



## **Cathy Lynn Yorke-Slader**

The Executive Award was established in 1991 and has been awarded to those that have served as an Executive member or a Member-At-Large of the Canadian Music Educators' Association to celebrate their many contributions to leadership at the national level. The Board of Directors of the Canadian Music Educators' Association is pleased to present this award to Cathy Lynn Yorke-Slader.

Cathy Lynn came to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Music Educators' Association with extensive leadership skills and an impressive record of accomplishments. She was responsible for chairing a very successful provincial conference, and represented the Ontario Music Educators' Association through workshops throughout the province. Her presidency with the OMEA resulted in the updating of all policies and practices and leaving the organization in good order ready to meet new challenges. The Canadian Music Educator's Association asked her to join the Board of Directors as a Member-At-Large in order for her to be able to share her leadership skills at a national level.

As soon as Cathy Lynn took her position as Member-At-Large, it was evident that her skills would be used to elevate the organization to even higher professional standards. Her administration of the Canadian Music Educators' Association Performance Awards was one example of her work to establish a process that encouraged excellence in performance and celebrated the high caliber of music performance in Canadian schools.

Cathy Lynn's levelheaded articulate approach was a welcome resource around the board table. Her input on many issues helped everyone to see the big picture and understand the path that needed to be taken that would be in the best interest of promoting excellence in Canadian school music programs. Cathy-Lynn's mind for administration and her sense of compassion helped everyone to realize the potential of every situation. Her words always had a way of resonating because they spoke to the true nature of each issue. Her subtle guidance always had a significant and positive impact on our decision-making.

Cathy Lynn is courageous and kind, determined and understanding, and someone who has had a tremendous impact on the culture and resulting beliefs of our organization. She is able to think big while at the same time understand the reality of the classroom. Board members respect her as a colleague and care about her as a friend. Cathy Lynn, please accept this Executive Award as a token of our appreciation and a cause for celebration of all your many accomplishments.