

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

## *Regents Communication*

**Adopted by the Regents  
December 13, 2012**

### **ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Diana R. Gannett, D.M.A.**, professor of music (string bass) in the School of Music, Theatre & Dance, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2012.

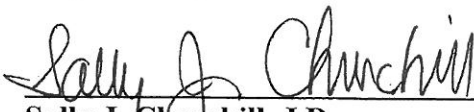
Professor Gannett received her bachelor of music degree from the University of Iowa in 1969, and her M.M., M.F.A., and D.M.A. degrees from Yale University in 1971, 1972, and 1977, respectively. She held faculty appointments at Lehman College (1981-84), Yale University (1984-92), and the University of Iowa (1992-2001) before joining the University of Michigan faculty as a professor in 2001.

As a chamber musician, Professor Gannett has performed with the artists of the Guarneri, Emerson, Laurentian, Stradivari, Maia, Corigliano, Phoenix, and Stanford quartets, and the Borodin Trio. Her solo appearances have included many contemporary premieres, solo improvisations, traditional repertoire recitals, and solo appearances with orchestras. In recent years, she has performed and taught in Scotland, Taiwan, Poland, Brazil, and Israel. She has also enjoyed success with several recording projects, including *Ladybase* and *Duetti Dolci*.

Professor Gannett's students have been finalists and winners in solo and jazz competitions on the regional, national, and international levels, and they have also had success as members and principals of professional orchestras in the United States and abroad. Professor Gannett was the first woman president of the International Society of Bassists (ISB), and is currently chair of the ISB International Competitions division. Within the School of Music, Theatre & Dance, she served a five-year term as chair of the Department of Strings.

The Regents now salute this gifted performer and teacher for her dedicated service by naming **Diana R. Gannett professor emerita of music (string bass)**.

**Requested by:**



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