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## **YONKERS TEEN AWARDED \$10,000 FOR MUSICAL COMPOSITION PORTFOLIO**

### **John Peter “J.P.” Redmond to be Named a 2017 Davidson Fellow**

Reno, Nev. – The Davidson Institute of Talent Development has announced the 2017 Davidson Fellows. Among the honorees is 18-year-old J.P. Redmond of Yonkers. Redmond won a \$10,000 Davidson Fellows Scholarship for his project, *Literature and Landscape: Receiving and Giving Inspiration as a Composer*. He is one of only 20 students across the country to receive this honor.

“I am grateful and thrilled to be a Davidson Fellow for the opportunity to share my music and use it to serve others,” said Redmond. “This is truly a great honor and an incredible program, which I know will continue to impact the lives of students like me for generations to come.”

Redmond’s project explores the relationship between music and the other art forms or things in nature that inspire it. For Redmond, exceptional creativity involves using melody, harmony, rhythm, and orchestration in vivid, unique ways. His most important aim is to communicate with listeners and transport them to any place or state of mind imaginable. The three works included in his portfolio—Wilt Thou Therefore Rise, Northeastern Sonata, and Three Literary Snapshots—were inspired by the literature and landscape that surround him.

Along with music, Redmond’s main interests include literature, languages, and other art forms. He loves going to museums and taking photos, especially of his friends.

Redmond will attend The Julliard School in the fall, where he will major in composition. His plans for the future involve composing music, but he is also considering teaching so he can pass down knowledge and artistry to future generations.

“We are thrilled to recognize the 2017 Davidson Fellows not only for their incredible projects, but also for the journey they forged to reach this point,” said Bob Davidson, founder of the Davidson Institute. “Every year I am amazed by the depth of the Fellows’ accomplishments. Through encouragement and recognition, the Davidson Institute for Talent Development anticipates that gifted students like these will be among the pioneers who will solve the world’s most vexing problems.”

The 2017 Davidson Fellows will be honored at a reception in Washington, D.C., on September 27.

The Davidson Fellows Scholarship program offers \$50,000, \$25,000 and \$10,000 college scholarships to students 18 or younger, who have completed significant projects that have the potential to benefit society in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, literature and music. The Davidson Fellows Scholarship has provided more than \$7.1 million in scholarship funds to more than 300 students since its inception in 2001, and has been named one of the most prestigious undergraduate scholarships by [\*U.S. News & World Report\*](#). It is a program of the Davidson Institute for Talent Development, a national nonprofit organization headquartered in Reno, Nev. that supports profoundly gifted youth.

#### **About the Davidson Institute**

Founded by Bob Davidson in 1999, the Davidson Institute for Talent Development recognizes, nurtures and supports profoundly intelligent young people, and provides opportunities for them to develop their talents to make a positive difference. The Institute offers support through a number of programs and services, including the Davidson Fellows Scholarship and the [Davidson Academy of Nevada](#). For more information about the 2017 Davidson Fellows, please visit [www.DavidsonGifted.org/Fellows-Scholarship](http://www.DavidsonGifted.org/Fellows-Scholarship).

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