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Ward Irish Music Archives Wins 2014 AASLH Award of Merit

NASHVILLE, TN—June 2014—The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) proudly announces that the Ward Irish Music Archives is the recipient of an Award of Merit from the AASLH Leadership in History Awards for the Irish Sheet Music Archives website (<http://irishsheetmusicarchives.com>). The AASLH Leadership in History Awards, now in its 69th year, is the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation and interpretation of state and local history.

The Irish Sheet Music Archives website is the online home of the sheet music collections found in the Ward Irish Music Archives of Milwaukee Irish Fest. Users can browse and search over 5,000 pieces of Irish and Irish American themed sheet music, and they can view full scans of sheet music in the public domain. More in-depth historical information is explored in the site's Galleries section, featuring sheet music from various historical events, performers, and composers.



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This year, AASLH is proud to confer seventy-seven national awards honoring people, projects, exhibits, books, and organizations. The winners represent the best in the field and provide leadership for the future of state and local history. Presentation of the awards will be made at a special banquet during the 2014 AASLH Annual Meeting in St. Paul, Minnesota, on Friday, September 19. The banquet is supported by a generous contribution from the History Channel.

The AASLH awards program was initiated in 1945 to establish and encourage standards of excellence in the collection, preservation, and interpretation of state and local history throughout the United States. The AASLH Leadership in History Awards not only honor significant achievement in the field of state and local history, but also bring public recognition of the opportunities for small and large organizations, institutions, and programs to make contributions in this arena. For more information about the Leadership in History Awards, contact AASLH at 615-320-3203, or go to www.aaslh.org.

The American Association for State and Local History is a not-for-profit professional organization of individuals and institutions working to preserve and promote history. From its headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee, AASLH provides leadership, service, and support for its members who preserve and interpret state and local history in order to make the past more meaningful in American society. AASLH publishes books, technical publications, a quarterly magazine, and monthly newsletter. The association also sponsors regional and national training workshops and an annual meeting.

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