

2006 jazz scholars

The Las Vegas Jazz Society scholarship program was already expanding for 2006 when an unexpected boost from a generous member made it even bigger.

This year LVJS added a new element to its scholarship commitment—a jazz composition competition for students in UNLV's Jazz Studies program, with a \$500 education grant for the winner. Judges evaluated original scores (on CD), couldn't decide between between David Perrico's and Nate Kimball's outstanding big band charts, and so declared a tie.

The winners were announced at the July 9 NJO concert and each received half of the scholarship prize. But afterward, an LVJS member in the audience said the program was so impressive that she was donating (anonymously) \$500 to the scholarship fund so David and Nate would each receive \$500. The co-winning compositions are now part of the UNLV Jazz Orchestra's book of music. LVJS plans to make the competition an annual event and extends heartfelt gratitude to the donor for her gracious generosity.



David Perrico (left) and Nate Kimball (right), the scholarship winners in the inaugural Las Vegas Jazz Society-sponsored competition in jazz composition at UNLV, receive their awards from Paul Coladara, president of LVJS.

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