

Composers of the 20th and 21st Centuries

Pulitzer Prize Winning Composers

Year	Recipient	Composition
2021	Tania León	<i>Stride</i>
2020	Anthony Davis	<i>The Central Park Five</i>
2019	Ellen Reid	<i>Prism</i>
2018	Kendrick Lamar	<i>Damn.</i>
2017	Du Yun	<i>Angel's Bone</i>
2016	Henry Threadgill	<i>In for a Penny, In for a Pound</i>
2015	Julia Wolfe	<i>Anthracite Fields</i>
2014	John Luther Adams	<i>Become Ocean</i>
2013	Caroline Shaw	<i>Partita for 8 Voices</i>
2012	Kevin Puts	<i>Silent Night: Opera in Two Acts</i>
2011	Zhou Long	<i>Madame White Snake</i>
2010	Jennifer Higdon	<i>Violin Concerto</i>
2009	Steve Reich	<i>Double Sextet</i>
2008	David Lang	<i>The Little Match Girl Passion</i>
2007	Ornette Coleman	<i>Sound Grammar</i>
2006	Yehudi Wyner	<i>Piano Concerto: "Chiavi in Mano"</i>
2005	Steven Stucky	<i>Second Concerto for Orchestra</i>
2004	Paul Moravec	<i>Tempest Fantasy</i>
2003	John Adams	<i>Transmigration of Souls</i>
2002	Henry Dreyfus Brant	<i>Ice Field</i>
2001	John Corigliano	<i>Symphony #2</i>
2000	Lewis Spratlan	<i>Life is a Dream - opera</i>
1999	Melinda Wagner	<i>Conc. for Flute, etc.</i>
1998	Aaron Jay Kernis	<i>String Quartet #2</i>
1997	Wynton Marsalis	<i>Blood on the Fields</i>
1996	George Walker	<i>Lilacs</i>
1995	Morton Gould	<i>Stringmusic</i>
1994	Gunther Schuller	<i>Reminiscences & Reflections</i>
1993	Christopher Rouse	<i>Trombone Concerto</i>
1992	Wayne Peterson	<i>Face of Night</i>
1991	Shulamit Ran	<i>Symphony</i>
1990	Mel Powell	<i>Duplicates: A Concerto</i>
1989	Roger Reynolds	<i>Whispers Out of Time</i>
1988	William Bolcom	<i>Twelve New Piano Etudes</i>

1987	John Harbison	<i>Flight into Egypt</i>
1986	George Perle	<i>Wind Quintet #4</i>
1985	Stephen Albert	<i>Symphony River-Run</i>
1984	Bernard Rands	<i>Canti del Sole</i>
1983	Ellen Zwilich	<i>Symphony #1</i>
1982	Roger Sessions	<i>Concerto for Orchestra</i>
1981	(Not awarded this year)	
1980	David Del Tredici	<i>Memory of a Summer Day</i>
1979	Joseph Schwantner	<i>Afartones of Infinity</i>
1978	Michael Colgrass	<i>Deja Vu, percussion & orch.</i>
1977	Richard Wernick	<i>Visions of Terror & Wonder</i>
1976	Ned Rorem	<i>Air Music</i>
1975	Dominick Argento	<i>Diary of Virginia Woolf</i>
1974	Donald Martino	<i>Notturmo</i>
1973	Elliot Carter	<i>String Quartet #3</i>
1972	Jacob Druckman	<i>Windows</i>
1971	Mario Davidovsky	<i>Synchronisms #6</i>
1970	Charles Wuorinen	<i>Time's Encomium</i>
1969	Karel Husa	<i>String Quartet #3</i>
1968	George Crumb	<i>Echoes of Time and River</i>
1967	Leon Kirchner	<i>Quartet #3</i>
1966	Leslie Bassett	<i>Variations for Orchestra</i>
1965	(Not awarded this year)	
1964	(Not awarded this year)	
1963	Samuel Barber	<i>Piano Concerto #1</i>
1962	Robert Ward	<i>The Crucible</i>
1961	Walter Piston	<i>Symphony #7</i>
1960	Elliott Carter	<i>String Quartet #2</i>
1959	John LaMontaine	<i>Piano Concerto, op. 9</i>
1958	Samuel Barber	<i>Vanessa</i>
1957	Norman Dello Joio	<i>Meditations on Ecclesiastes</i>
1956	Ernst Toch	<i>Symphony #3</i>
1955	Gian-Carlo Menotti	<i>Saint of Bleecker Street</i>
1954	Quincy Porter	<i>Concerto for 2 Pianos</i>
1953	(Not awarded this year)	
1952	Gail Kubik	<i>Symphony Concertante</i>
1951	Douglas Moore	<i>Giants in the Earth</i>
1950	Gian-Carlo Menotti	<i>The Consul</i>
1949	Virgil Thomson	<i>Louisiana Story</i>
1948	Walter Piston	<i>Symphony #3</i>
1947	Charles Ives	<i>Symphony #3</i>

1946	Leo Sowerby	<i>Canticle of the Sun</i>
1945	Aaron Copland	<i>Appalachian Spring</i>
1944	Howard Hanson	<i>Symphony #4</i>
1943	William Schuman	<i>Secular Cantata #2</i>

Grawemeyer Award Winning Composers

Year	Recipient	Composition
2022	Olga Neuwirth	<i>Orlando</i>
2021	Lei Liang	<i>A Thousand Mountains, A Million Streams</i>
2020	<i>(Not awarded this year)</i>	
2019	Joel Bons	<i>Nomaden</i>
2018	Bent Sorensen	<i>L'isola della Citta</i>
2017	Andrew Norman	<i>Play</i>
2016	Hans Abrahamsen	<i>let me tell you</i>
2015	Wolfgang Rhim	<i>In-Schrift II</i>
2014	Đuro Živković	<i>On the Guarding of the Heart</i>
2013	Michel van der Aa	<i>Up-Close, Concerto</i>
2012	Esa-Pekka Salonen	<i>Violin Concerto</i>
2011	Louis Andriessen	<i>La Commedia</i>
2010	York Höller	<i>Sphären</i>
2009	Brett Dean	<i>The Lost Art of Letter Writing</i>
2008	Peter Lieberson	<i>Neruda Songs</i>
2007	Sebastian Currier	<i>Static</i>
2006	György Kurtág	<i>...Concertante..., Op.42</i>
2005	George Tsontakis	<i>Violin Concerto No.2</i>
2004	Unsuk Chin	<i>Violin Concerto</i>
2003	Kaija Saariaho	<i>L'Amour de loin</i>
2002	Aaron Jay Kernis	<i>Colored Field</i>
2001	Pierre Boulez	<i>Sur Incises</i>
2000	Thomas Adès	<i>Asyla</i>
1999	<i>(Not awarded this year)</i>	
1998	Tan Dun	<i>Marco Polo</i>
1997	Simon Bainbridge	<i>Ad Ora Incerta</i>
1996	Ivan Tcherepnin	<i>Double Concerto for Violin, Cello, and Orchestra</i>
1995	John Adams	<i>Violin Concerto</i>
1994	Toru Takemitsu	<i>Fantasma/Cantos</i>
1993	Karel Husa	<i>Concerto for Cello and Orchestra</i>
1992	Krzysztof Penderecki	<i>Symphony No.4 "Adagio"</i>
1991	John Corigliano	<i>Symphony No.1</i>

1990	Joan Tower	<i>Silver Ladders</i>
1989	Chinary Ung	<i>Inner Voices</i>
1988	(Not awarded this year)	
1987	Harrison Birtwist	<i>The Mask of Orpheus</i>
1986	György Ligeti	<i>Études</i>
1985	Witold Lutosławsk	<i>Symphony No.3</i>

Notable American Composers (Alphabetically)

Adams, John Coolidge (1947-)	Carter, Elliot Cook (1908-2012)
Albert, Stephen (1941-1992)	Chadwick, George Whitefield (1854-1931)
Amram, David Werner (1930-)	Cheney Beach, Amy Marcy (1867-1944)
Anderson, Barbara E. "Beth" (1950-)	Colgrass, Michael (1932-)
Anderson, Jay (1920-)	Converse, Frederick (1871-1940)
Anderson, Laurie (1947-)	Coolidge, Elizabeth Sprague (1864-1953)
Anderson, Leroy (1908-1975)	Cooper, Paul (1926-1996)
Andrews, George W. (1961-1932)	Copland, Aaron (1900-1990)
Antheil, George (1900-1959)	Corigliano, John Paul (1938-)
Argento, Dominick (1927-)	Cowell, Henry Dixon (1897-1965)
Armer, Elinor (1939-)	Crawford (Seeger), Ruth (1901-1953)
Armstrong, Louis (1900-1971)	Creston, Paul (1906-1985)
Babbitt, Milton Byron (1916-2011)	Crumb, George (1929-)
Bacharach, Burt (1928-)	Damrosch, Frank (1859-1937)
Bahmann, Marianne Eloise (1933-)	Danielpour, Richard (1956-)
Baker, David Nathaniel (1931-2016)	Daniels, Mabel Wheeler (1877-1971)
Ballantine, Edward (1886-1971)	Daugherty, Michael (1954-)
Barber, Samuel (1910-1981)	Dawson, William Levi (1898-1990)
Bassett, Leslie (1923-2016)	De Koven, Reginald (1859-1920)
Bauer, Marion Eugenie (1887-1955)	Dello Joio, Norman Joseph (1913-2008)
Beach, Amy Marcy Cheney (1867-1944)	Del Tredici, David (1937-)
Behrens, Jack (1935-)	Diamond, David Leo (1915-2005)
Bergsma, William Laurence (1921-1994)	Druckman, Jacob (1928-1996)
Bernstein, Leonard (1918-1990)	Eaton, John (1935-2015)
Bingham, Seth (1882-1972)	Erb, Donald (1927-2008)
Bolcom, William Elden (1938-)	Ellington, Edward K. "Duke" (1899-1974)
Bond, Victoria (1945-)	Emmett, Daniel Decatur (1815-1904)
Bowles, Paul Frederic (1910-1999)	Farwell, Arthur (1872-1952)
Brant, Henry Dreyfus (1913-2008)	Feldman, Morton (1926-1987)
Brown, Earle (1926-2002)	Fennelly, Brian (1937-2015)
Brubeck, David Warren (1920-2012)	Fine, Irving (1914-1962)
Buck, Dudley (1839-1909)	Fink, Myron (1932-)
Cage, John (1912-1992)	Floyd, Carlisle (1926-)
Carpenter, John Alden (1876-1951)	Foote, Arthur (1853-1937)

Foster, Stephen Collins (1826-1864)
 Freer, Eleanor Everest (1864-1942)
 Fry, William Henry (1813-1864)
 Gardner, Kay (1941-2002)
 Gershwin, George (Jacob) (1898-1937)
 Gilbert, Henry Franklin (1868-1928)
 Gillespie, 'Dizzy' John Birks (1917-1993)
 Glass, Philip (1937-)
 Goetschius, Percy (1853-1943)
 Goodman, Benjamin David (1909-1986)
 Gould, Morton (1913-1996)
 Griffes, Charles Tomlison (1884-1920)
 Grofé, Ferdinand Rudolph (1892-1972)
 Gruenberg, Louis (1884-1964)
 Guiraud, Ernest (1837-1892)
 Hadley, Henry K. (1871-1937)
 Handy, William Christopher (1873-1958)
 Hanson, Howard Harold (1896-1981)
 Harbison, John Harris (1938-)
 Harris, Roy Ellsworth (1898-1979)
 Harrison, Lou (1917-2003)
 Hays, Sorrel (1941-)
 Herrmann, Bernard (1911-1975)
 Hill, Edward Burlingame (1872-1960)
 Hoiby, Lee (1926-2011)
 Hovhaness, Alan Scott (1911-2000)
 Howe, Mary (1882-1964)
 Huss, Henry Holden (1862-1953)
 Iannaccone, Anthony (1943-)
 Ives, Charles Edward (1874-1954)
 Jarrett, Keith Daniel (1945-)
 Joplin, Scott (1868-1917)
 Kapilow, Robert (1952-)
 Kern, Jerome David (1885-1945)
 Kernis, Aaron Jay (1960-)
 King, Karl (1891-1971)
 Kirchner, Leon (1919-2009)
 Kolb, Barbara (1939-)
 La Barbara, Joan (1947-)
 Laderman, Ezra (1924-2015)
 Lambord, Benjamin (1879-1915)
 Lang, Margaret Ruthen (1867-1972)
 Lansky, Paul (1944-)
 Larsen, Elizabeth "Libby" (1950-)
 Lauridsen, Morten (1943-)
 Leginska, Ethel (1886-1970)
 Lieberson, Peter (1946-2011)
 Loesser, Frank (1910-1969)
 Luening, Otto (1900-1996)
 Mac Dowell, Edward (1861-1908)
 Maggio, Robert (1964-)
 Malotte, Albert Hay (1895-1964)
 Mancini, Henry (1924-1994)
 Marsalis, Wynton (1961-)
 Marshall, Ingram Douglass (1942-)
 Martinez, Odaline (1949-)
 Martino, Donald (1931-2005)
 Mason, Daniel Gregory (1873-1953)
 Mason, William (1829-1908)
 Mennin (Mennini), Peter (1923-1983)
 Monk, Meredith J. (1942-)
 Moore, Douglas (1893-1969)
 Moore, Mary Carr (1873-1957)
 Moran, Robert Leonard (1937-)
 Moross, Jerome (1913-1983)
 Morton, Ferdinand Joseph (1885-1941)
 Nancarrow, Conlon (1912-1997)
 Nevin, Ethelbert Woodbridge (1862-1901)
 Niebergall, Julia (1886-1968)
 North, Alex (1910-1991)
 Oldberg, Arne (1874-1962)
 Oliveros, Pauline (1932-2016)
 Paine, John Knowles (1839-1906)
 Parker, Horatio William (1863-1919)
 Partch, Harry (1901-1974)
 Perle, George (1915-2009)
 Persichetti, Vincent (1915-1987)
 Peterson, Wayne (1927-)
 Piston, Walter (1894-1976)
 Pollock, Muriel (1895-1971)
 Porter, Cole Albert (1891-1964)
 Porter, Quincy (1897-1966)
 Powell, Mel (1923-1998)
 Previn, André George (1929-)
 Read, Gardner (1913-2005)
 Reich, Steve (1936-)
 Reynolds, Robert (1934-)
 Richter, Marga (1926-)

Riegger, Wallingford (1885-1961)
 Riley, Terry Mitchell (1935-)
 Rochberg, George (1918-)
 Rodgers, Richard Charles (1902-1979)
 Rogers, Bernard (1893-1968)
 Rorem, Ned (1923-)
 Rouse, Christopher (1949-)
 Ruggles, Carl (1876-1971)
 Russo, William (1928-2003)
 Rzewski, Frederic (1938-)
 Scarmolin, Louis (1890-1969)
 Schelling, Ernest (1876-1939)
 Schickele, Peter (1935-)
 Schuller, Gunther (1925-2015)
 Schuman, William Howard (1910-1992)
 Schwantner, Joseph (1943-)
 Schwartz, Elliott (1936-2016)
 Sessions, Roger Huntington (1896-1985)
 Shapero, Harold Samuel (1920-2013)
 Shepherd, Arthur (1880-1958)
 Sherwood, William Hall (1854-1911)
 Siegmeister, Elie (1909-1991)
 Sondheim, Stephen Joshua (1930-2022)
 Sonneck, Oscar (1873-1928)
 Sousa, John Philip (1854-1932)
 Sowerby, Leo (1895-1968)
 Spalding, Walter Raymond (1865-1962)
 Spratlan, Lewis (1940-)
 Steinert, Alexander Lang (1900-1982)
 Sternberg, Constantin Von (1852-1924)
 Still, William Grant (1895-1978)
 Stoessel, Albert (1894-1943)
 Stokes, Eric (1930-1999)
 Strong, George (1856-1948)
 Stuart-Coolidge, Peggy (1913-1981)
 Svoboda, Tomas (1939-)
 Talma, Louise (1906-1996)
 Taylor, Joseph Deems (1885-1966)
 Tcherepnin, Ivan (1943-1998)
 Thomas, Michael Tilson (1944-)
 Thompson, Randall (1899-1984)
 Thomson, Virgil Garnett (1896-1989)
 Tull, Fisher (1934-1994)
 Tower, Joan (1938-)
 Ussachevsky, Vladimir (1911-1990)
 Walker, George (1922-)
 Waller, Thomas Wright 'Fats' (1904-1943)
 Ward, Robert (1917-2013)
 Warren, Elinor Remick (1900-1991)
 Weisgall, Hugo (1912-1997)
 Wernick, Richard (1934-)
 Whiting, Arthur (1861-1936)
 Williams, John Towner (1932-)
 Wuorinen, Charles (1938-)
 Wyner, Yehudi (1929-)
 Yardumian, Richard (1917-1985)
 Yelvington, Gladys (1891-1957)
 Zwilich, Ellen Taaffe (1939-)

Late 20th Century International Composers (by Decade)

1930s

Andriessen, Louis (1939-2021)
 Arima, Reiko (1933-)
 Asturias, Rodrigo (1939-2005)
 Aylott, Lydia Georgina Edith (1936-)
 Baervoets, Raymond (1930-1989)
 Bailly, Colette (1930-)
 Bajoras, Feliksas (1934-)
 Balada, Leonardo (1933-)
 Balakauskas, Osvaldas (1937-)
 Barkauskas, Vytautas (1931-)
 Bennett, Richard R. (1936-2012)
 Berger, Roman (1930-)
 Birtwistle, Harrison (1934-)
 Bouchard, Remi (1936-)
 Brendel, Alfred (1931-)
 Brouwer, Leo (1939-)
 Crosse, Gordon (1937-)
 Davidovsky, Mario (1934-)

Davies, Peter Maxwell (1934-2016)
Fiser, Lubos (1935-1999)
Fontyn, Jacqueline (1930-)
Fowler, Jennifer (1934-)
Goehr, Alexander (1932-)
Gorecki, Henryk Mikolaj (1933-2010)
Gubaidulina, Sofia (1931-)
Gulda, Friedrich (1930-2000)
Harvey, Jonathan (1939-)
Holliger, Heinz (1939-)
Howarth, Elgar (1935-)
Jones, Trevor Alan (1932-)
Jürisalu, Heino (1930-1991)
Kagel, Mauricio (1931-2008)
Karetnikov, Nicolai (1930-1994)
Klusak, Jan-Filip (1934-)
Kolberg, Kåre (1936-2014)
Kuri Aldana, Mario (1931-2013)
Kutavicius, Bronislovas (1932-)
Ledenev, Roman (1930-)
Legrand, Michel (1932-)
Loevendie, Theo (1930-)
Lundsten, Ralph (1936-)
Mather, Bruce (1939-)
Mathias, William (1934-1992)
Matthus, Siegfried (1934-)
Maw, John Nicholas (1935-2009)
Meale, Richard (1932-2009)
Morgan, David Sydney (1933-1988)

1940s

Agudelo Murguia, Graciela (1945-)
Bailey, Judith Margaret (1941-)
Bamert, Matthias (1942-)
Berkeley, Michael (1948-)
Bortz, Daniel (1943-)
Boyd, Anne Elizabeth (1946-)
Bruzdowicz, Joanna (1943-)
Bryars, Gavin (1943-)
Casken, John Arthur (1949-)
Catán, Daniel (1949-2011)
Cherney, Brian (1942-)
Colding-Jørgensen, Henrik (1944-)

Norby, Erik (1936-2007)
Nordheim, Arne (1931-2010)
Nørgaard, Per (1932-)
Ó Riada, Seán (1931-1971)
Ogdon, John (1937-1989)
Pärt, Arvo (1935-)
Pauls, Raimonds (1936-)
Pejman, Ahmad (1935-)
Penderecki, Krzysztof (1933-)
Rands, Bernard (1934-)
Reich, Steve (1936-)
Reimann, Aribert (1936-)
Rzewski, Frederic (1938-)
Salaks, Vilnis (1939-)
Sallinen, Aulis (1935-)
Schifrin, Lalo (1932-)
Schnittke, Alfred (1934-1998)
Sculthorpe, Peter J. (1939-2014)
Serebrier, José (1938-)
Shchedrin, Rodion (1932-)
Sheriff, Noam (1935-)
Takemitsu, Toru (1930-1996)
Tjeknavorian, Loris (1937-)
Tormis, Veljo (1930-)
Uspensky, Vladislav (1937-2004)
Vladigerov, Alexander (1933-1993)
Williamson, Malcolm (1931-2003)
Wolff, Christian (1934-)
Yuyama, Akira (1932-)

Edwards, Ross (1943-)
Eliasson, Anders (1947-2013)
Fanshawe, David (1942-2010)
Ferneyhough, Brian (1943-)
Gruber, Heinz Karl "H.K." (1943-)
Holloway, Robin Greville (1943-)
Juozapaitis, Jurgis (1942-)
Kalnins, Imants (1941-)
Konishi, Nagako (1945-)
Kuulberg, Mati (1947-2001)
LeFanu, Nicola Frances (1947-)
Leon, Tania Justina (1944-)

Louie, Alexina Diane (1949-)
Mata, Eduardo (1942-1995)
Matthews, Colin (1946-)
Matthews, David (1943-)
McCartney, Paul (1942-)
Mori, Junko (1948-)
Osborne, Nigel (1948-)
Pelecis, Georgs (1947-)
Rahbari, Ali (1948-)
Ran, Shulamit (1949-)
Rea, John (1944-)
Ruders, Poul (1949-)

1950s

Anderson, Barbara "Beth" (1950-)
Bainbridge, Simon (1952-)
Beamish, Sally (1956-)
Casablancas, Benet (1956-)
Casas, Pere (1957-)
Danielpour, Richard (1956-)
Daugherty, Michael (1954-)
Feiler, Dror (1951-)
Fuentes, Tristan (1951-)
Hillborg, Anders (1954-)
Højsgaard, Erik (1954-)
Hosokawa, Toshio (1955-)
Kapilow, Robert (1952-)

1960s

Benjamin, George (1960-)
Glanert, Detlev (1960-)
Maggio, Robert (1964-)
Marsalis, Wynton (1961-)
O'Boyle, Sean (1963-)
Unsuik Chin (1961-)
Vecumnieks, Andris (1964-)

Rutter, John (1945-)
Rybar, Jaroslav (1942-)
Salmenhaara, Erkki (1941-2002)
Sciarrino, Salvatore (1947-)
Segerstam, Leif Selim (1944-)
Senderovas, Anatolijus (1945-)
Sinopoli, Giuseppe (1946-2001)
Stankovich, Evgeny (1942-)
Tavener, John Kenneth (1944-2013)
Vasks, Peteris (1946-)
Vivier, Claude (1948-1983)

Lam Bun-Ching (1954-)
Larsen, Elizabeth "Libby" (1950-)
Lindberg, Magnus (1958-)
Lindgren, Pär (1952-)
Llewellyn, Becky (1950-)
Macmillan, James (1959-)
Martland, Steve (1959-2013)
Muldowney, Dominic (1952-)
Rehnqvist, Karin (1957-)
Saariaho, Kaija (1952-)
Tan Dun (1957-)
Weir, Judith (1954-)
Woolrich, John (1954-)