

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

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Regents
May 21, 2015**

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Rico F. Serbo, B.A., associate professor of music (voice) in the School of Music, Theatre & Dance, will retire from active faculty status on May 31, 2015.

Professor Serbo received his B.A. degree from the University of the Pacific in 1963. He held faculty positions at Wagner College (1996-99) and Lawrence University (1999-2004). Professor Serbo joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor in 2004.

A distinguished performer, gifted artist, and exceptional teacher, Professor Serbo captivated audiences around the world with the warmth and beauty of his lyric tenor. He began his singing career at the San Francisco Opera and was subsequently engaged as principal tenor with the Theater der Stadt in Koblenz, Germany and the Staatstheater am Gärtnerplatz in Munich, Germany. His extensive professional record includes national and international performances with a number of major orchestras and prestigious opera houses. Professor Serbo consistently recruited some of the best voice students at the School. He skillfully articulated his profound understanding of vocal technique to his dedicated students who valued his rich and expansive experience which he selflessly shared with them. For the past eight summers, Professor Serbo represented voice majors with the Music in the Marché Opera/Language Program in Mondavio, Italy. He is the recipient of numerous honors including a Martha Baird Rockefeller Grant, the Kirsten Flagstad Award, and the Euterpe Opera Award.

The Regents now salute this renowned performer and exemplary teacher by naming **Rico F. Serbo, associate professor emeritus of music (voice)**.

Requested by:



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