

## Hugheen Ferguson Distinguished Teacher Awards

A tribute to passion, talent and commitment

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Convention highlights

**M**aureen Harris is a researcher, lecturer, clinician and educator in music. Ms. Harris has dedicated her life to fostering creativity through music.

Her passion for music and love of teaching is an inspiration to children, parents, educators and administrators at her school.

She was commissioned by MENC to write "Music and the Young Mind", a comprehensive ECE Music pedagogy for teachers – available summer of 2009.

Based on a research study, conducted at her school, she created "Montessori Mozarts" a music curriculum now used worldwide. Her dedication to the musical development of the child is relentless.

**P**rofessor Lynn Stodola has been a very successful piano teacher at Dalhousie University Dept. of Music for many years.

Her students consistently win the Kiwanis Music Festival Rose Bowl, NSRMTA Scholarship Competitions and RCM Examinations Silver Medals.

Her son Mark Djokic won the Atlantic Young Artist Competition a few years ago. She has performed with her husband, Philippe Djokic in major cities throughout Canada, USA, England, Belgium, Holland and Yugoslavia.

They have recorded frequently for CBC radio and television. She is currently Director of the "Chamber Music at Dalhousie" Concert Series.

**B**arb Long resides in a small community in rural New Brunswick. From this location, Barb has established herself as an extremely influential and motivating person in our musical scene – not only in her community, but also provincially and nationally.

Her dedication to the art of teaching is manifested through attaining an ARCT in Piano Pedagogy from the Royal Conservatory of Music as well as her own private piano study over the years.

Barb has been a registered music teacher in New Brunswick since 1997. She also serves as an adjudicator in various provinces across Canada. Until 2008 she was executive director of the Carleton County Music Festival. In 2008, under her leadership, the New Brunswick Federation of Music was awarded the TD Canada Trust Award for Arts Organization of the Year.

She has also served on the executive of the National Festival of Music for many years and in 2007, the National Music Festival was hosted in New Brunswick with Barb acting as chairperson for this event.

Now, in 2009, Barb has again shown her commitment to the teachers and music students as the Chair of the CFMTA National Convention in Sackville, New Brunswick.

Everyone who has had the privilege of working with Barbara recognizes her organizational skills, her incredible people skills and her dedication to the music community in our country.



From left: Maureen Harris, Barbara Long, Lynn Stodola, John Hansen, unable to attend Winnifred Scott

**J**ohn Hansen has been a very successful piano teacher at the Acadia University School of Music for many years.

He taught Lucas Porter, the winner of the 2007 National CFMTA Piano Competition and many other competition winners including the Halifax Kiwanis Music Festival Rose Bowl.

He has received numerous Canada Council Arts Grants to pursue studies in piano performance in Paris, France with Raymond Trouard, in Italy with Guido Agosti, and in New York City and Aspen Colorado with Jeanene Dowis and Samuel Lipman.

He is very active as a piano soloist and chamber musician, having performed in Canada, the US, Great Britain, France, Italy and Germany. He is a regularly featured performer on both the English and French CBC Radio Networks, appearing on the Arts National and En Concert network series.

**W**inifred Scott Wood and Robin Wood started the "Victoria School of Music" as husband and wife in 1964 and had no students. Today, it is called the Victoria Conservatory of Music and has over 2,000 students.

Mrs. Wood has won numerous awards for her playing, receiving the Gold Medal for the Highest Mark in Canada. She taught at the Royal Academy in London, England and was recorded on the radio. Winifred has many award winning students. This year her student won awards in the festival. Mrs. Wood has taught and continues to teach teacher training. She is an amazing teacher and musician.