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Wednesday, February 17, 2010

Dear Simon,

Berklee College of Music has selected you to be recognized for your tremendous support of education, for promoting international goodwill and understanding, and **for the amazing support and advocacy you provide for Berklee students.**

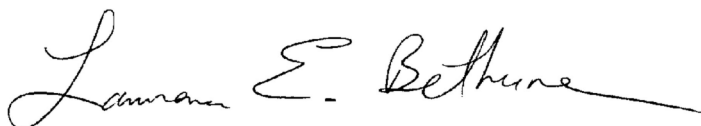
We respectfully request your presence as our guest and we would like to recognize you at this truly special event—a celebration of the international culture of Berklee, our International Folk Music Festival. The twenty-fourth Annual International Folk Music Festival will be on Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 8:15 pm at the Berklee Performance Center, 136 Massachusetts Avenue. Last year, Berklee students performed traditional music from Argentina, Africa, Canada, Dominican Republic, Japan, Middle East, Pakistan/South Central Asia, Portugal, Scotland, USA/Appalachia, and Venezuela. This year's performing countries are the Bahamas, Brazil, Bulgaria, Colombia, Czech Republic, France, India, Italy, Mexico, Russia and the USA.

Preceding the concert, there will be a champagne dessert reception in your honor at 7:15 pm, at the library located at 142 Mass Avenue. Representatives from the college and Boston's international community, as well as past honorees will be in attendance. Attached is a listing of the people and organizations we have honored in previous years.

Following the reception, and before the concert begins I would ask you to join me on stage to accept a plaque documenting our recognition.

We truly hope you will accept our invitation, and that you and your guests will be able to attend. Please contact Shannon Kim to make arrangements by *March 1, 2010*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawrence E. Bethune". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Lawrence E. Bethune
Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students

International Folk Music Festival – Honorees

2009

Roy Haynes, legendary jazz drummer
Bob Young, music writer/critic

2008

Keith Lockhart, conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra

2007

Makoto “Tiger” Okoshi, Berklee professor/trumpet player
Melinda Weekes, My Sister’s Keeper

2006

José Masso, creator and host of NPR Latin music program
Constantinos Orfanidis, Consul General of Greece

2005

Fred Taylor, music promoter/club owner/booking agent
(Students recognized for their international efforts: Farah Siraj and Andrea Whaley)

2004

No Awards (First year of Song Sponsorship and program too cluttered)

2003

Sara Edwards, Television Entertainment Reporter
Donal Owen Reilly, immigration attorney at Richard L. Iandoli & Associates

2002

The Honorable Carlos Rico, Consul General of Mexico
Brian O’Donovan, host of Public Radio’s “A Celtic Sojourn”
(Students recognized for their international efforts: Christiana Karam and Juri Shigeta)

2001

The Honorable Leonard Kopelman, Consul General of Finland
Eric Jackson, WGBH host
Alex Alvear, Artistic Director of Inquiliños Boricuas en Accion

2000

Pamela and Larry Fishman ('74) , Fishman Transducers, Inc.

1999

The Honorable Yang Lee, Consul General of the Republic of Korea
Trustee Emeritus Roderick Nordell and his wife Joan Nordell
Trustee Emeritus Richard Wilton and his wife Belva Wilton

1998

A. Edward Henderson, President of the Boston Jazz Society
Fred Muchnik, Director of Film Programs of the French Library and Cultural Center
Itzhak Levanon, Consul General of Israel

1997

Franklin B. Mead, Honorary Consul of Sweden
Bob Blumenthal, Correspondent, The Boston Globe
Dyann DeVecchio, Associate, Immigration Law Group, Palmer & Dodge LLP

1996

Dan Kyram, Consul General of Israel
Dr. Walter Gerhardt, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany

1995

Nobuyasu Abe, Consul General of Japan
Daniel Cheever, Chair of United Nations Association of Greater Boston

1994

Mauricio Chavez-Medina, Consul of Mexico
Natatcha Estebanez, Producer of La Plaza, WGBH
Adam Green, Immigration Attorney

1993

Salwa Smith, Consul General of Brazil

1992

Astrid C. LePage, Consul General of Venezuela
Beth Rudikoff, Scholar Advisor for Latin American Scholarship Programs at American Universities