

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

# ELIZABETH TOPHAM KENNAN AWARD 2014

PRESENTED TO



*Marguerite L. Brooks '69*

**MARGUERITE L. BROOKS, CLASS OF 1969**, we honor you today with the Elizabeth Topham Kennan Award. This award is presented to alumnae whose accomplishments in the field of education exemplify the values and virtues set forth by the College.

Marguerite, you are a great talent and an impassioned educator. Nearly thirty years ago, you founded the Yale Camerata at the Institute of Sacred Music—a renowned vocal ensemble whose more than sixty members are students, faculty, staff, and experienced singers from the New Haven community. Under your guidance, the Camerata has become known worldwide for its bold and challenging repertoire. You are regarded nationally and internationally among the highest tier of conductors in the choral field and have conducted, taught, held master classes, and adjudicated in North and South America, Europe, and Asia.

Though your conducting and musicianship is remarkable, it is through your teaching that you may leave your greatest mark on the world. As an educator, you've been described as generous with your time and mentorship, emphasizing in your lessons the importance of critical thinking, independent thought, and scholarship. By your example of strength, integrity, and honesty, you've taught generations of students that a career in music—or any field—requires not only passion but also persistence and resilience.

For inspiring young vocalists and conductors to strive for the highest standard of excellence, for warmly inviting others to share your musical vision, and for your sizeable addition to the world's musical treasure, the Alumnae Association is pleased to present you with the Elizabeth Topham Kennan Award on this, your forty-fifth reunion.

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