

A Tribute To Dr. Arthur Harvey

# Music Is For All Children

by Dr. Robyn Swanson, Chair, Special Learners



Dr. Arthur Harvey

As the representative Chair of Special Learners for the Kentucky Music Educators Association, I thank Dr. Arthur Harvey, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, for the commendable service in special music education that he has provided to music educators across the Commonwealth and our nation. After 17½ years as a professor of music at Eastern Kentucky University and as an active KMEA member, Dr. Harvey will embark upon a new career beginning January 1, 1991. He will become the Minister of Music at the Waiālae Baptist Church in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dr. Harvey has contributed unselfishly of his knowledge, time and talent at the local, state, regional, national and international levels towards the development and establishment of musical opportunities for special learners. The Commonwealth of Kentucky has been very fortunate to have had such a resident figurehead promoting arts education for special learners. He leaves behind a legacy of distinctive arts education contributions that significantly surpass national acclaim. His work will affect the lives of residents within the Commonwealth for numerous years.

Dr. Harvey was the first appointed Kentucky Music Educators Association Chair of Music for Special Learners and served in that capacity until 1988. In 1978 he was appointed to the first Music Educators National Conference Committee on Music for

Special Learners. He also served as a contributor and on the editorial board for the MENC publication, **In Tune With PL 94-142.**

Additional professional credits with arts education for special learners include publications, organizing and presenting teacher training sessions, lecturer, State Department of Education Basic Skills presenter, Very Special Arts Festival presenter, Arts Implosion presenter and clinician for special music education workshops as well as choral festivals.

Besides his state and national music education involvements, Dr. Harvey was instrumental in establishing Very Special Arts Kentucky. He served as board president and leader of the **Very Special Arts Project Discovery (1977-1978)** which provided arts education training for the handicapped population. He has conducted music with the special learner training

sessions in China, Venezuela, Morocco, Tunisia, Puerto Rico, Australia, as well as various states, including Alaska and Hawaii.

Since 1986, Dr. Harvey has been active in music and brain research which has yielded numerous publications and a series of video tapes. He was involved with the establishment of the Program for the Arts in Medicine at the University of Louisville School of Medicine.

On behalf of Kentucky's music educators, I extend best wishes and I do believe Kentucky's loss is Hawaii's gain. Dr. Harvey, you have been a faithful practitioner of the Music Educators National Conference motto: **Music Is For All Children.** Your contributions and accomplishments have been a major factor in the promotion of positive musical experiences for special learners around the globe. Thank you and Good Luck!

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