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2007 MOUG Distinguished Service Award
Charles M. "Chuck" Herrold, Jr

PRESS RELEASE

MOUG ANNOUNCES ITS 2007 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT, Charles M. "Chuck" Herrold, Jr.

The Executive Board of the Music OCLC Users Group (MOUG) is honored to name Charles M. "Chuck" Herrold, Jr. as the seventh recipient of MOUG's Distinguished Service Award.

This award has been established to recognize and honor someone who has made significant professional contributions to music users of OCLC. The MOUG Executive Board selects a recipient based on nominations received from the MOUG membership. Herrold received the award during MOUG's annual business meeting on February 28, 2007, in Pittsburgh.

Herrold's singular contribution to the NACO-Music Project inspired the nomination for this award. The MOUG-sponsored NACO-Music Project (NMP) is part of the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC). Participants include more than forty music libraries or collections at university, college, conservatory, and public libraries that contribute music name and name/uniform title authority records to the LC/NACO Authority File. Participants agree to follow a common—and rigorous—set of standards and guidelines in order to maintain the integrity of the large shared authority file. In August 1996, Herrold accomplished the review for "independent" (i.e., non-supervised) status for the contribution of name/title authority records by submitting eighty records without a single error. (He submitted his first batch of records for review around April 1995 and had been independent for name-only records since early 1996.)

Through September 30, 2006, Herrold single-handedly added 21,725 new name-authority records to the national database, and edited an additional 20,637, for a total of 42,362. As the letter of nomination said, with notable understatement, this is "an enormous number" of records. According to MOUG's award letter, "the time, money, and effort saved at each of our respective institutions or businesses through this Herculean labor of love is surely incalculable. It will stand for decades as the ne plus ultra of cooperative effort by an individual in the worlds of music cataloging and music librarianship, and to some extent, even out in the larger universe of librarianship in general. We stand in awe of your passionate dedication to our shared goals, and we give you this award today in the humble hope of even more to come. Thank you, dear, mysterious, friend-of-all from Pittsburgh, known to all of us as 'Mr. PPI-MA.'" (PPI-MA is the USMARC organizational code—formerly known as the "NUC symbol"—for the Music Department of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh.)

The NACO-Music Project is coordinated by Ralph Papakhian at the William & Gayle Cook Music Library, Indiana University, Bloomington; it is administered as a funnel project of the PCC's Name Authority Cooperative Program (NACO). Upon hearing of the award, Papakhian observed that Herrold "has not only been among the most prolific contributor of name authority records to the NACO-Music Project,

but he has also been a regular trainer and reviewer of many of the other NMP participants. He has been a key reason why the NACO-Music Project is the most productive 'funnel' group in the national NACO program. ... I think it's wonderful that Chuck Herrold received the MOUG Distinguished Service Award!"

Herrold is Senior Catalog Librarian at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and holder of a library degree from Syracuse University. A colleague from the Carnegie Library remarked, "we at Carnegie Library are truly blessed to have Chuck's devotion to our music materials, his loyalty to this institution, and his congeniality." Another added, "working with Chuck has been and continues to be a treasured privilege. He is one amazing person, and the music library world—catalogers, public service librarians, and the public as well, both at the Carnegie Library and elsewhere—benefits from his devotion to the cataloging of music materials."

The Executive Board, along with the entire MOUG membership, is proud to recognize Chuck Herrold's passion for music cataloging, and especially his unparalleled contributions to the NACO-Music Project.