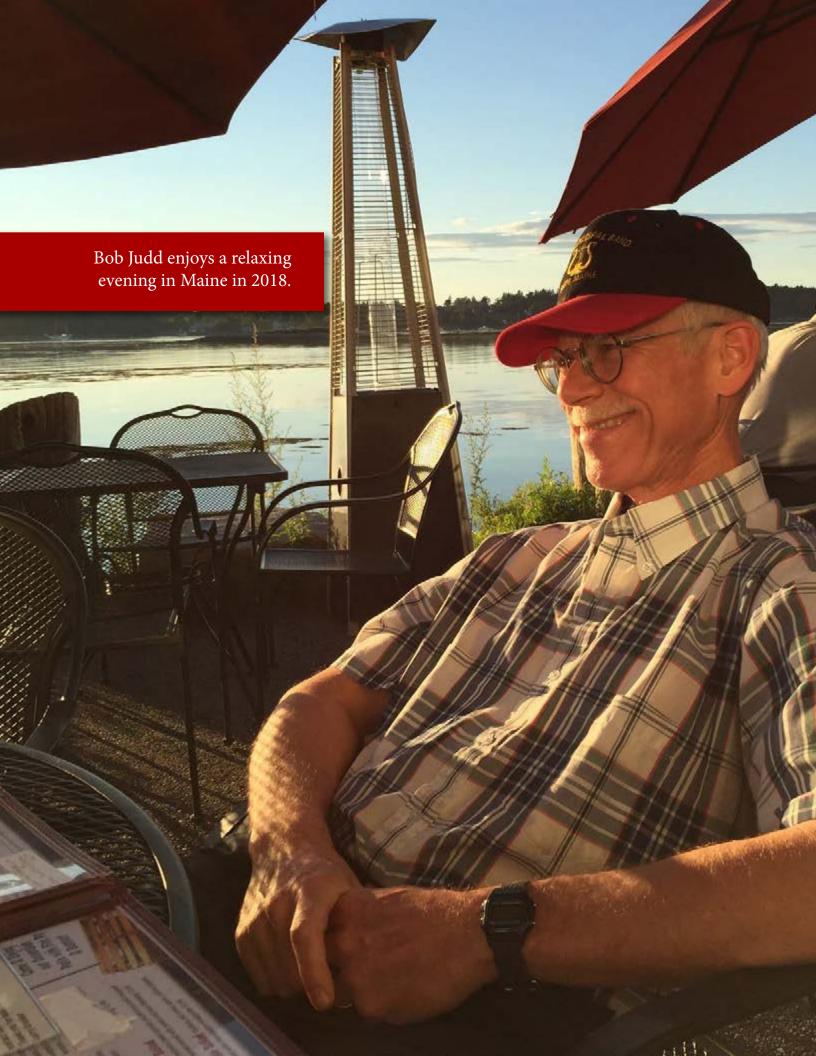


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### THE ROBERT F. JUDD FUND

Robert ("Bob") F. Judd, beloved Executive Director of the American Musicological Society, died unexpectedly on August 24, 2019. The outpouring of affection—from the newest members of the Society to friends and colleagues he had worked with for years—was remarkable. His leadership, his good judgment, his integrity, his welcoming spirit, and his forward-looking vision were reflected in the heartfelt tributes shared in the <u>AMS memory book</u> and at the <u>Celebration of Life for Bob</u> held at the 2019 Annual Meeting in Boston.

In the months before his death, Bob had commissioned a consultant to provide advice about how to improve the functioning of the AMS Office and to stabilize the Society's finances after a period of rapid growth in programming. He was beginning to address the various challenges. To name just one, the very successful OPUS campaign (2002-2009) had raised considerable funding to support the activities of members—travel grants, publication subventions, fellowships, outreach, and prizes and awards—but the budget for managing these activities had not increased. When he died, the AMS Board of Directors voted to establish a fund in his honor that will endow the position of executive director and support operations. The Board also named the position in his honor: the Robert F. Judd Executive Director.

In fall 2019, we were named co-chairs of a campaign committee with the goal of raising a \$1 million endowment for the Robert F. Judd Fund. Thanks to the sustained efforts of that committee and of many other volunteers, and thanks to a heartwarming response from members and friends of the AMS, the five-year campaign surpassed that goal, raising more than \$1,100,000. The following pages list the over 450 donors whose generous contributions have made this possible. The ability of the Society to accomplish its aims and to stimulate distinguished scholarship and teaching in all fields of music, now and for generations to come, has been wonderfully advanced by the success of the campaign.

In 2023, revenue from the Judd Fund began to support support the operations of the Society for the first time. Everywhere on the <u>AMS website</u>—and behind the scenes—is evidence of the initiatives Bob had begun to undertake, from new staff in the office who are providing additional service and support to members to a strategic plan that is guiding the AMS in expanding support, capacity, outreach,

and events, and in improving governance.

These initiatives are made possible by your generosity. Thank you for your contributions and for your faith in the future of the AMS.

At the AMS Celebration of Life, Bob's wife Cristle Collins Judd noted that "Bob was a list-maker and there was always a 'to-do' list going. On his desk, I found one of Bob's last such lists, headed 'My legacy with the AMS,' followed by 'financial sustainability.' Bob had begun conversations about retiring, and I suspect these notes came out of those conversations. Bob was hyper-focused on trying to help the Society reach this goal, and so I thank you especially for honoring him with your gifts to the Society. I suspect he would have been deeply humbled by the gesture, but also deeply grateful. So in the inimitable words of Bob Judd: Thank you. Thank you for being the AMS he so treasured serving."

J. Peter Burkholder and Jessie Ann Owens Co-chairs, Robert F. Judd Fund Campaign Committee



Bob Judd speaks at the 2018 AMS Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

# CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW

CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$1 MILLION

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JUNE 2022 \$619,543

JUNE 2023 \$694,481

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