

HUGHEEN FERGUSON AWARD - 2011

Frances Mae Balodis - Darlene Brigidear - Linda Kundert-Stoll



Frances Mae Balodis

MEd., ARCT, LCCN(H), LCNCM(H), RMT, MYCC is a professional speaker and workshop clinician, helping many teachers, parents and students for over fifty years. She is a composer, examiner and adjudicator. Frances is the Founder

and Chairperson of the Board of Music for Young Children (MYC) which is celebrating thirty years and is taught in Singapore, Malaysia Korea, Vietnam, New Zealand, Australia, United States and Canada. Frances directed a young children's choir, Bullfrogs and Butterflies (B&B) for twenty eight years.

Frances has a keen interest in how people learn. She is a Neurolinguistic Practitioner, and also has certification with the DISC program. Frances offers workshops to parents, teachers and students on how to better enhance communication and facilitate their learning process.

Frances, as a professional speaker is a member of the Canadian Association of Professional Speakers (CAPS). She is also a member of the Canadian

Federation of University Women.

In 2009 Frances received the Woman of the Year Entrepreneur category award from the Women's Business Network of Ottawa, ON.

Recently, in 2008, 2009, and 2010 Frances has had compositions published by Northern Lights, Mayfair Music.

In 2008 Frances authored the Pre-Grade One workbook for the Royal Conservatory of Music. This workbook is a companion for the PreGrade One Repertoire Book for RCM.

Frances' personal mission statement: *I am a creative, caring person who lifts up others.*

Frances and her husband Gunars live in Muskoka, ON.



Darlene Brigidear

began her music studies with Agnes Rinas in Chilliwack, BC and continued with Ira Swartz, Cecelia MacLean and Phyllis Schultz, all legendary teachers in Vancouver. Darlene became a member of BCRMTA (Chilliwack Branch) in

August of 1968. After she and Dave Brigidear married, they were transferred in 1972 and so she had to leave her class (which included 5 RCM silver medal winners) and start over again in Nelson. This didn't phase Darlene a bit. She transferred to the Nelson Branch and soon had a full class of students with many taking top honours in the Kootenay Music Festival and being chosen to represent the region at the BC Festival of the Arts. It was during this time that Darlene met Helen Dahlstrom and thus began an inspirational friendship that lasts to this day. Darlene and Dave again moved their family – this time to Surrey in 1986. South Fraser Branch welcomed her and soon she was involved in all of the branch activities.

In 1996, Darlene was the chairman of BC's convention *Encore 96* featuring Jon Kimura Parker and took a major role in the Kelowna CFMTA *Musical Odyssey* in 2001 and the Langley *Special Edition* in 2006. In 1997 she was elected to the BCRMTA Executive and moved up to serve as President for a 4 year term and she continues to serve as Past President until 2013. In 2009, she was elected to a 2 year term as President of the CFMTA. In total this represents 16 years of active service in the provincial and national levels of our organization.

The South Fraser Branch takes great pride in nominating Darlene Brigidear for the Hugheen Ferguson Distinguished Teacher Award.



Linda Kundert-Stoll

holds a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance (Magna Cum Laude) from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles and a Master of Music in Piano Performance from the University

of Calgary. She obtained an Associate Teacher's Diploma in Piano from the Mount Royal College Conservatory and an ARCT Piano Teacher's Diploma from The Royal Conservatory of Music. Linda's performance experience includes recordings for CBC radio and giving solo and chamber recitals both in Canada and the United States. Linda is the Co-Founder, President and Artistic Director of the Calgary Arts Summer School Association (CASSA) which has, for 18 years, provided artists, young and old, with opportunities to discover and develop their love of music, drama and dance by attending summer camps.

Linda is a member of the College of Examiners for the Royal Conservatory

of Music and has been a member of CFMTA and ARMETA for many years. Many of her former students are now professional musicians. Linda is the teacher of Quinn Gomez who is the Alberta competitor in the CFMTA 2011 Piano Competition. She was awarded the ARMETA Recognition Award in 2006 after she served as Convenor of the CFMTA "Peak Performance" Conference in Calgary. ARMETA members throughout Alberta, and from Calgary Branch particularly, choose to honor Linda with the Hugheen Ferguson Award and thank her for the example she sets as mentor, teacher, friend and professional support to those around her.

What is the HUGHEEN FERGUSON DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD.....

The **Hugheen Ferguson Distinguished Teacher Awards** as a method of honouring deserving members of Registered *Music Teacher's Associations* across Canada. These awards were created in memory of the late Hugheen Ferguson, whose estate gifted the CFMTA/FCAPM with \$5000.00. Hugheen, CFMTA/FCAPM president from 1997 - 1999, was an extraordinary teacher, administrator and supporter of the Association and the arts throughout her lifetime.

Individuals who have made significant contributions to the art of music and the profession of music teaching will be recognized through the *CFMTA/FCAPM Hugheen Ferguson Distinguished Teacher Award* for distinguished teaching and/or distinguished service. The following criteria for recommending a teacher are offered as a guideline:

- they have made a significant impact in their community
- they have demonstrated outstanding service to the organization
- they have had an exemplary teaching career.

Recipients of these awards will be recognized at the biennial CFMTA National Convention. Each would receive a complimentary ticket to the Gala banquet and an attractive CFMTA- Hugheen Ferguson Award certificate. Also, new recipients would be prominently recognized in the *Canada Music Week® Edition* of the *Canadian Music Teacher*.

Designating this award to a colleague is easy!

Simply send a contribution of \$250.00 along with the completed Hugheen Ferguson Awards information sheet.

The funds may come from an individual donation, a local branch or the province association.

Please note that the distinction may not be established in the contributors' names. This is an honour to be bestowed only by one's peers.

In the event that the recipient is unable to attend the national conference, the certificate will be sent to the distinguished teacher's provincial association, who would then be encouraged to recognize the recipient.

The money will be placed in the CFMTA Scholarship Fund for future national competition prizes.

QUESTIONS?

Contact the CFMTA secretary at admin@cfmta.org

