

## ELOISE L. JOHNSON - ARTS WINNER

Each of the TRIBUTE award winners is portrayed best by the words of her nominator. Nominator Joyce Ott described her candidate as a woman dedicated to the music education of youth in Grand Rapids for over 20 years. As board president of the St. Cecilia Music Society for six years, our Arts Award Winner has been a talented and tireless leader, possessing vision, creativity, innovation, deep responsibility, enthusiasm, and the ability to motivate people to carry out the mission of the Society.

Her outstanding contributions to the arts community include:

- overseeing the completion of the restoration of the St. Cecilia building
- offering innovative music education programs for children and adults
- jointly sponsoring a Classic Jazz Series of concerts with the West Michigan Jazz Society and WGVU-FM
- initiating both an annual St. Cecilia Music Society Great Artist Benefit Concert and a Young Artist Concert
- sponsoring a Grand Rapids Chamber Winds performing group composed of local adult instrumentalists
- writing and presenting the annual children's opera performance of Dickens "A Christmas Carol"
- encouraging and continuing development of St. Cecilia Music Society's Junior Clubs, Chorus, and Orchestra, open through audition to all Grand Rapids area students

In recognition of her lengthy and tireless giving of her unique talents and leadership, the TRIBUTE Arts Award is presented to **ELOISE L. JOHNSON.**