

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

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## ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Lynne A. Aspnes, D.M.A.**, professor of music (harp) in the School of Music, Theatre & Dance, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2007.

Professor Aspnes received her B.F.A. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1973, her M.M. degree from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music in 1977, and her D.M.A. degree from the Manhattan School of Music in 1983. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor in 1985, and was promoted to associate professor in 1992 and professor in 1997.

Professor Aspnes is well-known and highly-regarded in the music and harp world. She has performed and lectured for the Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique in Paris, the Toronto Mozart Society, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, and has been an ensemble harpist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, the Budapest National Orchestra, and the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. She is also a featured artist on numerous recordings.

Within the School of Music, Theatre & Dance, Professor Aspnes served as associate dean for academic affairs from 1993-2002, providing oversight for the school's admissions office, music student financial aid, student advising and counseling, and academic discipline matters. She has also provided leadership on matters associated with the school's many ensembles. Professor Aspnes has served on the school's Council of Department Representatives, the Scholarship Committee, the Executive Committee, and as chair of the string department.

The Regents now salute this gifted teacher and performer for her dedicated service by naming **Lynne A. Aspnes professor emerita of music (harp)**.

**Requested by:**

  
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Sally J. Churchill  
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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