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BONO

March 31, 2022
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The Fulbright Prize was established to honor the largest and most significant educational exchange program in history as well as the internationalist career and spirit of its creator, the late Senator J. William Fulbright. The Prize recognizes and rewards outstanding contributions towards bringing peoples, cultures, or nations to greater understanding of others. Considered for the Prize are individuals, groups or teams of individuals, and organizations in any part of the world whose contributions to breaking through the barriers that divide humankind are of such significance as to be internationally recognized.

AGENDA

Doors Open  5:00 pm  West Promenade
Welcome Reception  5:00 pm  Ambassador Ballroom
Prize Ceremony  6:30 pm  Regency Ballroom &
Seated Dinner  7:30 pm  Regency Ballroom

Dessert Reception to follow

CEREMONY PROGRAM

Fanfare  Sam Nester
Video Remarks  Bill Gates and Melinda French Gates
Welcome Remarks  Hon. Cynthia Ackron Baldwin
Virtual Chorus - “MLK”  Tai Oney (Soloist)
Video Message  ONE & (RED)
Introduction of Prize Laureate  Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala
Prize Laureate Address  Bono, U2 Lead Singer and Cofounder of ONE and (RED)

Virtual Chorus Director & Producer – Peter Nissen

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FULBRIGHT PRIZE LAUREATES

1993 Nelson Mandela, President of South Africa
1994 Jimmy Carter, President of the United States
1995 Franz Vranitzky, Chancellor of Austria
1996 Corazon Aquino, President of the Philippines
1997 Václav Havel, President of the Czech Republic
1998 Patricio Aylwin Azócar, President of Chile
1999 Mary Robinson, President of Ireland
2000 Martti Ahtisaari, President of Finland
2001 Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations
2002 Sadako Ogata, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
2003 Fernando Henrique Cardoso, President of Brazil
2004 Colin L. Powell, United States Secretary of State
2006 William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States
2008 Desmond Tutu, Archbishop of Cape Town
2010 Bill and Melinda Gates, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
2012 Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders
2014 Hans Blix, Director General, International Atomic Energy Agency
2016 Richard G. Lugar, United States Senator
2018 Angela Merkel, Chancellor of Germany

BONO
2021 Fulbright Prize Laureate

The lead singer of U2, Bono was born Paul David Hewson in Dublin. He met The Edge, Larry Mullen, and Adam Clayton at school and in 1978, U2 was formed. Acknowledged as one of the best live acts in the world, U2 have toured the globe countless times, released 14 studio albums, sold over 157 million albums and won numerous awards, including 22 Grammys. In 2005, the band were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

As a singer and songwriter, Bono has been part of a number of projects and collaborations, including: the official UEFA EURO 2020 song ‘We Are The People’ by Martin Garrix ft. Bono & The Edge; music for film (Citizen Penn, The Million Dollar Hotel, Gangs of New York, Golden Eye, Mandela: Long Walk To Freedom); and for the stage (A Clockwork Orange by the Royal Shakespeare Company, Spiderman:...
BONO (continued)

Turn Off The Dark). This past December, Bono made his animated film debut as part of the cast of Sing 2.

Alongside his role in U2, Bono is a long-time activist. He and the band have been supporters of the work of Amnesty International since they were teenagers and outspoken on issues of social justice. In 1999, Bono began to get deeply involved in addressing the structural causes of extreme poverty as part of his involvement in the Jubilee 2000 Drop the Debt campaign which helped to pressure wealthy nations and multilateral institutions to eliminate over $100 billion in developing country debts so that money could instead be dedicated to health and education in those countries.

Following his work with Drop the Debt, Bono cofounded two sister organizations, ONE and (RED), dedicated to the fight against AIDS and extreme poverty.

ONE is a global organization campaigning to end extreme poverty and preventable disease by 2030. Whether engaging political leaders in world capitals or running cutting-edge grassroots campaigns, ONE pressures governments to do more to fight extreme poverty and preventable disease, particularly in Africa, and empowers citizens to hold their governments to account. As part of his work with ONE, Bono has lobbied heads of state and members of legislatures all around the world. Bono’s lobbying, combined with the work of ONE’s grassroots membership, has helped to ensure the passage and funding of government policies and programs, such as the United States PEPFAR program (President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief), that have helped to save tens of millions of lives over the past 20 years. Since March 2020, Bono and ONE have also been campaigning for a global response to the COVID-19 pandemic, fighting to ensure that developing countries have access to vaccines and support for their economic recovery.

Named for the color of emergency, (RED) was founded to turn iconic companies, including Apple, Starbucks, Bank of America, and Amazon, into a cavalry to fight the AIDS pandemic. To date (RED) has generated more than $650 million for the Global Fund to treat and prevent AIDS in Africa and (RED) is now also fighting the urgent threat of COVID-19 and its devastating impact on the world’s most vulnerable communities. Since launching, (RED) has helped more than 220 million people, with the money raised by (RED)’s partners and campaigns going directly to strengthen health systems and support life-saving programs in the communities where pandemics hit hardest.

Bono is also cofounder of The Rise Fund, a global impact fund investing in entrepreneurial companies driving measurable, positive social and environmental change in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals.

Bono has received many awards for his music and activism, including the Legion D’Honneur from the French Government, TIME Magazine’s Person of the Year (along with Bill and Melinda Gates), and an honorary British knighthood.

DR. NGOZI OKONJO-IWEALA

Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala is the Director General of the World Trade Organisation (WTO). The first woman and first African to hold the position in the 75-year history of the General Agreement on Tariff and Trade (GATT) and World Trade Organisation.

She is an economist and international development expert with over 40 years of experience. She was Chair of the Board of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance (2016 – 2020), the African Risk Capacity (2014 – 2020) and Co-Chair of The Global Commission on the Economy and Climate. Previously, she served as Senior Advisor at Lazard Ltd. and sat on the Boards of Standard Chartered PLC and Twitter Inc. Dr Okonjo-Iweala was appointed as an African Union COVID-19 Special Envoy, as well as WHO COVID-19 Special Envoy in 2020. She was one of the founders of the COVAX Facility designed to get affordable vaccines to Low and Low Middle-Income Countries.

Dr Okonjo-Iweala served as Nigeria’s first female and longest serving Finance Minister (7 years). She was also the first female Foreign Minister. She spent a 25-year career at the World Bank rising to the No.2 position of Managing Director, Operations.

In 2021 Dr Okonjo-Iweala was named one of TIME 100’s most influential leaders and people of the year, she was also one of five people to be featured on the TIME Magazine cover page. In 2020 Dr Okonjo-Iweala was named Forbes African of the Year. She has been ranked by Fortune as one of the 50 Greatest World Leaders (2015) and by Forbes as one of the Top 100 Most Powerful Women in the World consecutively for four years. She is the recipient of 15 Honorary Doctorate Degrees including from some of the world’s most prestigious universities such Yale University, University of Pennsylvania, Brown University and Trinity College Dublin.

She holds a Bachelor’s in Economics from Harvard University and a PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
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The Honorable Cynthia A. Baldwin was the first African-American woman elected to the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas and only the second African-American woman to serve on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. She retired from the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in 2008. After her retirement from the Court, she became a partner with Duane Morris and also served as the first Vice President and General Counsel for the Pennsylvania State University. A Fulbright Scholarship Lecturer on the Law Faculty of the University of Zimbabwe in 1994, Justice Baldwin is serving a second term on the Fulbright Association Board in Washington, D.C. where she was elected and served as Vice Chair before she was elected Chair for 2022-2024. She has served on the corporate board of Koppers, Inc. and on the non-profit boards of Duquesne University, the Pennsylvania State University and the Association of Governing Boards of Colleges and Universities (AGB) chairing the latter two. She currently serves on the board of Vibrant Pittsburgh and the Advisory Board of the Pennsylvania Center for Women and Politics at Chatham University. A Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania, Justice Baldwin is extremely active in her church and the community. Among her many awards are the ATHENA Award, the Heinz History Center History Maker Award and the national History Makers Award.

Justice Baldwin has also been featured in the following Marquis’ publications: Who’s Who in America, Who’s Who in American Law, Who’s Who in American Politics, Who’s Who in the East, Who’s Who of American Women, and Who’s Who in Emerging Leaders in America. She is also the recipient of several honorary doctorates from prestigious universities.

In recognition of outstanding contributions to her profession and the Marquis Who’s Who community, Justice Cynthia A. Baldwin is featured on Marquis Who’s Who Lifetime Achievers website.
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- **The Fulbright Prize**: Honoring leaders and organizations that promote international understanding
- **National Conference**: Meeting every fall, the Fulbright community gathers to celebrate its diversity by sharing research and ideas, musical and dance performances, and much more
- **Advocacy Month**: Fulbrighters meet with congressional offices each spring to ensure strong funding for the Fulbright Program, ensuring its future and widening its positive impact
- **Chapter Activities**: Chapters offer an extraordinary range of educational and social programming that engage local alumni and visiting Fulbrighters from 165 countries
- **Fulbright in the Classroom**: Fulbrighters share their knowledge and love of the international with students K-College through this national community outreach program
- **Travel**: Alumni enjoy uniquely “Fulbright” trips that weave together cultural experiences, public service, and connections to local organizations and peoples
- **Fulbright Forum**: This webinar series reflects the wide-ranging interest of alumni, from the performing and fine arts, to science, technology, and public policy

Prize Sculpture Artist

In 2012, Gretta L. Bader contributed to the Fulbright Association a sculptural portrait of Senator J. William Fulbright that is reproduced for each Prize recipient. The bust was on display at the Kennedy Center, and then moved to the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, DC. Gretta’s husband, William Bader, was in the first class of Fulbright grantees to Germany in 1953. Their son, John Bader, is the Executive Director of the Fulbright Association.
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He, like our talented students, demonstrates how to make a real difference in the world.

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Tai Oney

Hailed by Opera News for the “richness and pliability of his [voice],” American countertenor Tai Oney has been a prizewinner in several competitions, including claiming a prestigious Sullivan Foundation Award, a second place Regional Finalist in the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, and a US Postgraduate Fulbright Award.

Tai has performed with the London Handel Festival; Opéra de Baugé; Innsbruck Festival of Early Music; Finnish National Opera; Brisbane Baroque; Opera Theatre of Saint Louis; Longborough Festival Opera; Royal Opera, Covent Garden; Dallas Opera; San Diego Opera; Birmingham Opera Company; English Touring Opera; Opera Parallèle; Deutsche Oper Berlin; The Hanover Band; and Festival d’Aix-en-Provence to name a few.

Tai has been a member of the Central City Opera and a guest artist for the Palm Beach Opera young artist program. He holds degrees from Stetson University (BME), Boston University (MMus), the New England Conservatory of Music (G Dip), the Royal College of Music International Opera School (ArtDip), and has completed course work towards a doctoral degree in Music Education at Boston University.

Sam Nester

Australian born trumpet player Sam Nester leads a diverse career as a performer and educator. Nester has performed for Lincoln Center's Mostly Mozart Festival & Lincoln Center Out of Doors, the Beijing Modern Music Festival, BAM Next Wave Festival, the Paris Opera Ballet, Wordless Music Orchestra, Brooklyn Orchestra, Mark Morris Dance Group, and the Festival of New Trumpet Music. Nester has premiered works by Pulitzer Prize winning composer John Luther Adams, John Cale (Velvet Underground), and John Zorn among others.

The recipient of numerous awards, Nester has been a Fulbright Scholar, a recipient of the Australian Music Foundation Award, Brian Boak Outstanding Performer Award, and an American Australian Association’s Dame Joan Sutherland Fund grantee. He currently serves on trumpet faculty at the Juilliard School’s Music Advancement Program and is a member of the Music History faculty at the Manhattan School of Music.