

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF ROBERT F. JUDD

A tribute from

J. Peter Burkholder and Jessie Ann Owens



Peter

Bob Judd was a wonderful person and a great friend. As our Executive Director, he made everything run better, from our annual conferences to our many initiatives as a Society. He was vibrant, positive, and forward-looking, bringing new ideas and the wisdom of many years' experience to every discussion. He was always friendly, warm, and engaging, with a puckish smile that delighted me every time I saw him. He will live on in the Society and in all of us, in all he has done for us over the years. He helped to make this community of scholars and teachers a genuine community.



Jessie

Bob's death was a terrible shock. The many tributes from members make clear his importance to the Society. One member wrote, "he devoted himself to making the AMS a welcoming place for all." Another called him "a true friend to all AMS members, as well as a superb manager of the Society and a great human being." Another wrote that, "He touched the Society and so many individuals in untold ways, but not least in the welcoming, everyone-has-a-place-here attitude toward absolutely everyone at the national meetings and in the society at large. May his memory make us all a little better."

Peter

The AMS Board has honored his remarkable legacy by naming the position of executive director the Robert F. Judd Executive Director and by establishing the Robert F. Judd Fund in his memory to endow the position. The Fund is a permanent endowment, and revenue from the fund will support the position of executive director, whose work in managing day-to-day operations, planning and executing the annual meeting, coordinating the communications and publications of the Society, and so many other areas is vital to all our activities as music scholars and teachers.



Jessie

During Bob's tenure, the Society saw an unprecedented growth in awards, fellowships, travel grants, and publication subventions, thanks to generous contributions by members and others. Bob worked very hard, especially in recent years, to help the Society achieve financial stability, and to fund the infrastructure needed to support this critical transformation of the Society. It is particularly fitting, therefore, that the Robert F. Judd Fund will honor his legacy by helping to fund the operations of the AMS office and to ensure a robust future for the Society he worked to build.

Peter

We ask you to consider making a contribution to the Judd Fund to support the continued work of the AMS. We are grateful for the many contributions received in the ten weeks since he left us. More than \$480,000 has been raised or pledged, an astonishing amount that is a testimony to our collective love for Bob and for the AMS. Our goal is to raise \$1 million. We hope to reach \$500,000 by the end of this calendar year.

Jessie

Between now and the end of the annual meeting, every dollar you contribute will be matched, up to \$25,000. Please consider making a gift. No amount is too small. You can donate online at the AMS website using a credit card or PayPal; checks can be mailed to the AMS at 20 Cooper Square, Floor 2, New York, NY 10003-7112 (please indicate for the Robert F. Judd Fund); or to donate shares of stocks or mutual funds contact Treasurer James Ladewig.

And if you have already given, please consider increasing your gift or making a pledge for ongoing contributions over the next two, three, or four years. This permanent endowment will honor Bob's legacy; will help to secure steady support for the Society, which was one of Bob's greatest concerns over the last several years; and will ensure we can continue to thrive.

