

KSNS would like to warmly congratulate Pierre Perron who was recently awarded a lifetime Honorary Membership in IKS, the International Kodaly Society!

Pierre came to Halifax in 1981 to head the Music Education wing of the Dalhousie University Department of Music. He earned his BMusic from McGill University in Composition and a First Class Teaching Diploma with organ as his main instrument. His MMusEd degree with a Kodaly Emphasis was earned from Holy Names College in Oakland, CA, having spent a year in Hungary studying the Kodaly Method.

Pierre and his wife Margaret Tse have written 10 radio music education series (426 programmes in all) in English and in French for the Québec Ministère de l'Éducation which were broadcast on the Québec CBC and Radio-Canada networks from 1979 to 1981. During this time he composed and arranged many songs for children at the elementary level. While in Montreal, Professor Perron taught music theory at McGill and was asked to write a Modular Course in Ear Training which he subsequently used in his solfège classes at Dalhousie.

Active in music education at the national and international levels, Professor Perron has served as President of KIC (Kodaly Institute of Canada) and on the ISME Board (International Society for Music Education) for several years. Professor Perron has also been active in choral music and has brought his choirs to sing in Carnegie Hall five times since 2001 including a New York debut in 2004 conducting Halifax composer Scott Macmillan's Celtic Mass for the Sea.

In 1983, on the centenary of Zoltan Kodaly's birth, a large, beautiful commemorative medal was struck. Pierre was presented with this Kodaly medal, by the Hungarian Ambassador to Canada, for his work in helping to make the Hungarian music education method known in Canada.

We are most appreciative, Pierre, for all that you, and your wife Margaret, have done to make music education enjoyable, accessible and enduring.

Faith Daley, President
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Dear Professor Perron,

It is my very great pleasure to announce to you officially that the Board of the International Kodály Society, during its Board meeting 2009, on August 10th has voted unanimously to offer you Honorary Membership of the International Kodály Society. We sincerely hope that you will accept.

The motivation for the decision came from our appreciation for your longstanding and invaluable contribution to the dissemination of Zoltán Kodály' vision, not only in Canada but internationally as well and for your continuous support to the work of the Society.

We congratulate you wholeheartedly and look forward to having the pleasure of seeing you again.

On behalf of the Board,

With cordial regards,



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