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## PRESS RELEASE

### OMHOF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION - MAY 6

April 30, 2009 OMHOF has recently announced the winners of our \$1,000 scholarships for high school seniors graduating in 2009. Our scholarship presentation party will be held at Jimmy Mak's Jazz Club in Portland on Wednesday, May 6, between 6:00 PM and 8:00PM. The scholarship presentation is free. Following the presentation the Mel Brown Quartet performs at 8:00pm. Cover charge for that show is \$5. Call ahead to reserve a table for the quartet performance.

OMHOF gives special thanks to Jimmy Mak's for hosting the event. ([www.jimmymaks.com](http://www.jimmymaks.com))  
Jimmy Mak's is one of the world's finest Jazz clubs.

Our 2009 OMHOF scholarship recipients are:

**Kate Davis from West Linn High School.** Kate plays bass, violin, and is a singer. Kate is already well known as an up and coming young Oregon musician, having won numerous state and national awards for her talents. Among her awards are being selected to the Brubeck Jazz Colony in 2007 and 2008, being principal 2<sup>nd</sup> violin and principal bass in the Portland Youth Philharmonic, a two time Gibson/Baldwin GRAMMY Band finalist and winner on Bass for 2009, and the prestigious Down Beat Magazine award for Best Arrangement and Outstanding Vocalist in 2008. Kate has a 3.6 GPA and will be attending either the Manhattan School of Music or the Julliard School. She plans to pursue a career in music.

**Maya Dair Rothfuss is from Portland and attends the Portland Waldorf School.** Maya plays the viola and sings. Maya has an impressive resume of Master Class participation in both voice and viola, and has Oregon All-State honors for Orchestra in 2005, 2007, and 2008. She is a member of the Portland Youth Philharmonic, and has won first place for both voice and viola in the Oregon Music Educators Awards, and the Oregon String Teachers Association. She is also the section leader and soloist in the Pacific Youth Choir and has performed with the Oregon Ballet Theater and the Oregon Symphony. Maya has a 3.92 GPA and will be attending either Rice University, Oberlin Conservatory, Manhattan School of Music, or the Curtis Institute of Music. She plans to pursue a professional career as a Mezzo Soprano and a Violist. Maya will be the recipient of **Audix Scholarship**, sponsored by Audix Microphones of Wilsonville, Oregon, a world class manufacturer of high performance microphones. ([www.audixusa.com](http://www.audixusa.com))

**Kai Sandoval is from Florence, Oregon, and attends Siuslaw High School.** Kai plays trumpet, piano, guitar, alto sax, and sings. Kai has his own band, the Kai Sandoval Quartet, as well as playing in the Lincoln Pops Jazz Orchestra, Soul Pie, and the Oregon Cost Chamber Orchestra. He also plays in his high school band and in the Oregon All State Jazz Band. Kai has won national honors in the Yamaha Jazz Band of America, he won the MVP Award at the Britt Jazz Camp, the Louis Armstrong Award, the Maestro Award at the Heritage Festival, and was voted the Outstanding Soloist at Disneyland's Music in the Parks. Kai has a GPA of 3.75 and he been accepted at the Berkley College of Music in Boston, MA. His other options are the Eastman School of Music, the New England Conservatory, and the Jacobs School of Music. Kai intends to pursue a dual degree in jazz performance and composition on the trumpet. After graduation he intends to be a touring musician and freelance composer. He plans to continue his education towards earning a doctorate so that he can teach future music students and preserve the jazz culture in society.

**Matthew Keown is from Springfield, Oregon and he attends Springfield High School.** Matthew is a percussionist. Matthew has set numerous awards records from being the youngest member to win a percussion category to winning the most medals in the Oregon Solo contest at both the District and State level. Matthew has won every percussion category at District and State at least once and he looks forward to attending these competitions again this year. He has been a member of the Eugene Youth Symphony for four years and served as principal percussionist for two years. Matthew has studied at Julliard and has worked with percussionists from the New York Philharmonic, the Detroit Symphony, the Metropolitan Opera, and the Los Angeles Philharmonic. He has performed with the Army All American Marching Band and he is currently playing snare drum for the prestigious Blue Devils Drum Corps. Matthew has a GPA of 3.73 and he will be attending the University of Oregon next fall where he will double major in percussion performance and music education. He plans to continue with graduate studies at Julliard and at the University of Michigan. Matthew hopes to both play and teach percussion as a career.

The quality of these scholarship winners is quite impressive, but they are not that dissimilar from the rest of our over 120 applicants for 2009. OMHOF would like to be able to add to the number of available scholarships as the years go by, as well as increase the amount of money awarded to each winner. In the future OMHOF hopes to be the recipient of different grants that will expand the amount of money that is available to go towards these programs.