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Margaret Quackenbush Receives Advocate of Music Therapy Award

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— Hochstein President & Executive Director **Margaret Quackenbush** received the **Advocate of Music Therapy Award** at the annual conference of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Chapter of the **American Music Therapy Association** (MAR-AMTA), recently held at the Hyatt Regency in Rochester, NY. Dr. Quackenbush was one of three local recipients of the award among all the possible nominations from the region, which includes Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, New Jersey, Ohio, Delaware, and Washington D.C. The other recipients were the B. Thomas Golisano Foundation and Keri Lazenby Neathawk of the Music Therapy Department at Mary Cariola Children’s Center.

Under Quackenbush’s leadership, Hochstein’s programs in music and expressive arts therapies have expanded substantially. The music therapy program started in 1975 with just two clients and now provides music therapy services to approximately 1,300 individuals per year. Over the years, Hochstein has awarded almost two million dollars in scholarship funds to enable individuals and groups to receive music therapy services. Hochstein is also home to a National Roster internship site of the American Music Therapy Association.

Margaret Quackenbush has been President & Executive Director of the Hochstein School of Music & Dance since 1992 and a member of the school’s faculty, teaching clarinet and chamber music, since 1979. An active soloist, chamber musician, and orchestral clarinetist, Quackenbush is a founding member of Antara Winds. She holds the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the Eastman School of Music, along with degrees from the University of Oregon’s School of Music and the University of Minnesota, Morris.

About Hochstein: The Hochstein School of Music & Dance celebrates 96 years of nurturing the creative spirit by providing excellent music and dance instruction to anyone who is interested—regardless of age, level of skill, background, or ability to pay. Established in 1920 as The David Hochstein Memorial Music School, today Hochstein serves approximately 4,000 students annually from a 12-county region surrounding Rochester, N.Y., with offerings in music, dance, and Expressive Arts (music, art, and dance therapy). In addition, the Hochstein School continues its commitment to the Rochester community by offering a variety of free and low cost concerts and performances in the Hochstein Performance Hall throughout the year. For more information, visit www.hochstein.org.



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