

# Guidelines for the Ritz-Larsen Award

## History:

In 1996, K-W ORMTA member **Louise Maria Ritz** left \$2,000.00 for our Branch to invest and its interest to be used towards scholarships for music students. The first LMR Scholarships were presented in 1997.

**Arline Larsen** was an active member of our Branch for many years. She served as President, and provided vision and leadership for the Millennium Concert of November 2000, which led to significant financial and professional success for our Branch. Arline moved away from the KW area in the summer of 2003, but maintains a keen interest in our activities. A fund was created, using the profits from the Millennium Concert, and the Arline Larsen Awards were first presented in the fall of 2003.

At our membership meeting in March 2008, it was suggested that we combine the moneys of these 2 funds in order to be able to continue to present awards annually. It was also suggested that this award be according to the choice of each teacher to recognize dedicated students and encourage them to continue with their musical studies.

## Guidelines:

- Each teacher in the Branch may choose one student per year who demonstrates a consistently high level of performance, a positive attitude, and a commitment to music.
- Each teacher may submit the name of his/her "special student" along with a one-page letter of recommendation for that student indicating age and level of musical study.
- Submissions are to be sent to the Ritz-Larsen committee who will purchase the awards and print the certificates
- Deadline for submissions will be two weeks prior to the final recital.
- Awards will be presented at the final Branch recital each year.
- Award recipients need not perform at this recital.
- The Ritz-Larsen Awards will be presented annually in the form of music, musical books, CD's or gift certificates for such items.