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### **Richard Griscom Honored for Best Reference Work in Music**

**PHILADELPHIA, PA, March 7, 2014** - Richard Griscom, Head of the Otto E. Albrecht Music Library and Eugene Ormandy Music and Media Center, received the 2014 Vincent H. Duckles Award for the best book-length bibliography or reference work in music published in 2012. Co-written by David Lasocki, the winning book was the third edition of *The Recorder: A Research and Information Guide* (Routledge, 2012), which represents the culmination of Griscom and Lasocki's twenty-five-year collaboration on their research on the recorder. Earlier editions of the book were published in 1994 and 2003.

The award was presented at the 2014 annual meeting of the Music Library Association earlier this month. In its recommendation, the selection committee wrote that Griscom and Lasocki have "given us the gift of 'all things recorder': history, repertory, design and construction, playing technique, treatises, tutors, performance practice, art and literature about, pedagogy, performers, interviews... Lasocki and Griscom have no peer in 2012."

The Eugene Ormandy Music and Media Center is named for the long-term conductor of the Philadelphia Orchestra, whose professional papers, conducting scores, and recordings are held by the Penn Libraries. The Center houses more than 34,000 sound recordings of Western classical music, world music, jazz, and popular music in LP disc, cassette, and compact disc formats, as well as 2,000 music-related video recordings. The Glossberg Recording Room, a facility for recording interviews, podcasts, and voice-overs for video productions, is also located in the Center. More information about the Music Library is available at <http://www.library.upenn.edu/music/>.

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