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## **SOUTH ORANGE TEEN AWARDED \$25,000 FOR JAZZ PORTFOLIO** **Cosimo Fabrizio to be Named a 2018 Davidson Fellow**

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South Orange, N.J. – The Davidson Institute for Talent Development has announced the 2018 Davidson Fellows. Among the honorees is 18-year-old Cosimo Fabrizio of South Orange. Fabrizio won a \$25,000 Davidson Fellows Scholarship for his project, *21<sup>st</sup> Century Jazz—The Search for Authenticity*. He is one of only 20 students across the country to receive this honor.

“I am honored to be named a Davidson Fellow and am excited to join a community of great young thinkers,” said Fabrizio. “Being named a Fellow further motivates me to raise questions and seek ways to solve problems, in all aspects of my life.”

Fabrizio’s work seeks to showcase the interconnectedness of jazz tradition and innovation while also addressing the inherent difficulties of this balancing act. Fabrizio’s work also stems from a question that has been naturally planted in his head over the past years: is it possible to maintain the integrity and authenticity of an art form while also institutionalizing its education? His jazz portfolio seeks to address that question by commenting on the effect of institutionalization on artistic authenticity.

Fabrizio will attend Cornell in the fall where he plans to study economics and government.

“We are thrilled to recognize the 2018 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 2018 Davidson Fellows will be honored at a reception in Washington, D.C., on Friday, September 28.

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 \$7.5 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 2018 Davidson Fellows, please visit [www.DavidsonGifted.org/Fellows-Scholarship](http://www.DavidsonGifted.org/Fellows-Scholarship).

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