Winners of the ARSC Awards for Excellence

ARSC Conference, Nashville Tennessee

Winners of the 1997 ARSC Awards for Excellence in Historical Recorded Sound research were announced at the banquet concluding the 31st annual ARSC Conference, held in Nashville, Tennessee, May 1-3, 1997. The following winners were chosen by a blue ribbon panel from a large field of candidates representing the best record research published during 1996.

RECORDED GENERAL POPULAR MUSIC

RECORDED CLASSICAL MUSIC
Otto Klemperer: His Life and Times, by Peter Heyworth, discography by Michael Gray (2 volumes: Cambridge Univ. Press, 1996).

RECORDED ROCK, RHYTHM & BLUES OR SOUL

RECORDED JAZZ, BLUES OR GOSPEL

RECORDED COUNTRY MUSIC

RECORDED FOLK OR ETHNIC MUSIC

RECORD LABELS OR MANUFACTURERS

PHONOGRAPHES

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Frank Andrews
Frank Andrews is an English collector and writer who since the late 1960s has written extensively on acoustic-era labels and general phonograph history, especially in the U.K. Most of his work has been for the Hillendale News and the Talking Machine Review. He has authored more than one hundred articles, including detailed, multi-part corporate histories of English labels including Aeolian-Vocalion, Edison Bell, Imperial, Zonophone and Homophone, as well as many small independent and "store" labels of the early 1900s. Among his monographs are Columbia 10" Records 1904-30 (City of London Phonograph and Gramophone Society, 1985) and The Edison Phonograph, the British Connection (City of London Phonograph and Gramophone Society, 1986). His article “Pathé Records in Britain” (with Len Watts) was a finalist for a 1992 ARSC Award for Excellence.

Upon being notified of his award, Mr. Andrews taped a message to the members of ARSC which was played at the Awards Banquet in Nashville. Following is an excerpt:

“Greetings to members of the ARSC. I’ve been informed by telephone, by your member Tim Brooks, that the Association is pleased to present me with ARSC’s 1997 Lifetime Achievement Award... This award has come as a complete surprise to me, unlooked for but most welcome. Goodness me! I’m in there with the greats like Jim Walsh, Ray Wire and Brian Rust. I have arrived!”

“I ventured into disc record and record company researching thirty years ago, at age 47, when I became a member of the City of London Phonograph and Gramophone Society, which had been founded by some devotees of Edison phonographic products in 1919. By the time I joined in 1967 it had become a preservation and historical society, its journal having begun only in 1960, during the demise of the 78 rpm record. There was little in print about the British talking machine industry as regards its history, especially as regards the makes of records and the companies that marketed them. Very few copies of catalogs were available. In attempting to produce a complete Jumbo Records catalog my research drew me into the whole of the early British market and industry. I commenced to write articles for Hillendale News and the later Talking Machine Review, for the interest of members and collectors in general. I wanted to confine myself to Britain but it soon became apparent that America and some European countries' industries had a big influx into the British market. And so my terms of reference for research had to include the foreign sources. The result is that the membership and readers outside of Britain often find something of interest in the subjects I have written about. It’s been most enjoyable researching, sometimes frustrating, and very pleasant to see my articles in print and to present programs at our London monthly meetings. I repeat, I am extremely surprised and mightily pleased to become the recipient of your prestigious award, and I can promise you more articles to come. Thank you again, and I offer my best wishes to the ARSC.”
President's Message

Those members who could not attend the 1997 conference missed a wonderful series of events. Program highlights included the appearance of the Fisk Jubilee Singers who "cut" a number of cylinders with the help of staff from the Edison National Site in New Jersey. And of course ARSC announced the recipients of the annual Awards for Excellence. Especially moving was the response of Frank Andrews, who received the Lifetime Achievement Award and responded by tape recorded message with appreciation and amazement. Next year's annual conference will take place in Syracuse, New York on May 14-16, 1998.

The Board of Directors moved in a big way to begin implementing recommendations flowing from the strategic planning process. It endorsed several recommendations which will clearly strengthen ARSC in the future. Among them are the following:

A new Education and Training Committee was approved to develop programs that foster the spread of knowledge about such issues as collecting, archiving and preserving sound recordings.

A new Conference Committee, and the new position of Conference Manager, will strengthen the coordination of conference arrangements between the local committee and the association.

Upon the recommendation of Membership Committee Chairperson Wendy Sistrunk, the Board endorsed a comprehensive plan to increase ARSC membership.

The Membership Committee and the Publicity Committee were combined into a single entity, the Publicity and Membership Committee, with the current chairpersons serving as co-chairs.

In other actions the Board of Directors accepted the invitation from the University of California, Santa Barbara Libraries to hold the 1999 annual conference in Santa Barbara (dates have not been arranged yet), agreed to ask the President to pursue a possible joint conference with the International Association of Sound and Audiovisual Archives in 2001 or later, agreed to place links in the ARSC web site only to not-for-profit organizations, and agreed to purchase the ARSC domain name for its web site.

And lastly, the proposal to increase the annual membership dues on a three year ladder failed (despite the belief of the President and many others at the time that it had passed). This action puts ARSC, and the Board of Directors, in a very challenging position. Responding in our usual positive manner, ARSC will be examining ways to reduce expenditures on the Directory (format and production more closely matched to the purpose of the Directory) and the Journal (bid the production of the Journal looking for a lower price without sacrificing quality). At its fall meeting in Syracuse, the Board of Directors will need to deal with the financial issue in very concrete terms.

New Conference Manager Appointed

The Board of Directors authorized the creation of the new position of Conference Manager. It is the good fortune of ARSC that John Knowles of the Country Music Foundation has accepted the appointment as the first occupant of this important office. John served as Local Arrangements Chairperson for the 1997 Nashville Conference and is experienced with such matters. His first assignment is to work with the local arrangements folks at Syracuse to assure a well planned and coordinated conference. Welcome John.

Education and Training Committee

At its spring meeting in Nashville, the Board of Directors authorized the creation of a new Education and Training Committee. The position of chair of this committee is now open and available. Committee members also are needed. Anyone interested in these opportunities should contact Ted Sheldon at: Telephone: (816) 235-1531; Fax: (816) 333-5584; Email: sheldon@smttpgate.umkc.edu.

President's message continued.

Conference Committee

Also at the Nashville meeting, the Board of Directors authorized the creation of a new Conference Committee to coordinate the work of the local arrangements people and ARSC, and assure high quality conferences. The position of chair of this committee is now open and available. Committee members also are needed. Anyone interested in these opportunities should contact Ted Sheldon at: Telephone: (816) 235-1531; Fax: (816) 333-5584; Email: sheldon@smttpgate.umkc.edu.

Call for Papers

ARSC Conference Syracuse, New York

Plans are already well underway for the ARSC meeting in Syracuse next May 13-16. Nevertheless, the program possibilities are wide open. I want to encourage each member to consider sending in at least one idea of a topic they would like to see on next year's program, preferably (although not required, of course) with the name of someone who might give such a talk. Or, send along the name of someone you think the membership should hear from regardless of the subject matter. We are looking for topics of individual papers, as well as broader subjects that might be addressed by more than one speaker. Speakers need not be members of ARSC to give a presentation at the meeting. Please forward any ideas, suggestions, or comments to: Jim Farrington, ARSC 1998 Program Chair, Olin Library, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT 06459 phone: (860) 685-3899 fax: (860) 685-3890 alt. fax: (860) 685-3899 email: jfarrington@wesleyan.edu (email preferred)

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Candidates Sought For 1998 ARSC Awards

The Awards Committee requests your nominations for the 1998 ARSC Awards for Excellence. This is the highest honor (in fact, the only honor) presented in the field of historical recorded sound research, and past winners have expressed their gratitude for the recognition. The judges want to make sure that all good candidates are located, but they haven't seen everything. So please let them know what you think should be considered. If no one speaks up, a good book or article might be missed!

Anyone may propose a candidate. Following are the rules for eligibility (please read carefully):

1. The work must be a printed work and have been first published during calendar year 1997. This includes books, monographs, articles, and liner notes.

2. It must be on a subject related to recorded sound. This includes histories, artist biographies, and discographies in any field of music, speech or technology (classical, popular, rock, jazz, country, folk, spoken word, labels, phonographs, etc.). It also includes writing about modern techniques for the preservation or reproduction of older recordings.

3. The work must deal primarily with historical periods, defined as at least ten years prior to the year of publication (i.e., pre-1987). (Except for works on preservation or reproduction.)

4. In addition, nominees are invited for the Lifetime Achievement Award, which is presented to an individual in recognition of his or her life's work in recorded sound research. Candidates for this award should have had a substantial history of major publications.


Please send your nominations to:

Vincent Pelote
ARSC Awards Committee
One Gateway Center, Suite #A208
Newark, N.J.
07102-5383
e-mail: pelote@andromeda.rutgers.edu

ARSC and the authors you nominate thank you!

Brenda Nelson-Strauss,
Vincent Pelote,
Chairs, Award Committee

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ARSC is beginning an aggressive drive for membership and you can be a part! "Be a friend - Bring a friend." We are justly proud of ARSC's international reputation, its fine publications, and its high expertise as reflected in its membership. Help this, your dynamic organization, by ensuring its continued life. Accompany a prospective member (or two) to the next annual conference. Bring ARSC up in conversation with your colleagues, say every third sentence (see how popular it makes you). Wear that ARSC lapel pin proudly! If you have any membership ideas or questions, or news of any upcoming conferences, meetings, record swaps, etc., please inform Wendy Sistruk, Co-Chair, Membership and Enhancement Committee, at: Miller Nichols Library, 5100 Rockhill Road, UMKC, Kansas City, MO 64110-2499, e-mail: sistruw@umtpgate.umkc.edu

Further information about ARSC can be obtained from Peter Shambarger, Executive Director, P.O. Box 543, Annapolis, MD 21404-0543. e-mail: peters@umd3.umd.edu

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ARSC Directory Updates: Additions to the ARSC Membership Directory

The following is a listing of new members to ARSC who joined between January and July 1997. Please keep this information handy with your copy of the 1995-1996 Membership Directory. This information is accurate as of July 1, 1997. Please keep the Executive Director notified of any changes or additions.

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 Houston, TX 77030-3617

JOHN CARR
5826 Fairdale Ln.
 Houston, TX 77057

CHIVS CIOFFI
1217 Dakota Ave.
 Nashville, TN 37209
Collector: H. 615-386-9765
e-mail: cddie@fandol.com


Collection: 1,000 items; cylinders, 78s, CDs, cassettes, discographies, books, old catalogs, machines.

PETER DALL
Encore Recordings
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VIRGINIA DANIELSON
Archive of World Music, Harvard University
471D Ansel St. Watertown, MA 02172
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Interests: folk/ethnic, Asian, Middle Eastern, African.

Collection: 10,000-30,000 items; 78s, 45s, LPs, CDs, transcriptions, cassettes, reel-to-reel tape, videotape, old catalogs.

Books or Articles Written:
The Voice of Egypt, Arabic Song, Egyptian Society in the 20th Century Chicago.

DAVID AND ELKINS COLLEGE
Booth Library
100 Campus Dr. Elkins, WV 26241-3971

PETER DING
Baldwin Antique Center
906 Merrick Rd. Baldwin, NY 11510

KEVIN S. FONTENOT
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Collector, author, critic, reviewer, historian.
H: 504-891-7384 B: 504-865-5588
Interests: country, r&b, jazz, folk/ethnic, vintage, popular, personalities, rock, collecting since 1985.
Collection: 1,000 - 5,000 items; CDs, LPs, 78s, books, sheet music, discographies, old catalogs, interviews.
Projects: Biography of Jimmie Davis, country music in Louisiana, Cajun

music, Gene Austin. BOOKS OR ARTICLES WRITTEN: book reviews in Journal of Southern History, Louisiana History; various contributions to other publications.

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Institution B: 553-6266 ext. 247 Fax: 286-1791

Interests: Popular, folk/ethnic, spoken word. Collecting since 1967.

Collection: 1,000-5,000 items; 78s, 45s, LPs, CDs, cassettes, reel-to-reel tape, discographies.

Books or Articles Written: Testimonio Musical de Mexico (34 Titles, record collection).

ROBERT JOHANSSON
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FREDERICK JOHNSTON
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Collector

Interests: classical, opera, popular, vintage, country. Collecting since 1974

Collection: 5,000-10,000 items; 45s, 78s, LPs, CDs, cassettes, cylinders, machines.

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Museum Office New York, NY 10004-1467

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Collection: Over 30,000 items; LPs, CDs, transcriptions, cassettes, reel-to-reel tape, videotape, sheet music, discographies, books.

Projects: documenting the immigration experience.

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LINDA TADIC
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Institutional representative & professional archivist.

H: 706-549-6030 B: 706-542-1971
Fax: 706-542-1444
E-mail: ladic@libras.lib.uga.edu

Interests: spoken word. Active since 1940.

Collection: Over 30,000 items; 78s, LPs, CDs, transcriptions, cassettes, reel-to-reel tape, videotape.

ARTHUR TATE
H/C 63 Box 1890 Fort Towsan, OK 74735

WALTER J. THORNE
1145 E. Broad St. Hazelton, PA 18201
Collector: H: 717-455-3253

Interests: Opera, classical, vocal (non-operaic), personalities, piano, orchestral. Collecting since 1975.

Collection: 1,000 to 5,000 items; 78s, discographies, videotape, LPs, cylinder, transcriptions, books, CDs.

NICK TOSCHES
27 Commerce St. New York, NY 10014

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON
Harley Library Southampton S017 1BJ ENGLAND

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
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Collector: H: 202-526-5986 B: 202-482-4493
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Interests: Vocal (non-operaic), specializing in English and American religious choral music.

Collection: 1,000-5,000 items; CDs, LPs, 78s, 45s, cassettes, letters, autographs.

JEFF WILLIAMS
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Collector, audio engineer H: 908-248-7818; e-mail: JeffGTR@ol.com
B: 512-847-9706


Collection: 1,000-5,000 items; CDS, 78s, LPs, cassettes, 45s, sheet music.

PROJECTS: Yiddish theatre music.

WISCONSIN STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Archives Division c/o Myrna Williamson
816 State St. Madison, WI 53706

Unfortunately, space limitations won't permit phone number, e-mail, and address changes since the Directory was published. If you have questions contacting a member, contact Peter Shambarger, the Executive Director for the newest information. You may reach him at 410-757-0488, or by e-mail: peters@umd5.umd.edu.

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