

Shearer Bursary

Elizabeth Shearer and Mary Widdows Shearer (B.Sc.H.Ec/43) have established an endowment fund at the University of Manitoba with an initial gift of \$20,000 in 2013. The Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative has made a contribution to the fund. The bursary is in honour of Mary Widdows Shearer and David Shearer (B.Sc (M.E.)/56). David Shearer performed as a professional musician for many years playing jazz and classical woodwinds. The purpose of the fund is to provide financial support to students studying woodwinds in the Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music. The donors have set aside a portion of their initial gift to offer one bursary valued at \$2,000 in the 2013-2014 academic year. Beginning in the 2014-2015 academic year, the available annual interest from the fund will be used to offer one bursary to an undergraduate student who:

- (1) is enrolled full-time in the Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music;
- (2) has achieved a minimum degree grade point average of 2.5;
- (3) is studying jazz or classical woodwinds with preference given to students studying clarinet, bassoon, or saxophone;
- (4) has demonstrated financial need on the standard University of Manitoba bursary application form.

Preference will be given to a student who intends to pursue a focus in performance.

In any year there is no eligible candidate, the revenue from the fund will be re-capitalized.

The selection committee will be the Scholarship and Awards Committee of the Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music.

The Board of Governors of the University of Manitoba has the right to modify the terms of this award if, because of changed conditions, it becomes necessary to do so. Such modification shall conform as closely as possible to the expressed intention of the donor in establishing the award.

Established: *Senate, September 4, 2013*

Biographical Information:

David A. Shearer (B.Sc.(M.E.), M.Sc. (M.E.)) performed as a professional musician for many years playing jazz and classical woodwinds. He played with a wide variety of groups including the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, the Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra, Rainbow Stage, the Gar Gillis Band, Winnipeg Beach Dance Hall and MTC. While playing with the CBC Orchestra, he met his future wife Elizabeth (Betty) Searle whom he married in 1955.