

Alfred University honors MostArts founder, Professor Lisa Lantz, with Fiat Lux! Award

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Alfred University President
Mark Zupan with MostArts
founder, Professor Lisa Lantz

Alfred University President Mark Zupan presented MostArts Festival founder Lisa Lantz with the Fiat Lux! Award at the conclusion of the 2017 MostArts Gala Concert on July 15. Lantz, who serves as Artistic Director of the classical music festival and is a Professor of Music for Alfred University's Division of Performing Arts, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, received an engraved conductor's baton from Zupan — and a standing ovation from the audience in Alfred University's Miller Theater.

Zupan also urged members of the audience to continue showing their support for MostArts, which completed its fourth year under Lantz's direction. He noted contributions to Alfred University through membership in The Saxon Circle could be earmarked for the annual festival.

Additional members of the audience recognized for their support of the festival and performing arts in general at Alfred University included University Trustees Marlin Miller &54 and Thomas Hinman &79; former Alfred University President Charley Edmondson and his wife, Laura Greyson; and Alfred University Provost W. Richard Stephens and his wife, Debbie.

"The last seven days," Zupan said, quoting Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, "are such stuff as dreams are made of."

Turning to Lantz and addressing her as "The Maestro," Zupan called her "a whirlwind of activity" and recalled that he had spent the last three weeks with a MostArts Festival sign affixed to his car.

Fiat Lux! awards were created in 2016, according to Zupan, in keeping with Alfred University's motto and the fact lux/light "illuminates, creates warmth, and is composed of different hues" — with those hues combining, as do the collective notes of an orchestra, to create harmonies.

Presenting the Fiat Lux! Award to Lantz, Zupan thanked her for "the way she inspires, brings warmth, and brings harmony to our university and community."

