

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

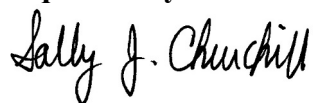
Carmen Pelton, B.M., professor of music in the School of Music, Theatre & Dance, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2020.

Professor Pelton received her B.M. (1977) degree from the University of Wisconsin and her Performer's Certificate (1980) from The Eastman School. Professor Pelton joined the University of Michigan faculty as an associate professor in 2001 and was promoted to professor in 2015.

Professor Pelton was recognized in the field of vocal performance with awards from the Metropolitan Opera Guild, the George Sullivan Foundation, and the Liederkrantz Foundation. Professor Pelton was a pre-eminent performer in the field of classical vocal performance, confirmed through her participation as featured soprano soloist on two Grammy Award-winning "Best Classical Album" recordings. As a scholar, her approach to an integrative and holistic vocal pedagogy resulted in the pioneering and groundbreaking exploration of Dalcroze Eurhythmics, Yi Ren Qigong, Hatha Yoga, and Feldenkreis as each applied to professional performance pedagogy in the classical vocal arts. As a performer, she was regularly invited to be a vocal soloist with the most distinguished music festivals, including the Aspen Music Festival, the Shen-Yang International Chamber Music Festival of China, the Brevard Music Festival, the Aldeburgh Music Festival, and the Berkshire Choral Festival. She was an outstanding, award-winning teacher in both the undergraduate and graduate classrooms. In addition to her success in the applied studio, Professor Pelton led additional courses in basic lyric diction, repertoire, and vocal music literature. Of particular note, her masterful musicianship skills and deep affinity for contemporary music contributed immensely to the success of SMTD students through the vocal chamber music class. Professor Pelton won the U-M Harold Haugh Award for excellence in studio teaching in 2008.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Carmen Pelton, professor emerita of music**.

Requested by:



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