



*“This award allows me to continue my journey in telling the stories of my culture through music. I am extremely grateful to be part of the Sphinx family and will continue to use my gift of music to impact the world.”* Carlos Simon

The Sphinx Medal of Excellence is the highest honor bestowed by the Sphinx Organization.

In addition to a \$50,000 career grant, Sphinx annually awards the Medals of Excellence to three artists who, early in their career, demonstrate artistic excellence, outstanding work ethic, a spirit of determination, and an ongoing commitment to leadership and their communities.

This year's awards make history by featuring the first-ever symphonic conductor, first-ever oboist as well as its second composer.

The 10th Annual Sphinx Medals of Excellence will be bestowed at a private luncheon co-hosted by **The Kennedy Center** and honorees will be celebrated at a black-tie event in Washington, D.C.

Described as an “overall driving force” (Review Graveyard) and featured on Apple Music's “Albums to Watch”, Simon was named as a Sundance/Time Warner Composer Fellow.

Simon is a native of Atlanta, Georgia whose music ranges from concert music for large and small ensembles to film scores with influences of jazz, gospel, and neo-romanticism. His music has been performed by Tony Arnold, the Third Angle New Music Ensemble, Philadelphia, Saint Louis, Boston Pops, and others.