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Theme: *Music for Life*

Song: *Music Alone Shall Live*

WELCOME TO NEW BEGINNINGS!

Cheryl Poe, FPMC President

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For many of us who are former or current educators, our musical year revolves around the beginning of the new school year: new students, new teaching assignments, new surroundings, new ideas, new challenges, new experiences, new responsibilities.

As I reflect on the many new beginnings occurring in my personal and professional life, I am sincerely grateful to all the people who have come before me and helped chart the course for a productive life through many musical experiences.

I look forward to the new beginning as your FPMC president because I know that I will be able to count on the help of our former president, Bess Stallings, and numerous other past and current leaders to guide and support our organization. I also look forward to new insights and support from new members. We are all a dedicated team of volunteers whose goal is to create and support music for life! I thank you in advance for helping me continue the outstanding musical experiences for our members and the communities we serve.

Some very exciting new beginnings within FPMC are being launched as this newsletter goes to press.

- All FPMC members will be receiving a hard copy of the Sharps & Flats Newsletter.
- All FPMC members will be able to access the directory through the website.
- Two new facebook pages have been created. One is an open page where anyone can post

photos and news; the other is a closed group. To be a part of the closed group, one must ask to join. That page is more for FPMC business.

We hope that these new beginnings will help us communicate and connect in a more efficient and timely manner. Please let us know if we can assist you with any of these new communication tools.

Contained in this newsletter you will find important information regarding national, state, and district projects. Of special interest are numerous scholarships and awards that are available to students of all ages. www.nfmc-music.org offers hundreds of awards in many areas of music. Scroll through the list under "competitions & awards". Our www.ffmc-music.org provides helpful information about the Jeanie/Stephen Competition and the Essay Contest. Look for more details in this newsletter.

I am looking forward to meeting with you and learning more about the many musical opportunities within your districts this fall.

"To live is to be musical, starting with the blood dancing in your veins. Everything living has a rhythm. Do you feel your music?" Mahalia Jackson

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NATIONAL NEWS

Dayton NFMC Biennial Convention

Peggy Willis, Florida Representative



*Bess Stallings, Past FFMC President
Michael Edwards, NFMC President*

The Dayton NFMC Biennial Convention was a whirlwind of activities. As your Florida representative, I attended the NFMC Board of Directors Meetings, the General Sessions, and several specialized meetings including Junior Division, and Competition and Awards Division. With our own Michael Edwards at the helm, the meetings were run quite efficiently. "Housekeeping" matters were taken care of and various issues were discussed and resolved. Most of the details will be shared with you by the individual Florida chairs.

One of the highlights for Florida was the election of NFMC Members at Large. FFMC members Suzanne Carpenter and Ann Stockton were elected to serve and are part of the NFMC Board of Directors. Congratulations!

On the lighter side, Dayton itself was a pleasure to visit. Our tour of the Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Center, the Carillon Historic Park, and Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum was filled with interesting sights and information. Thank you for allowing me to be your Florida representative. I am sure your new representative, Lisa Smith, will value the opportunity to serve you as much as I have.

AMERICAN MUSIC DIVISION

Ann Stockton, FFMC Chair

NFMC American Music Southeastern Region Chair

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I am honored to act as FFMC American Music Division chair and be able to share with you some of the updates from NFMC Convention in Dayton. The American Music Division consists of the areas of Parade of American Music, the year round American Music Award, the American Women Composers and Folk Music. These are all monied awards. We are pleased to announce a new area within our division that will please many of you. This is the new NFMC Just Jazz award.

We are asking you to include American Music in your programs throughout the year. The month of November is Parade of American Music month. This is when we want you to plan a program using only music by American composers. April has been set aside as the time to devote your program to JAM (Jazz Appreciation Month).

We are asking you to send in written reports on these topics. Forms for the reports can be found on the NFMC website in the American Music Division. Those who wish to send in only the written report forms on Parade of American Music and Year-Round Award are to send those to me as SE Region Chair. If your club wishes to apply for the monied awards in these areas, you will send your reports including pictures, programs, publicity, etc. to the National Chairman, Deborah Freeman.

Join the American Music Bandwagon and share your music experience with all!

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NFMC CONVENTION: FESTIVALS UPDATE

Lisa Smith, National Festivals Chair

As of August, I am pleased to report that 97,942 Juniors and 335 Adults participated in the National Federation of Music Clubs program during 2016-2017. Additionally, NFMC issued 35 Twelve-year Consecutive Superior certificates, 4 Thirteen-Year Consecutive Superior certificates, and 1 Fourteen-Year Consecutive Superior Certificate to talented musicians throughout the nation. Florida once again led the country with 9,184 Junior entrants. Congratulations!

During the NFMC Convention in Dayton, Ohio, the Festivals Committee and Junior Division accomplished a lot of business. Please see the following updates:

- From the Bylaws Committee: The verbiage "Chairman and Chairmen" will no longer be used in publications or for job titles. Instead, the verbiage "Chair and Chairs" will be used.
- From Festivals Committee: There is a new deadline of June 1st for all JR 3-16 Applications for 12 + Year Consecutive Superior Certificates to be sent to the National Festivals Chair.
- New Standing Rule: "All Area Festivals must use the official NFMC Rating Sheet for Federation Festivals (JR 3-9). Ratings other than those titled "Superior, Excellent, Satisfactory, Fair, Needs Improvement" will no longer be recognized by NFMC for Consecutive Superior National Certificates or Federation Festivals Cup point accrual and will be non-transferable between states (K-2).
- New NFMC Festival Summary reporting deadlines: The deadlines found in the Area Federation Festivals Summary Report (JR 3-3) and the Junior Division Federation Festivals Procedures Manual (JR 3-18) have been adjusted to the following: The Area Chair Report to the State Chair is due by May 20th and the State Chair Report to the Regional Chair is due by May 31st. Please note: State Boards may establish an earlier deadline so please be aware of your state's procedures concerning this.
- Festivals Bulletin adjustment: Entrants in the Drum Set Event are permitted to use a recorded accompaniment (minus the drum set) which is audible to both the adjudicator and the entrant.

**NFMC 2017 Convention – Dayton Ohio**

Our Florida Delegation: *Bess Stallings, Ann Stockton, Michael Edwards, Lisa Smith, Suzanne Carpenter.*

Not pictured: *Peggy Willis*

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STATE NEWS

Federation Cup Report 2017

Lisa Moore, Chair

We are happy to report strong participation in the NFMF Federation Cup plan. Students have earned over 1,500 cups in festival events this year. Here is the breakdown for “gold” cups earned by our juniors, both for composition and in festival:

#	Type Cup
6	75-point cups
30	60-point cups
123	45-point cups
333	30-point cups
<u>1,039</u>	<u>15-point cups</u>
1,531	Total cups – 2017 “gold”

Congratulations to the students and their teachers for earning “top cups” listed below:

75-point cups

Sydney Chung – Piano Solo/Loretta Hake
 Grace Coulter – Piano Solo/Priscilla Hefffield
 Justin Han – Piano Solo/Joanna Han
 Paulina Kovalenko – Piano Solo/Kamila Shahtakhtinski
 Christine Tao – Piano Solo/Maria Gomez
 Zachary Verzwylt – Piano Solo/Loretta Hake

60-point cups

Elizabeth Agranovsky – Piano Solo/Zalina Gurevich
 Emily An – Piano Solo/Ruth Lewis
 Sam Bevans-Kerr – Piano Solo/Sandra Stewart
 Rodrigo Castellon – Piano Solo/Sue Colvert
 Britton Collins – Piano Solo/Kevin Orr
 Grace Coulter – Hymn/Priscilla Hefffield
 Jesse Fei – Piano Solo/Oleg Barsov
 Giana Bayles – Piano Solo/Mara Lauzums
 Ansley Green – Viola Solo/Stephen Fine
 Alicia Hou – Piano Solo/Mary Lou Krosnick
 Tyler Harrison – Piano Solo/Diana Heller
 Jordan Heyn – Piano Solo/Debra Carter
 Hyoungh Min Nathan Kim – Piano Solo/Jae Eun Jung



60-point cups continued.....

Veda Lakshminarayanan – Piano Solo/ Leslie Hammes
 Amy Lao – Piano Solo/Peggy Edwards
 Elinore Larson – Piano Solo/Priscilla Hefffield
 Jimmy Lee – Piano Solo/Xiaomin Tu
 Kaylah Lue – Piano Solo/Ivanka Stefanov
 Eli Miles – Piano Solo/Vickie Stake
 Lilia Miles – Piano Solo/Vickie Stake
 Ishan Perera – Piano Solo/Trudy Horn
 Abbie Ringdahl – Violin Solo/Jennifer Guzman
 Steven Sargeant – Piano Solo/Emi P. Stefanov
 Marcus Shalit – Piano Solo/Loretta Hake
 Grace Tovkach – Piano Solo/Lisa Smith
 Isabelle Tseng – Violin Solo/Lev Gurevich
 Timothy Vu – Violin Solo/Lev Gurevich
 Celine Wang – Piano Solo/Vladimir Khoklov
 Chelsea Wu – Piano Solo/Ruth Lewis
 Jessie Wu – Piano Solo/Mary Lou Krosnick

NOTE: Students who earned their Grand Cup or the President’s cup may wish to prepare a brief biography to send in to Junior Keynotes. The teacher should then contact Jennifer Griffin at NFMF, email: jenniferk@nfmf-music.org. Include bio and photo (jpeg) as attachments. In 2018, teachers should be sure to use the most current Grand Cup application form. (Download for JR 4-1 from NFMF website: www.nfmf-music.org).

FFMC Junior Festivals Information

Lisa Smith, FFMC Festivals Chair

As we prepare for a new Festivals season it is imperative that Area Festival Chairs, Junior Counselors, and teachers be familiar with all national, state, and local guidelines and deadlines. There are many documents available to our members that they can utilize to ensure that they observe the rules. In addition to the invaluable information contained in the NFMC *Federation Festivals Bulletin*, members can download for free the following helpful and educational documents: the NFMC Junior Division Federation Festivals Procedures Manual (JR 3-18) which can be found on the NFMC website and the FFMC Junior Procedures Manual that is on the FFMC website under the Junior Festivals menu. Both of the aforementioned documents are revised annually. FFMC makes a point to send to all its members the FFMC Junior Procedures Manual. This manual contains the rules which govern the FFMC State Junior Convention competition. It is every teacher and Junior Counselor's obligation to read, comprehend and observe all procedures in order to ensure positive festival experiences for all participants. I cannot stress the importance of regularly checking the National Federation of Music Clubs website (nfmc-music.org) for 2017 – 2020 Bulletin adjustments as they are also updated on a regular basis.

Many of the NFMC Festivals forms have been revised drastically this year. If you are an Area Festivals Chair, please make sure that your Festival Center uses only forms that are marked "August 2017" in the lower right corner. A new addition to the national forms is the "Federation Festivals Student Event History" (JR 3-11). This template was designed specifically with the intent of providing teachers with a new tool to aid them in planning and record keeping. All national forms, including the JR 3-11, can be downloaded from the NFMC website under Publications/Junior Division.

During the FFMC Spring Convention in Tampa, many adjustments were made in the guidelines for district and state Festival events. Please see below for the adjustments in the FFMC Junior Procedures Manual.

Page 8: Revisions to State Junior Officer section

Remove current paragraph, move entire section to page 9, and reformat.

Add title for this section "State Junior Officers."

Change "Junior Advisory Committee" to "Junior Advisory Board."

Add "Junior membership in FFMC is required of all candidates, voters, and elected officers."

Add "Enrollment in State Junior Convention is not required for Junior candidates or voters."

Add "The FFMC Junior Board shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and one Board Member at Large."

Add "The State Junior President serves as the liaison between FFMC and the State Junior Officers."

Add "The State Junior President will give a 2-3 minute speech both nights of the Awards Ceremony at the FFMC State Junior Convention."

Add "The State Junior President will announce the names of the award recipients both nights of the Awards Ceremony at the FFMC State Junior Convention."

Add "All outgoing State Junior Officers are required to be present at the meeting for the election of incoming State Junior Officers. They are to assist with the voting process unless it involves themselves running for a position."

Add "Election of officers will be conducted through ballot vote. In the event of a tie for office, the current State Junior Board will determine the winner through a second ballot vote."

Add "The outgoing State Junior President shall instruct the incoming State Junior President to collect all email and contact information for the new State Junior Officers."

Add "All State Junior Officers are required to be present for both nights of the Awards Ceremony at the FFMC State Junior Convention."

Add "For the entire duration of FFMC State Junior Convention all State Junior Officers are required to work at the Registration Desk or any position asked of them by FFMC. If an officer can only be present for part of a day, that officer must notify the State Junior President and help arrange for another responsible student to substitute for them during the time he/she is absent. The State Junior President must notify FFMC of the substitution prior to the State Junior Convention."

Add "State Junior Officers who do not fulfill their duties at FFMC State Junior Convention (or find a responsible substitute) will be ineligible to run for future FFMC Junior State Officer positions."

Add "All incoming State Junior Officers are expected to attend the Installation event at the Saturday Awards Ceremony. If an incoming officer is not able to attend, he/she must notify FFMC at the time of election."

Add "State Junior Officers should seek out and offer to assist their local organizers with district and senior club events throughout the year."

Page 9: Monitoring Section

Amend sentence to "If not, the Area Festival Chair, in cooperation with the participating teachers, will make arrangement..."

Amend sentence to "Area Festival Chairs are responsible for organizing and for dispersing..."

Amend sentence to "Fees must be paid at least one week prior to the FFMC State Junior Convention to the State Treasurer."

Page 13: Provide Copy of Score

Add to last sentence "Accompanists cannot copy entire pieces or books for the ease of page turning even if they have the original score in their possession at the audition."

Add "Ipads and other electronic devices with downloaded scores are not permitted for use without written prior consent from the FFMC Junior Division Chair."

Page 13 and 14: Gold Cup Senior Concerto Scholarship Competition

Amend third sentence "...earned at least one NFMC Gold Cup" and add "Entrants are not required to have future plans to major in music."

Add "Students who have previously won the standard Senior Concerto event at FFMC State Junior Convention are eligible to enter this event provided all other criteria are met."

Add "Students in 12th grade must participate in the Senior Concerto event at District Festival and receive a Superior rating in order to enter the Gold Cup Senior Concerto Scholarship Competition."

Add "Teachers will indicate on their FFMC State Junior Convention application under the "Event" column that the student will be participating in the Gold Cup Senior Concerto Scholarship Competition (GC Sr. Concerto)."

Page 14: Irene Muir Memorial Award

Amend sentence to “Judges may nominate any Junior of extraordinary talent and potential, any age, any solo instrument or voice (not including ensembles) to compete at the close of the FPMC State Junior Convention for a single cash award.”

Add “No ties are allowed, only one person can win this award.”

Page 15: Add section titled “Florida Summer Music Camp Award”

One recipient is chosen by Federation officials from written applications that demonstrate worthiness and need.

Applications should be concise, grammatically correct, and creative. Include years of study, motivation to attend a certain program, Festival/State Junior Convention participation, and/or volunteer activities to promote music in the community.

Award is open to Juniors currently in grades 9 – 11.

Only official applications will be considered and can be obtained at the Registration Desk.

Application deadline is 4pm on Saturday of the FPMC State Junior Convention.

Applications may also include: Correspondence from a reputable summer camp program indication acceptance and financial obligation to attend and/or teacher recommendation.

This scholarship cannot be awarded to the same Junior more than one time.

Page 17: NFMC Area Festival Auditions

Add “The deadline for District Festival applications will be between December 1st -10th.”

Add “FFMC will honor the official NFMC rating system of Superior, Excellent, Satisfactory, Fair, Needs Improvement. Area Festival Chairs will instruct Festival judges not to add embellishments of pluses and minuses to the prescribed rating system.”

Page 19-20: Junior Composers Contests

Amend all Festival cup verbiage to Federation cup.

Add “Include a complete Federation Cup form with the application.”

Amend sentence to “First-place winners will receive a trophy and second-place winners will receive a ribbon by mail from the Junior Composition Chair unless other arrangements are made.”

Page 20: Essay Contest

Add “First-place winners are awarded a trophy. The Essay Contest Chair is responsible for obtaining the trophies from FPMC and mailing them to the recipients unless other arrangements are made.”

Page 21: Federation Cup Plan

Add “Supplemental orders submitted after the final cut-off deadline of March 30th are subject to a shipping cost (minimum \$20) to be paid by the teacher.”

Amend sentence to “Signature of Federation Cup form by the teacher verifying the information is correct is optional.”

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who devoted countless hours of their time to help with our District and State events. Without your assistance, we would not be able to provide our Festival entrants with numerous musical opportunities.

ATTENTION TEACHERS OF GIFTED JUNIOR PIANISTS**WHO ARE IN 10th, 11th, or 12th GRADE in 2018!**

The Claire Ulrich Whitehurst Piano Solo Award will be offered in 2018. First place \$500, second place award of is \$250. Plan now for 2018! Requirements:

- ☐ CD performance (15 to 20 minutes)
- ☐ Original piano solo compositions representing various periods of music literature
- ☐ At least one composition by an American composer
- ☐ Music must be performed by memory
- ☐ Applicant must not have reached their 19th birthday as of 1 March 2018
- ☐ Be a member of an NFMC club or hold Individual Junior Membership
- ☐ Be native citizen of the U.S. or have received naturalization papers

Application (NFMC Form JR 14-2) and Procedure forms (NFMC Form JR 14-1) are found at <http://www.nfmc-music.org>; use search word Claire Ulrich Whitehurst.

In 2016, ten applicants participated from across the United States. We had only one Florida entry. The winner was from California. Because Claire Frances Whitehurst, daughter of Claire Ulrich Whitehurst, was an active member of FFMC and NFMC, a future Florida winner would honor her memory. Florida teachers, please encourage your gifted piano students to participate in this event.

Suzanne Carpenter, NFMC Chair

2018 FLORIDA ESSAY CONTEST

Marian Cox, Essay Chair

The 2018 NFMC Junior Essay Contest title is "MUSIC...THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE". This contest is open to all our Juniors in grades 7 through 12.

The application is on our website: www.ffmc-music.org and the NFMC has its own application form. Send 2 copies of the essay, plus the state and national application to me by December 15, 2017. This is an opportunity for each local senior club to promote the event by having its own essay contest, and then sending all the entries to me by the December deadline. One 2017 winner, Kayla Truong, was also named the NFMC winner from Florida. The other state winners include Jake Moore, Alyssa Massals and Joshua Widjaja. Each winner received a nice check. A big THANK YOU goes out to the teachers for taking the time to promote this event.

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Jeannie/Stephen Update.....Ready, Set, Go !!

Connie Lill, Chairman



Our 2017 Jeannie/Stephen winners have had a busy summer! **Christine Honein-Jeannie 2017** was graduated from FSU with an undergraduate degree in vocal performance. She was accepted to work on her master's degree in vocal performance at the University of Colorado in Boulder. This summer she and her mom flew to Boston to compete in the NATS (National Student Auditions). She was one of 14 semi-finalists. After the competition, she affirmed that she wants to be a professional classical singer.

Austin Cripe our Stephen 2017 performed his first Handel opera in July as a member of the Red River Lyric Opera Company Festival in Houston, Texas. He will be back at FSU this fall. Both Christine and Austin performed at the FPMC State Convention in Tampa on June 3, 2017. They will be back in White Springs in January, 2018 to crown the new Jeannie and Stephen.

Carlie Adams our 2017 Jeannie Maid has been cast for the role of Sister Osmina for the production of Suor Angelica as well as under study for the role of Zerlina in Don Giovanni. She made her European debut with the Vienna Summer Music Festival. She will be back at FSU as a Junior. And a resounding yes, she will be back to enter the 2018 Jeannie Competition.

Lucas Coura, Stephen runner up will be back at Stetson as a graduate student.

Now is the time for all clubs to be budgeting for sending a candidate to the Jeannie/Stephen Voice Competition January 19, 20, 21, 2018 in White Springs at the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center.

We have a dress library for clubs to use. All information will be on our FPMC website. Do call Connie Lill if you have questions or would like to sponsor a candidate. Candidates can be sponsored by Senior Clubs, but also now individuals and or service organizations may sponsor. We also have a great dinner dance and performance on Friday night, January 19th at the Lake City Historical Building of the Woman's/Garden Club.....connielill@cltuttle.com or 561-703-7333

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Cheryl Poe Becomes Florida Fellow #51

Connie Lill, Chairman

Cheryl Poe was awarded her FPMC Florida Fellow medallion and lapel pin at our annual FPMC State Convention in Tampa this past June. She becomes the 51st member of this elite group. She has chosen to honor her donation in memory of Dorothy and Tony Kotwica. Cheryl is our new FPMC President. She recently served as FPMC VP, Suwannee District President, and the President of the Foundation for the Promotion of Music in Gainesville. She also has served in the Rotary Club of Downtown Gainesville as President in Gainesville.

Remember, that you, too, could be a member of this elite group. Your tax-deductible donation of \$1,000.00 will contribute to the operating expenses of FPMC. Only the interest is spent. Remember that this organization puts our young musicians first with monetary awards, ribbons, trophies, and performance opportunities.....Any questions or information, ask Connie Lill, connielill@cltuttle.com or 561-703-7333.

DISTRICT AND CLUB NEWS

Bay Ridge District

Joshua Sussman, President

Friday Morning Musicale – Tampa, began its 2016 – 2017 season hosting the Bay Ridge District meeting on November 4, 2016. It was a lovely meeting at which the president's gavel was passed from David Stockton to Joshua Sussman. Marilyn Fisher will continue as Treasurer, with Vice President, Petra Sussman, as the only other addition. Attendees were entertained by University of Tampa Theater Opus singing selections from Broadway Shows Set in Medieval Times, all by American Composers. This was all followed by a delicious lunch provided by the delectable cooks of Friday Morning Musicale – Tampa.

Tampa club members then immediately set to organizing the Ninety-Eighth FPMC Convention as it was likewise their turn to host the 100th Anniversary of the Florida Federation of Music Clubs. Co-chairs Petra Sussman and Margaret Prosser were fortunate to assemble a wide range

of talent from students of the Junior Friday Morning Musicale to world renowned pianist Leonidis Lipovetsky. Entertainment included a trumpet solo from Alex Lopez of Wauchula and a Jazz Concert by Daniel Joiner of Tampa. Workshops at the Convention also included variety for the intellect. The 100th Anniversary of FPMC was toasted Friday night with champagne and cake bearing the "Find Us Faithful" logo of FPMC President, Bess Stallings. All in all, this was an outstanding finish to a very rich season for Friday Morning Musicale – Tampa.



FPMC Officers 2017-19

*Philip LeGrand, Lisa Smith, Cheryl Poe,
Suzanne Carpenter*

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Wauchula Wednesday Musicale

Community-Wide Celebration Honors 105-year-old Wauchula Wednesday Musicale Member Dr. Elver Hodges!



A large crowd of family and friends gathered where guests over the age of 90 were presented corsages and/or boutonnieres. Among the well over 130 present were Grace Glorius, 103, and Garnette Williams, 100.

The perky Kansas native holds a doctorate degree in agronomy, teaches an adult Sunday School class and is a faithful member of our Wednesday Musicale, rarely missing a meeting.

He and his late wife (also a faithful Musicale member) are the parents of three daughters and recently welcomed a baby granddaughter. He is pictured with eldest daughter Margaret.



Capital District

Ray Cyr, President
Choctaw Bay Music Club
Lisa Cyr, President

2018 ANNUAL FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION

Hosted by the CAPITAL DISTRICT

May 31, 2018 to June 2, 2018

Best Western Crossroads Inn

2343 US Hwy 331 S. Defuniak Springs, FL 32435

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This years' convention will be held in beautiful historic Defuniak Springs, FL. Conveniently located and easy to find, just off of Interstate Hwy. 10. The hotel rooms are updated and include amenities such as: flat screen TV's, bathrooms with granite counter tops, complimentary full breakfast, comfortable beds, first and second floor rooms, pet friendly, wifi, business center, pool, refrigerator, microwave, handicap access, plentiful parking, a restaurant and lounge and more. See their website for a full list of the Inn's amenities. It's location, reasonable room cost, ability to host catered meals, offering several conference rooms, 4-5 star, great reviews, makes this our area's best choice for FPMC's annual convention. Lake Defuniak is a famous and iconic point in town that is home to the Florida Chataugua Assembly Educational Arts Center. The lake is just one of only two perfectly round lakes in the world and makes for a most beautiful short walk on its paved pathway. As our plans for this event develop, more information will be posted on our club's website www.ChoctawBayMusicClub.org click on the **MEMBERS** tab and choose **Annual Florida State Convention 2018**. There you can already see hotel, links, maps, and area pictures. So, periodically stop in at our site to see how things are developing.

We welcome all members to help in any way they are able to! This is going to be a fun event.

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Choctaw Bay Music Club Event Calendar

This season our club will be sponsoring the below events:

Saturday, November 4, 2017

Sonatina Sonata Spectacular Program
Rocky Bayou Baptist Church
Niceville, FL

January 2018 – Day tba

Student Showcase
St. Simons Episcopal Church
Fort Walton Beach, FL

February 10, 2018

Capital District Festival
Northwest Florida State College
Performing Arts Center
100 College Blvd
Niceville, FL

February 24, 2018 – 11:00 am

Annual Opera Brunch Scholarship Fundraiser
Niceville Community Center,
Niceville, FL

April 15, 2018 – 3:00 pm

Piano Duo Program
Northwest Florida State College
Tyler Recital Hall
Niceville, FL

May 5, 2018 – 3:00 pm

Scholarship / Senior Awards Program
Northwest Florida State College
Tyler Recital Hall
Niceville, FL

Lake District

Victoria Shultz, President

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The Florida Federation of Music Clubs is pleased to announce the Winners of the 2017 Lake District President's Scholarship Awards.



(L to R): District President Victoria Schultz,
*Emily Erdman, Elizabeth Agranovsky, Claire Tseng,
Emily Carbo, Justin Castro, Matthew Shuss*

In the Strings Category the First Place Award was received by Emily Erdman, who will be a music major at the University of Florida this Fall, and Second Place Award was received by Claire Tseng, who attended the Tanglewood Young Artists Orchestra this summer. Both students study violin under the direction of Lev Gurevich.

In the Instrumental (other than Strings) Category, Elizabeth Agranovsky, a student of Zalina Gurevich, won the First Place Award performing on piano. Emily Carbo, a Freshman at Florida Southern College, received the Second Place Award performing on oboe.

Honorable Mention Awards were given to Matthew Shuss, a Sophomore at Stetson University majoring in Piano, and Justin Castro, a Freshman at Florida State University majoring in Viola.

The competition was held at the Maitland Presbyterian Church June 28, 2017 and was open to High School students and College Freshmen and Sophomores throughout Central Florida. The scholarship awards were presented by Victoria Lynn Schultz, Scholarship Chairman and FPMC Lake District President.

Orlando Music Club

Sherry Pollock, President

We are excited to start our new year in September with our returning members and new members. Fall is always exciting with our outreach community recitals at various retirement centers throughout the Greater Orlando Area.

November we will be supporting America Music Month through recitals and musical programs.

Teachers will be busy getting their students ready for festival.

Fall is a wonderful time of year to share our talents and bring hope and joy to our communities through beautiful music.

Seminole District

Marian Cox, President

Sarasota Music Club and Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota, through their Suncoast Music Scholarships partnership, awarded \$22,000 to eight talented young musicians from Sarasota and Manatee counties to be used for music education expenses. The 12th grade award recipients performed at the Suncoast Music Scholarships Awards Luncheon, held at Michael's on East in Sarasota.



Suncoast Music Scholarship Winners: (L to R)

*Daniel Solowey, Graeme Sugden, Ryan Schmidt,
Daphne Waggener, Joshua Guaita, Andrea Guaita*

There were 15 schools and 12 music disciplines represented by the 40 students who applied. Auditions that were held at the Beatrice Friedman Symphony Center. Distinguished judges for this year's competition were: Joy McIntyre, Thomas Purviance, Gayle Williams, Katherine Oarr and Rich Ridenour.

Two 10th grade students selected for Suncoast Music Scholarship awards of \$1,000 each are: Andrea Guaita, violin, home schooled; and Daniel Solowey, clarinet, Pine View High School. The two 11th grade students selected to receive \$2,000 scholarship awards are: Katherine Herbert, voice, Booker High School; and Michael Miller, clarinet, Lakewood Ranch High School. Judges for the 12th grade competition decided that second place should be awarded to two competitors. The four 12th grade students selected to receive scholarships are: 1st place, \$5,000 – Graeme Sugden, flute, Braden River High School; 2nd place, \$4,000 – Joshua Guaita, piano, home schooled; 2nd place, \$4,000 – Ryan Schmidt, guitar, Manatee School for the Arts; and 3rd place, \$3,000 – Daphne Waggener, viola, Riverview High School.

Sarasota Music Club board president Mary Webb said, "We are so grateful to be able to support music education through this partnership inspired by Lee Dougherty Ross and John Alan Fischer of Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota."

Both organizations in the partnership have long histories of supporting music education through scholarship programs and offering music performance programs. Sarasota Music Club has been promoting music education and performance since 1930. The club offers free, member- and donor-supported performances October through March.



Sarasota Music Club Scholarship Winners & Officers
*President Mary Webb, Graem Sugden & Daphne
Waggener-12th grade winners, Treasurer Janet Jackson,
Past President, June Buck*

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Saint Johns District*Lisa Smith, President*

St. Johns District held its annual Greater Jacksonville Federation Competition on April 1, 2017 at Edward Waters College. This year we were pleased to have 176 students from 20 teachers participate in 365 events. Additionally, we hosted the 80th annual FPMC State Junior Convention May 5-6, 2017 at the University of North Florida for approximately 1,159 Juniors in almost 2400 events. On May 4th the St. Johns District Board approved the creation of a St. Johns District Junior Board. Elections were held on May 15th and installation of the new nine officers occurred on May 31st at our end of the year luncheon and meeting. St. Johns District, in conjunction with Harmony Senior Music Club, had its end of the year meeting and luncheon at the beautiful and historic Riverside Presbyterian Church. During this gathering we inducted our new 2017-2018 Junior and 2017-2019 Senior Board members, conferred our club's first honorary membership on Andre Ferriera for his devoted and distinguished service to the development of music in the greater Jacksonville community and to the St. Johns District/Harmony Senior Music Club.

We heard a wonderful performance of the Saint-Saëns piano quartet "Danse Macabre" given by students of Vickie Stake who won the highest level of this event at the FPMC State Junior Convention. We are all excited to welcome Connie Lill as Harmony Senior Music Club President and look forward to celebrating Harmony Senior Music Club's 40th anniversary in October.

Suwannee District*Claudia Brill, President***Foundation for the Promotion of Music***Linda Blessing, President*

The Suwannee District has another exciting year planned for 2017-2018. We will be holding our district meeting with FPMC President Cheryl Poe presiding at the Gainesville Country Club on Oct. 10, 2017.

We begin our recital series on Oct. 22 featuring Dr. Randolph Lee and the trumpet sextet from the University of Florida for our FPM

Guest Artist Recital. In November, we have auditions for our Piano Sonata/Sonatina Festival. Winners at each age level play in the Stellar Student Honors Recital.

We will be busy planning the Jeanie/Stephen auditions at the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park and the Golden Slipper dinner in Lake City which will be held on Jan. 19-20, 2018. We hope each district will sponsor a candidate for this stunning event!

In the spring we are planning for our annual Music Marathon fund-raiser, the Wind and Percussion Recital and an award recital featuring the winners of the Sarah Baird Fouse Wind Award, the Dorothy Reaves String Award, the Betsy Schnell Youth Award, and the Musician of the Year Award.

We are looking forward to all of these activities as we strive to fulfill our goal of supporting musicians of all ages in our district!

Florida Federation of Music Clubs “Members-Only Webpage” – NEW!

Members will be able to log-in to a special webpage.

Direct link: ffmc-music.org/membership

It's a web resource for our membership - under development.

Both senior members and junior counselors will want to check it out.

Members will be able to download the annual directory.

You can also navigate to it:

Click on the drop-down under “Membership” tab

Then select the choice labeled: “Member log-in”



This will redirect to you to
ffmc-music.org/membership webpage
The User Name is “Member”

A screenshot of an 'Authentication Required' dialog box. The title bar says 'Authentication Required'. Inside, there is a question mark icon and a message: 'http://www.ffmc-music.org is requesting your username and password. The site says: "membership"'. Below this, there are two input fields: 'User Name:' with the text 'Member' entered, and 'Password:' which is empty. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'OK' and 'Cancel'.

PASSWORD:

You will need the password from your club treasurer.

NOTE:

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Application Deadlines - 2017

FFMC Conflict of Interest Form: due to Philip LeGrand asap

FFMC Junior Composer's Contest: 15 November to Sherry Pollock

FFMC Junior Festivals: February 2018

FFMC Essay Contest: 15 December 2017 to Marian Cox

FFMC District Meetings – 2017

Bay Ridge TBA

Capital TBA

Lake District TBA

Royal Poinciana 7 October, 12 noon, Davie

Saint Johns 21 October, 12 noon, Jacksonville

Seminole 28, October, 12 noon, Sarasota

Suwannee 10 October, 12 noon, Gainesville

FFMC EVENTS 2018

Jeanie/Stephen Auditions 19-20 January 2018

FFMC Junior Festivals February 2018 – Check with districts

National Music Week 6-13 May 2018 “Music...the Universal Language”

FFMC Junior Convention 4-5 May 2018 – Univ. of North FL.

FFMC 99th Spring Convention 31 May - 2 June 2018, DeFuniak Springs

NFMC Convention 19-23 June 2018, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Southeast Regional Convention TBA

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