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Newlin Music Prize Awards \$12,500 to 40 Richmond-Area Musicians

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RICHMOND, VA (Jul. 30, 2024) - The Newlin Music Prize is pleased to announce the awarding of \$12,500 to 40 musicians from the Richmond metropolitan region, all of whom were previous winners and nominees of the Newlin Music Prize. This endowment follows the prize money increase for the 2024 award and honors nominees and winners from previous years.

Founded in 2022, the Newlin Music Prize is awarded to the best full-length album from the Richmond, Virginia metropolitan area based solely on artistic merit. Each year, a jury of more than 100 members from the Richmond arts community selects 20 albums to be considered for this award. In 2022 and 2023, the prize for winning the award was \$1,000. In 2024, that amount increased to \$2,500, with an additional \$4,750 raised to award \$250 to each nominee on the shortlist. This supplemental payout reflects the new payment status, ensuring that artists from the first two years are celebrated and honored similarly.

"We are very excited to be able to bestow this money to artists from the previous two years of the award," said Newlin Music Prize president Doug Nunnally. "The organization was established to elevate all artists within Richmond's music scene, not just the winner of each year's award. In our third year, we demonstrated this commitment by awarding funds to both the winner and all nominees, and it was equally important for us to honor the talented artists from the previous years' rounds. Their contributions have greatly enriched Richmond's diverse musical landscape, and we are thrilled to celebrate their achievements and support their future creative endeavors with this endowment."

Artists receiving payments include Abby Huston, Angélica Garcia, Ant The Symbol, Armagideon Time, Big Fundamental, Book Of Wyrms, Butcher Brown, Caro, Cassidy Snider & The Wranglers, Deau Eyes, DJ Harrison, Drook, Dumb Waiter, Erin & The Wildfire, Frames, Giant, Gnawing, Illa Styles, Jewell Booker, Junnie Mac, Justin Golden, Mackenzie Roark, Matthew E. White, McKinley Dixon, Monday Night, Ms. Jaylin Brown, No BS! Brass, Piranha Rama, Prabir Trio, Radio B, Spooky Cool, Strawberry Moon, T V L P A, Tennishu, Terminal Bliss, Tiara & Andrew, Timothy Bailey And The Humans, Ty Sorrell, Tyler Meacham, and WKNDR.

After completing this round of fundraising, the Newlin Music Prize will begin raising funds for its 2025 award, which will celebrate albums from the Richmond-Petersburg metropolitan region released in the 2024 calendar year. The campaign kicks off on Sunday, August 4, with a fundraiser at the Kava Club hosted by multimedia music platform [HearRVA](#), as part of the second annual Richmond Music Week. The event is free to attend and will feature music by past nominees Tiara & Andrew and Tyler Meacham, as well as a DJ set from Ant The Symbol. A raffle will be held with several prizes donated by vendors such as WRIR, The Auricular, and Musiq Cultura RVA, with the proceeds going directly to the Newlin Music Prize.

The Newlin Music Prize is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit designated as a public charity 509(a)(2). For more information on the organization and each nominated album, please visit [NewlinMusicPrize.com](#).

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