free time, Noam enjoys creative writing and composing and arranging music in many genres.

About the Gurrena Fellowship

Created in 2022, in memory of David A. Barnebl, an educated, passionate music lover, by his wife, Linda Gurrena Barnebl, The Gurrena Fellowship, worth $50,000, is awarded each year to a Meadowmount School of Music student or alum who is dedicated to becoming successful as a performing artist.

The ideal recipient is an exceptionally talented musician who demonstrates vigor and unrelenting passion in their pursuit of a distinguished career within the field of music. Fellowship funds are typically reserved to support postgraduate musicians, whenever possible, who will benefit from financial assistance as they transition from their musical training to independent careers in performance. Exceptions are made with the support of the donor.

Fellowship funds are administered by Meadowmount and may be used for expenses that advance the recipient's professional and artistic development. Each year, the fellowship's use is shaped with the recipient to fit their individual goals.

Meadowmount School of Music in Brief

Founded in 1944 by legendary violin teacher Ivan Galamian, the Meadowmount School of Music is a seven-week summer program for violinists, violists, and cellists. Musicians ages 10 to 30 from around the world gather at the school's campus in the Adirondack Mountains of northern New York to immerse themselves in intensive study and artistic growth.

Meadowmount alumni include Itzhak Perlman, Yo-Yo Ma, Pinchas Zukerman, Jaime Laredo, Lynn Harrell, Kyung-Wha Chung, Ani and Ida Kavafian, Joshua Bell, James Ehnes, and Jessie Montgomery, among many others. With a legacy spanning over 80 years, Meadowmount continues to nurture the next generation of leading string players through its high-caliber and supportive environment.