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Rodger Beatty (Presentation 2002)

On behalf of the Canadian Music Educators Association, I am pleased to be here tonight to present a CMEA Honorary Life Membership to one of Ontario's own, Dr. Rodger Beatty. Well deserving of this outstanding award, Rodger has spent a lifetime in dedicated work towards the profession of Canadian music education. Currently a professor at the Faculty of Education at Brock University, Rodger's teaching career has also included vocal and instrumental music at Etienne Brule Public School in Sault Ste. Marie, at Queen Elizabeth School in Picton, and Prince Charles Public School in Trenton. He was also seconded for several years to teach at the Faculty of Education at Queen's University. Rodger has been an active choral conductor, demonstrating his expertise with the Niagara Children's Choir, The Hastings Board of Education Choir, and The Gentlemen Songsters of Niagara Falls just to name a few.

Rodger served the Board of Directors of OMEA since 1982 and was president of the OMEA from 1988-1990. He is currently the co-editor of the Recorder magazine and is an important member of the Musical Cascade Committee. He sat at the CMEA Board from 1989 to 1997, and served eloquently as the President 1993-1995. Recently, Rodger has added his wisdom to the Board of Choirs Ontario where he served as President in 2001-2002.

Rodger is one of those rare people who constantly working for the betterment of the profession. As his colleague Sharon Fitzsimmon said: "Rodger is first and foremost a fine person. He always takes an interest in what is going on in your life and those who are part of your life. When Rodger was President of OMEA many Sunday nights he would call to keep me informed about what was happening with OMEA, to ask my opinion, or to discuss an issue that needed some decision. He made my role as vice president important and Rodger prepared me well for my role as President of OMEA. Working with Rodger as co-editor of The Recorder continues to be a learning experience for me. While I might catch two pages of corrections when we receive The Recorder draft, Rodger catches 4 pages! How many times have members of the OMEA board said, "We'll ask Rodger - He will know." He is always willing to help out in any capacity and he does so with sincerity."

I know that all those associated with Rodger are so pleased that he is receiving a **CMEA Honorary Life Membership**. He deserves it. Congratulations Rodger!