
SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

**Honorary Degree Citation
The degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*,
conferred on Alfred Bader
Thursday, October 6, 2005**

Mr. Chancellor, Dr. Alfred Bader belongs to that select few whose life represents the perfect marriage of intellect and passion. A chemist, art collector and philanthropist, Alfred Bader has fashioned a life of innovation, achievement, cultivation and generosity from beginnings fraught with hardship, danger and injustice.

Born in Austria, he moved to England to escape Nazi persecution. In 1940, he was wrongfully deported as an enemy alien to Canada, where he was interned in a prisoner-of-war camp for two years. Such treatment might have discouraged many, but Alfred Bader was undaunted. After his release, he studied at Queen's University, where he proved to be a brilliant student who, in three successive years, was awarded a B.Sc. in engineering chemistry, a B.A. in history, and an M.Sc. in chemistry. In 1950, he received his Ph.D. from Harvard University. Subsequently, he co-founded the Aldrich Chemical Company. When his company merged with Sigma to become Sigma-Aldrich, he took leadership and in the ensuing years until his retirement, he served as a member of the board of this billion-dollar enterprise.

From early boyhood, and all through the years of building a highly successful business, Alfred Bader's love of fine art nurtured and sustained him. He devoted years of study to art, immersing himself in the history of 17th Century Dutch and Flemish painting, and later expanding his

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