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The Dent Medal

The Dent Medal, struck in memory of the distinguished scholar and musician Edward J. Dent (1876–1957), has been awarded by the Royal Musical Association annually since 1961 to recipients selected for their outstanding contribution to musicology. A list of candidates is drawn up by the Council of the Association and the Directorium of the International Musicological Society.

The Dent Medal for 2017 has been awarded to ALEJANDRO L. MADRID, Professor of Musicology and Ethnomusicology at Cornell University.

Professor Madrid gained his Ph.D. in musicology and comparative cultural studies from Ohio State University in 2003. He is a musicologist of extraordinary intellectual breadth who has shown deep engagement with transnational and revisionist historical argument across an astonishingly wide range of musical practice. He has published in two languages throughout his career, and the range of his international prizes bears witness to the distinction of his scholarship in popular music studies, Latin American studies and international musicology. He has authored, co-authored and edited eight books since 2008. His latest monograph is on the Mexican microtonalist Julián Carrillo (*In Search of Julián Carrillo and Sonido 13*, (Oxford University Press, 2015)) and won the 2016 Robert M. Stevenson Award (AMS) and the 2016 Humanities Book Award (Latin American Studies Association); his 2009 monograph *Sounds of the Modern Nation: Music, Culture and Ideas in Post-Revolutionary Mexico* (Temple University Press, 2009), is a cultural and analytical study of avant-garde and modernist music scenes and ideas in 1920s Mexico and, in its original Spanish version, was awarded the 2005 Casa de las Américas International Musicology Prize. His first English-language monograph, *Nor-Tec Rifa! Electronic Dance Music from Tijuana to the World* (Oxford University Press, 2008), is a study of the role of globalization, new technologies and performance in the development of electronic dance-music scenes within the contested cultural area of the US–Mexico border, and was awarded the 2009 Woody Guthrie Book Award (International Association for the Study of Popular Music (IASPM)–US). His 2011 edited collection *Transnational Encounters: Music and Performance at the US–Mexico Border* (Oxford University Press, 2011) won the 2012 Ruth A. Solie Award (AMS).

Professor Madrid has held positions as a researcher at Mexico's Centro Nacional de Investigación, Documentación e Información Musical 'Carlos Chávez' (CENIDIM) and as visiting scholar at the Lozano Long Institute for Latin American Studies of the University of Texas at Austin and at El Colegio de la Frontera Norte-Tijuana. He has taught musicology, ethnomusicology, music aesthetics, music history, performance studies and Latin American cultural studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago, at Northwestern University, at Texas A&M University and at the Universidad de las Américas-Puebla, and has been a visiting professor at Harvard University, at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, at the Universidad de la República in Uruguay, at the Instituto Superior de Artes in Cuba, at the Universidad de San Martín and the Universidad Nacional de Córdoba in Argentina and at the Newberry Teachers' Consortium of the Newberry Library in Chicago.

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1961	Gilbert Reaney	Great Britain
1962	Solange Corbin	France
1963	Dénes Bartha	Hungary
1964	Pierre Pidoux	Switzerland
1965	Barry S. Brook	USA
1966	F. Alberto Gallo	Italy
1967	William W. Austin	USA
1968	Heinrich Hüschen	West Germany
1969	Willem Elders	Holland
1970	Daniel Heartz	USA
1971	Klaus Wolfgang Niemöller	West Germany
1972	Jozef Robijns	Belgium
1973	Max Lütolf	Switzerland
1974	Andrew McCredie	Australia
1975	Martin Staehelin	West Germany
1976	—	
1977	Reinhard Strohm	Great Britain
1978	Christoph Wolff	USA
1979	Margaret Bent	Great Britain
1980	Craig Wright	USA
1981	Anthony Newcomb	USA
1982	David Fallows	Great Britain
1983	Lorenzo Bianconi	Italy
1984	Iain Fenlon	Great Britain
1985	Curtis A. Price	USA
1986	Silke Leopold	West Germany
1987	Richard F. Taruskin	USA
1988	Jean-Jacques Nattiez	Canada
1989	Paolo Fabbri	Italy
1990	Christopher Page	Great Britain
1991	Roger Parker	Great Britain
1992	Kofi Agawu	Ghana
1993	Carolyn Abbate	USA
1994	Lorenz Welker	Germany
1995	Susan Rankin	Great Britain
1996	Ulrich Konrad	Germany
1997	Philip V. Bohlman	USA
1998	Rob C. Wegman	USA
1999	Gianmario Borio	Italy
2000	Philippe Vendrix	Belgium
2001	Martha Feldman	USA

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2002	Laurenz Lütteken	Switzerland
2003	John Butt	Great Britain
2004	Daniel Chua	Great Britain
2005	Julian Johnson	Great Britain
2006	Mary Ann Smart	USA
2007	Georgina Born	Great Britain
2008	Anselm Gerhard	Switzerland
2009	W. Dean Sutcliffe	New Zealand
2010	Martin Stokes	Great Britain
2011	Annegret Fauser	USA
2012	Michel Duchesneau	Canada
2013	Elizabeth Eva Leach	Great Britain
2014	Alexander Rehding	USA
2015	Marina Frolova-Walker	Great Britain
2016	Mark Katz	USA

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