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THE CANADIAN UNIVERSITY MUSIC SOCIETY AND THE SOCAN FOUNDATION ANNOUNCE WINNER OF THE 2012 SOCAN FOUNDATION/CUMS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF RESEARCH IN CANADIAN MUSIC

The Canadian University Music Society and the SOCAN Foundation are pleased to announce that Dr. Beverley Diamond is the recipient of the inaugural SOCAN Foundation/CUMS Award of Excellence for the Advancement of Research in Canadian Music.

The SOCAN Foundation/CUMS Award of Excellence recognizes, on an annual basis, a mature scholar who has established a nation-wide profile in the field of research into Canadian music and its composers. The winner’s dissemination of research results demonstrably increases aural and cultural understanding of Canadian music among other musical scholars and among musical performers. It also leads to increased understanding of Canadian music among the general public for music, or among members of a younger generation of future audiences and musicians. More information on the award itself is available on the CUMS website: www.cums-smuc.ca.

Dr. Beverley Diamond is an ethnomusicologist and holder of the Canada Research Chair in Traditional Music at Memorial University of Newfoundland. A holder of numerous research grants and the author of many scholarly publications, Dr. Diamond has brought Canadian music, and especially the music of First Nations communities, musicians and composers to the attention of the nation and the world. In addition, Dr. Diamond is a gifted and generous teacher and colleague. Her intellectual breadth has allowed her to supervise a wide range of dissertation topics and her students now teach across the country (and beyond) in departments of music, communications, women’s studies, anthropology and more. In this way and many others, her generous sharing of knowledge has touched the Canadian academic landscape in tremendous ways.

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