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NLTA MUSIC SPECIAL INTEREST COUNCIL AWARD WINNERS

St. John's, NL...The NLTA Music Special Interest Council is pleased to announce their 2019 award recipients, who were honoured at the Council's 2019 conference in St. John's on October 24.

2019 CMEA Honorary Life Member Award: Dr. Andrea Rose

Awarded to one individual each year to recognize their outstanding contribution to music education in Canada.

As a musician, educator, researcher, and activist, **Dr. Andrea Rose** is dedicated to the ongoing growth and development of music education at local, national and international levels. Andrea holds undergraduate degrees in music and music education from Memorial University, and a Master's degree in Music, and PhD in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Andrea was a music educator for ten years at Holy Heart High School in St. John's, and since 1990 has been a professor of music education at Memorial University. Recently retired from Memorial University (December 2018), Andrea received the designation of Honorary Research Professor to acknowledge her continuing scholarly and professional work in music education. Andrea has been the recipient of several awards including the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal (2012) and MUN President's Award for Distinguished Teaching. She has also received the designation of 3M National Teaching Fellow by the Canadian Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education.

Andrea performed as a violinist with the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra for over 30 years, and currently serves on the NSO's Board of Directors, and is an advisor for the NSO's education and outreach programming. She has served in leadership roles with a variety of organizations including the International Society for Music Education, Canadian Music Educators' Association, Debut Atlantic, Action Canada, and Teach for Canada. She is currently serving as Director of Higher Learning with the Canadian Music Educators' Association. A past Artistic Director of FESTIVAL 500 Sharing the Voices International Choral Festival (2001-2013) and founding Director of The Phenomenon of Singing International Symposia (1997-2013), Andrea is the Co-Founder and Co-Director of The Singing Network (TSN), an international collective of individuals and organizations interested in singing and song. The Singing Network generates and hosts musical, educational, and scholarly events including the biennial International Symposium on Singing and Song. TSN recently hosted Choral Canada's national choral conference and festival – Podium 2018 – in St. John's, and the 2019 World Choral EXPO EXchange! in partnership with the International Federation of Choral Music in Lisbon, Portugal.

Andrea is honoured and humbled to receive the 2019 Canadian Music Educator's Professional Award as Honorary Life Member. She is very thankful for amazing colleagues, students, family, and friends who continue to travel her professional life with her. Onward!

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2019 Jamie Wilkinson Memorial Award: Cheri Carroll

Presented annually to a teacher in this province who exhibits a passion for music, demonstrates perseverance, musically inspires her/his music students and who takes great pride in her/his school music program and endeavors to encourage young musicians to enjoy all that music offers.

Cheri Carroll graduated with a B.Mus./B.Mus.Ed. degree from Memorial University in 1995. She completed her Master's Degree in Education (Literacy) from Mount Saint Vincent University in 2008. She has taught Choral, Classroom and Instrumental music from K-12 and is currently the Music Specialist (Choral and Instrumental) at Mount Pearl Senior High School. She is a founding member of Lady Cove Women's Choir, and has performed with various theatre companies in St. John's including Spirit of Newfoundland, Atlantic Light and Best Kind Productions. She believes that teaching is a vocation, not just a chosen career path and feels very blessed to have a job she loves, where she tries to inspire young people to be the best version of themselves through music education. She is beyond humbled and grateful to receive the Jamie Wilkinson Memorial Award and would like to thank her co-worker (and Jamie's close personal friend) Erin Cavanagh for the nomination. "Where words fail, music speaks."

2019 CMEA Builders Award: Darren White

The Builders Awards seek to recognize those who advance music education in any Canadian province, through building community or establishing significant collaborative efforts.

Darren White graduated from Memorial University of Newfoundland in 1988 with Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Music Education degrees. In 1996, he received a Master of Arts in Education from the University of Victoria, BC. Darren recently retired from the position of director of school bands in the Corner Brook school system after a teaching career spanning 31 years. In 1991, after spending two years teaching in the Clarenville area, Darren accepted a position in his home town of Corner Brook where he taught at Herdman Collegiate Senior High, as well as G.C. Rowe and G.A. Mercer Junior High Schools. In addition to the numerous annual performances in Corner Brook, ensembles under Darren's direction received 28 consecutive gold performance standards from 1992 to 2019 at regional and national Music Festivals in St. John's, Halifax, Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto. On four separate occasions, bands under his direction received "Most Outstanding Ensemble" awards at the Atlantic Band Festival and the Toronto Band Festival. In 2014 he performed with the Corner Brook Regional High Wind Symphony at the prestigious Carnegie Hall in New York City.

During the summer of 2000, Darren taught a graduate course on "Quality Literature for Concert Bands" at the University of Victoria. In 2007, he was awarded an Arts Educator Award at the NL Arts Works Conference and in 2013 was named a finalist for the ArtsNL Memorial University Arts in Education Award. Darren also served as a director of the Corner Brook Rotary Music Festival for 28 years. In 2014 he was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, in appreciation of a substantial contribution to its humanitarian and educational programs.

Darren is thrilled to have spent his career in the Corner Brook music system and proud that hundreds of his students have gone on to further music education in their post-secondary studies. Many are now educators and performers worldwide. He would like to thank the NLTA Music Special Interest Council for this award and is so pleased that he was able to avail of the professional development opportunities offered by the MSIC over the entirety of his teaching career.

2019 CMEA Builders Award for Newer Teachers: Emma House

Emma House is a music educator in her second year of teaching at Jens Haven Memorial School (JHMS) in Nain, an Inuit community in Nunatsiavut, Labrador. At JHMS, she teaches K-12 Music, Grade 8 English Language Arts, and Grades 7-9 Art. As the only NLESD music specialist teaching in Northern Labrador, she is dedicated to ensuring her students receive not only a high quality music education, but one that incorporates as much Inuit culture as possible. She believes in the transformative power that music can have in building community, in developing individual and cultural identity, and in contributing to positive emotional and mental well-being.

In her first year of teaching, Emma was awarded a MusiCounts Band Aid Program grant, the majority of which funded the purchase of 20 traditional Inuit drums as well as an assortment of brass instruments to be used for a new brass band that will be created this year. At school, she runs choir for students in Grades 4-12, some of whom travel to an annual Pan-Labrador Choir event. Last year she organized workshops for students in throat singing and established an annual Open Mic school event for solo and small group performances. In addition to her involvement at school, Emma teaches a small number of private music students and performed at the first Tusannituk Nain Music Festival this past summer.

Emma completed her Bachelor of Music Education (2018) and her Bachelor of Music (Hons) in trumpet at Memorial University, as well as courses towards a Master of Music in Choral Conducting (2017-18). She also completed Level 1 in the Orff Schulwerk Certification program this past summer (2019).

2019 Heather MacDonald Memorial Award: Jordan Mills

The Heather Macdonald Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to an outstanding Music Education intern.

Jordan Mills is from Campbellton, a small community on the northeastern coast of Newfoundland. He completed his Bachelor of Music at Memorial University and is currently completing the final semester of his Bachelor of Music Education degree. Jordan is a diverse instrumentalist having studied single reeds and piano, in addition to his experience playing brass instruments in the Salvation Army. His passion for instrumental music has led him to direct several community youth bands, as well as local and regional bands within the Canadian Cadet Organization. Currently, Jordan runs a single reed and piano studio out of Long & McQuade, while also working as an intern at Holy Heart of Mary High School in St. John's.

Jordan enjoys working in different contexts and seeks active involvement in various music communities. As a result, he has worked on many unique projects including productions with Choral Canada, events with the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada, and performances such as the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California.

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