The Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York
Awards Ceremony

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THE ARCHIVISTS ROUND TABLE OF METROPOLITAN NEW YORK
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Thursday, October 13th
Faculty House
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64 Morningside Drive

6 pm: Reception
7 pm: Presentation of Awards

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The Archivists Round Table is pleased to present the following awards:

Award for Archival Achievement:
Ms. Barbara Haws
Presenter: Jamie Bernstein
Received by: Ms. Barbara Haws, Archivist, New York Philharmonic

Award for Innovative Use of Archives:
Muslim World Music Day
Presenter: Greg Mosher, Director and Producer
Received by: Mr. Bob George, Director, ARChive of Contemporary Music

Award for Outstanding Support of Archives:
Councilwoman Gale Brewer
Presenter: Brian G. Andersson, Retired Commissioner, NYC Department of Records
Received by: Councilwoman Gale Brewer, New York City Council, District 6

Award for Educational Use of Archives:
Aquinas Honor Society of the Immaculate Conception School
Presenter: Amne Madi, Past President, Aquinas Honor Society
Received by: Mr. Carl Ballenas, Moderator, Aquinas Honor Society

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Award for Archival Achievement

The Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York recognizes Barbara Haws for outstanding archival achievement. Barbara is the Archivist and Historian of the New York Philharmonic, which serves as a repository for more than 165 years of Philharmonic history and is one of the oldest and most important orchestral research collections in the world.

In 1984, Barbara became the first archivist for the New York Philharmonic. Starting out in the basement of Avery Fisher Hall, she built a collection that traces the entire history of the Philharmonic and its more than 14,000 performances around the world. The collection now serves as an important record of the cultural history in New York City.

Barbara is the vision behind the New York Philharmonic’s Digital Archives, which is digitizing and making available on the web an unprecedented amount of archival records of all types. Funded by the Leon Levy Foundation, the project has made available more than 1.3 million documents and audio-visual material from the Philharmonic’s collection, expanding the reach of the Archives to a global audience. Work on the Digital Archives continues with the goal of making the entire collection - an additional 8 million documents and 7,000 hours of audio and video material - available online.

Barbara played an important role in the history of the Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York. It was during her tenure as President of the organization that New York Archives Week started. The purpose of this initiative was “to increase awareness among our constituencies, resource allocators, and the general public of archives’ contributions to the quality of life in New York City.” Barbara also recognized the need to raise the profile of archivists as professionals and was instrumental in organizing ART’s Opening Night, the precursor to ART’s awards ceremony.

Through her work, Barbara clearly demonstrates the important role archivists play within their institutions, and the impact they can have in creating an enriching experience for researchers by thinking beyond the walls housing their collections.
Award for Outstanding Support of Archives

Recognizes an individual or organization for notable contributions to archival records or archival programs through political, financial or moral support.

Gale Brewer

The Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York acknowledges the achievements of Council Member Gale Brewer for her extensive and dedicated advocacy for the Municipal Archives and leadership in strengthening community involvement to preserve local history.

Council Member Brewer has served as the representative for the Upper West Side and the northern part of Clinton in the New York City Council since 2002. As chair of New York City’s Committee on Technology in Government (now the Committee on Technology), from 2002-2009, Council Member Brewer oversaw several initiatives to facilitate the efficient delivery of services, including the implementation of technological services, to New York City residents, visitors, and businesses. She is now working to integrate many the Committee on Technology’s practices and recommendations into the City’s Committee on Governmental Operations, which she currently chairs.

Council Member Brewer has demonstrated extraordinary leadership in her critical assessment of the Mayor’s proposed legislation to merge the NYC Department of Records and Information Services (DORIS) to the NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services. She has been extremely active and engaged in discussions about the Municipal Archives; she has attended community meetings on the issue; led an April 28, 2011 public hearing on the proposed legislation; and offered direction to ART and other community organizations regarding the proposed legislation.

The Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York congratulates and commends Councilwoman Brewer for her extensive record of devoted public service, and for her enduring commitment to empowering local communities to passionately advocate for the preservation and transparency of New York City’s records and history.
The Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York acknowledges the ARChive of Contemporary Music for its innovative project, Muslim World Music Day.

The ARChive of Contemporary Music is a not-for-profit archive, music library, and research center located in New York City. The ARChive collects, preserves and provides information on the popular music of all cultures and races throughout the world from 1950 to the present. Since the ARChive’s founding in 1985 its holdings have grown to over 2 million sound recordings, making it the largest popular music collection in the United States. In addition to sound recordings and publications, the ARChive actively collects books, magazines, videos, films, photographs, press kits, newspaper clippings, memorabilia and ephemera relating to the history of popular music — currently over three million items. It also maintains an electronic database of 35,000 people working in the music industry.

In recent years, the ARChive has concentrated on collecting, cataloging and documenting the history of popular music from the non-Western world, with the eventual goal of making this information available as an encyclopedia of world music to be published by Pantheon(Random House).

Muslim World Music Day was an online effort to identify and catalog all the recordings of Muslim music in the world in one day. Its web site includes articles and related links, and will remain active as an as online resource to make this body of work readily available to people around the globe for study and enjoyment. Muslim World Music Day is the first of several annual events intended to make culturally significant bodies of work readily available to people around the globe for study and enjoyment. The next event is Brazilian World Music Day in September 2012.

The Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York congratulates The ARChive of Contemporary Music for balancing crowdsourcing and curatorial efforts in this unprecedented, international project.
Award for Educational Use of Archives

The Educational Use of Archives Award recognizes and celebrates an individual or organization who utilizes primary source materials to create engaging and informative learning experiences for diverse audiences.

The Aquinas Honor Society of the Immaculate Conception School

The Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York acknowledges the achievements of the Aquinas Honor Society of the Immaculate Conception School, in Jamaica, Queens, for their original research on the history of Jamaica Estates.

Under the guidance of their faculty adviser, Mr. Carl Ballenas, a noted Queens historian, students from Immaculate Conception, ranging from Grades 6 to 8, conducted four years of research on their school neighborhood, Jamaica Estates. Their efforts necessitated working with historic records in diverse media: newspapers, maps, architectural drawings, and photographs. During Open House New York in 2008 and 2009, Aquinas Honor Society members conducted the first walking tours of Jamaica Estates. The students’ research resulted in two books: Images of America: Jamaica Estates, published in March 2010, and Images of America: Jamaica, published in May 2011 (Arcadia Publishing). These works contain over 200 historic images, many of them never before published, highlighting Jamaica’s fascinating and varied history from the colonial period to today.

The Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York congratulates and commends the Aquinas Honor Society of Immaculate Conception School for their commitment to preserving, disseminating, and publicizing local history, and for their dedicated efforts to create enduring and informative learning experiences for their diverse communities.
Ms. Tomoko and Maestro Kurt Masur salute Barbara Haws for her imaginative use of the New York Philharmonic’s Archives to create its historic recordings series and the historical materials that accompany them.
The New York Philharmonic congratulates Archivist/Historian Barbara Haws.

Her vast knowledge, determination, and vision have enriched the Philharmonic for more than 25 years. Through the 2011 launch of the New York Philharmonic Digital Archives, made possible by the generosity of The Leon Levy Foundation, her innovative work has created access to the Orchestra’s extraordinary history to performers, scholars, and music lovers around the world.

New York Philharmonic Music Director Alan Gilbert, Archivist/Historian Barbara Haws, and Shelby White, founding trustee of The Leon Levy Foundation

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“The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing.”

Albert Einstein

Congratulations.
With love,
Debra, Dean, Zoe and Sophie
In Memoriam

William Frost
1928 - 2011

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