

Appert goes back-to-back

Clark College professor **Donald Appert** was shocked to learn the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers was giving him an award that honors composers in the middle stages of their careers. It's the second year in a row Appert has won. Still, this time around the recognition was unexpected. "I didn't submit any compositions this year," Appert said. "I guess it was based on my works that I submitted last year when I won."

"There's not a lot of money with the award," Appert said. "It's mostly about recognition. To be honest, most (classical composers) don't think about money. We're just happy if our music is being performed by someone."