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Music FUNdamentals Instructor Barb Bonisteel Receives 2018 Hochstein Faculty Service Award

At the Hochstein All-Faculty Meeting on Saturday, September 8, Hochstein President & Executive Director Margaret Quackenbush recognized Music FUNdamentals Instructor **Barb Bonisteel** as the winner of the **2018 Faculty Service Award**. Quackenbush said, "As a longtime member of our Music FUNdamentals faculty, Barb has been an incredibly dedicated and beloved educator of our very youngest students and their caregivers, inspiring many families to continue their children's continuing music education right here at Hochstein all through their school years."

"Miss Barb," as she is affectionately known by children and parents, teaches several classes in Hochstein's Music FUNdamentals department – Music for Little Ones (starting at 6 months), Music for Tiny Tots 'n' Tots (22 months to age 4), and Music for Tots (30 months through age 3) – and this past summer led a mini-camp for young ones. One participant, who brought her grandson, said, "What a wonderful experience this camp was ... It was by far one of the best things Theo and I have done together in his three short years! Barb's knowledge, expertise, patience, skill, and rapport with children and adults made this an experience of a lifetime."

The Faculty Service Award was first given in 1990 to recognize the contributions of outstanding faculty members to the work of The Hochstein School. Nominations are solicited from the entire faculty, from a list of those who have completed at least five years of teaching at Hochstein.

Barbara Bonisteel has dedicated her career to bringing the joy of music to children and their families. An early childhood music teacher for more than 30 years, Bonisteel received her degree in Music Education from Humber College of Applied Arts in Ontario, Canada. Her expertise is in early childhood music. She has Level I Orff certification through the Eastman School of Music, and her early childhood training and certification is through Music Rhapsody, Music Together and Kindermusik, all highly regarded Early Childhood music training programs. She has been a member of Hochstein's faculty since 2001, and also teaches at the Penfield, Pittsford, and Perinton recreation centers. When she is not teaching, she also works for the Rochester Regional Health

System. She and her husband, Tom, live in West Irondequoit. They have three grown children and two granddaughters who share her love of music, participating in Hochstein’s Singers and Little Singers programs.

About Hochstein: The Hochstein School was founded in commemoration of genius and is dedicated to providing access to opportunity regardless of age, level of skill, ethnicity, or ability to pay. Hochstein’s vibrant community of musicians, dancers, and supporters choose to come together to develop the ability to speak and communicate through music, dance, and expressive arts (music, art, and dance therapy). Established in 1920 as The David Hochstein Memorial Music School, today Hochstein serves approximately 3,500 students annually from a 12-county region surrounding Rochester, N.Y. and continues its commitment to the Rochester community by offering a variety of free and low-cost concerts and performances in the Hochstein Performance Hall—and locations around our city—throughout the year. For more information, visit www.hochstein.org.

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