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## Don Knuth awarded Trotter Prize

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Donald Knuth, Professor Emeritus of The Art of Computer Programming at Stanford University, and Michael Duff, Emeritus Professor of Theoretical Physics at Imperial College London, were awarded the prize April 17, 2018. Professor Knuth's lecture was entitled *Translating the Bible into Music*. Professor Duff's lecture was entitled *The Best of All Possible Worlds*.

A lively Q&A session was held the next day with the awardees in the Hawking Auditorium with titles "All Questions Answered" and "The Universe and Other General Questions", respectively.

Don's talk was about his composing *Fantasia Apocalyptica*. Don's home page ([www-cs-faculty.stanford.edu/~knuth](http://www-cs-faculty.stanford.edu/~knuth)) is a good source for additional information about this work as well as his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party.

Richard Furuta and I hosted the Knuth family for a TeXas barbecue at a well-known local restaurant, C&J's Barbecue. A good time was had by all. We also learned that Don "rarely passes up a chance to have peach cobbler." Don was accompanied by Jill and her sister and family. Doug Hensley, Professor of Mathematics, and my friend Barbara Schwartz also joined us. Barbara took the picture.

Rick and I were TUG officers 1985–89 and served as site coordinators for distributions of TeX systems.

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