

George J. Ferencz

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WHEREAS, Dr. George Ferencz has been a valued member of the UW-Whitewater community since 1991; and

WHEREAS, he served as Associate Professor (1991–95) and as Professor (1995–2019) in the Department of Music; and

WHEREAS, he served at Idaho State University from 1982 to 1991 as Assistant & Associate Professor; and

WHEREAS, he received our college's service award, our campus awards for teaching & research, and was UW-Whitewater's nominee for competitive awards from the UW-System Regents and the Council for the Advancement & Support of Education; and

WHEREAS, he influenced the lives of thousands of students through his teaching of music theory, aural skills, arranging, and general education courses; and

WHEREAS, he is an active member of the Society for American Music and the American Musicological Society, and contributor to the *Grove Dictionary of American Music* and the *New Grove Dictionary of Music*; and

WHEREAS, he has regularly given peer-reviewed papers at national meetings, and served as reviewer for numerous musical publications, scholarly conferences, theses and dissertations; and

WHEREAS, he has long been recognized internationally as the leading authority on the life & work of composer-arranger Robert Russell Bennett; and

WHEREAS, this expertise has led to professional collaborations with the Chicago Symphony, Los Angeles Philharmonic, U.S. Army Field Band, Tony Awards, Library of Congress, and numerous professional & student researchers, conductors and performers; and

WHEREAS his published books rest in the collections of more than 1000 libraries worldwide, and his commercial arrangements & editions see use daily by professionals and amateurs alike; and

WHEREAS, he has appeared as pianist in countless regional venues, including 26+ years at The Fireside Restaurant & Theater, and performed on a variety of instruments with the Madison Symphony, Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra, Akron Symphony, and Air Force Band of the Pacific Northwest, and

WHEREAS, he served the Music Department's music camps for twenty-six summers, including four years as Piano Camp director—

BE IT RESOLVED, in light of Dr. Ferencz's teaching, research, service and performing that the Department of Music's faculty unanimously requests the rank of Professor-Emeritus with all the attendant rights and privileges for our distinguished colleague; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, faculty and staff of UW-Whitewater, send best wishes on a well-earned retirement, and best wishes to him for continued happiness, success, and good health throughout the future.