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FROMM MUSIC FOUNDATION AT HARVARD ANNOUNCES 2018 WINNER OF FROMM MUSIC FOUNDATION PRIZE

The Board of Directors of the Fromm Music Foundation at Harvard University is pleased to award the IMANI WINDS a \$25,000 Fromm Music Foundation Prize. This award recognizes innovative commitment to the music of our time, and the Imani Winds are commended for what they have achieved in promoting new music and in enriching the lives of young people through educational programs.

The Fromm Music Foundation Prize is given annually at the discretion of the Fromm Foundation Board; there is no application process. Recipients of the Prize may use the grant for any purpose of their choosing.

Founded by the patron of contemporary music, the late Paul Fromm, the Fromm Foundation is now in its sixty-second year, having been located at Harvard University for the past forty-two. Since the 1950s, it has commissioned well over 300 new compositions and their performances, and has sponsored hundreds of new music concerts and concert series. "I want to know you," Igor Stravinsky once said to Fromm, "because contemporary music has many friends but only a few lovers."

Among a number of other projects, the Fromm Music Foundation sponsors the annual **Fromm Contemporary Music Series at Harvard**; this year's performance, **Perle Noire: Meditation for Joséphine**, will take place May 3 at 10pm at Oberon (2 Arrow Street, Cambridge). Perle Noire is a unique evening honoring the brilliance, daring, public courage and private tragedies of Joséphine Baker. Conceived by Peter Sellars, this tour-de-force features soprano Julia Bullock, with original music by Tyshawn Sorey and texts by Claudia Rankine. Performed by International Contemporary Ensemble. The Foundation also awards Fromm Commissions to individual composers. Additional information can be found at <http://frommfoundation.fas.harvard.edu/>.

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