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2010 AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CREATIVE ACTIVITY

Patrice Michaels

PATRICE MICHAELS, since arriving on campus in 1994 you have been a powerful force for creative activity, both through your own work and through the inspiration you have provided to others. Your activities have included opera performances with major companies in Chicago, New York, Boston, Cleveland and various international venues, and well over a dozen oratorio performances. You have released over 20 commercial recordings with offerings that include Baroque music, song recitals of the Classical and Romantic periods and Gian Carlo Menotti's opera, "The Medium." Your work has earned you many national and international awards. Your presence has helped many students develop their own creative abilities, aided by your supportive and friendly attention.

Two recent projects demonstrate both your creativity and your virtuosity. "Divas of Mozart's Day" is both a tour de force and a successful tour. Your project on Madame Curie and her family is a delightful combination of science and performing art. While this is not the first collaboration between a faculty member in the Conservatory of Music and a member of the physics department, it surely ranks near the top of any list of creativity through unusual combinations of disciplines.

For your many contributions to the creative life of Lawrence University, I am pleased to present you with the 2010 award for Excellence in Creative Activity.

June 13, 2010