



Ann Goldin Zirulnik

Ann Goldin Zirulnik (1919-2009) graduated from Wayne University and joined the Detroit Public Schools where she led a group of dedicated dance teachers who built an outstanding program of dance education in secondary schools. She returned to WSU in 1966 as a faculty member and eventually chaired the department from 1971-1984, developing a dance major of strength and diversity. Over her long and prolific career as a national leader in K12 dance education, Ann held many prestigious appointments: movement specialist for Artists in Schools/National Endowment for the Arts;; President, Michigan Dance Association; Chairperson, National Dance Association Commission on Children's Dance; and as official U.S. delegate and member, Steering Committee of Dance and the Child International. Throughout her career, Ann Goldin Zirulnik continually supported professional development for the field of dance education. Ann had an intense interest in cultivating and nurturing young, future dance education leaders and would often take "new" conference attendees under her wing. Noted dance education scholar, Dr. Susan Stinson, often speaks of Ms. Goldin Zirulnik's inclusive nature as well as her guidance and mentoring at national conferences for dance education. The Ann Goldin Zirulnik Endowment Scholarship for Dance fund was established to honor her significant contributions to the field and to nurture and instill the same kind of zest, enthusiasm, inclusiveness and intelligence in arts education. It provides assistance to students in financing their education in the College of Fine Performing and Communication Arts.

"Dance enables one to speak significantly to the world outside one's self and heightens one's sensitivity to art, to living, to design and to music." Ann Goldin Zirulnik