



# Sharps & Flats



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## Music Alone Shall Live

German folk song

5 All things shall per - ish from un - der the Sky.

9 Mu - sic a - lone shall live, Mu - sic a - lone shall live,

mu - sic a - lone shall live, nev - er to die.

## NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT

**Cheryl Poe** – [ffmc1917@gmail.com](mailto:ffmc1917@gmail.com)

During the past several months all of us in Florida have experienced many challenges musically, personally, and as a collective body of citizens. Destructive hurricanes and flooding caused loss of lives and homes. Tragic, unthinkable murders at the Pulse Nightclub and Stoneman Douglas High School still make my heart ache. During these often frightening times, I sing this simple German folk song: *Music Alone Shall Live* which gives me hope. Actively participating in music is the life stream of our body and soul. We musicians and music consumers who are in the “seasoned” category of humanity have an important legacy to leave for those young people we teach and support. You the members in FFMC are the guiding compass for each other and for the young people who will come after you. Even though we have experienced many heartaches and challenges we have been able to rise above it all with joy, hope and faith. For me music has been the stabilizer.

Yes! Spring is here and we are actively and joyously living because of music! A hearty congratulations to all the teachers and students who have performed and will perform in upcoming recitals and festivals. We are proud of you and are grateful to you for keeping the music alive and well.

This newsletter contains important information about upcoming events. Be sure to note the dates and make your reservations soon.

- May 3, 4 & 5 Junior Convention at University of North Florida, Jacksonville
- May 31, June 1 & 2 99<sup>th</sup> FFMC Spring Convention in Niceville, Florida
- June 19-23 NFMC Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- July 13-14 NFMC Southeastern Region Conference in Sewanee, Tennessee

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## NATIONAL NEWS



You are all invited to Milwaukee for the 2018 Conference which will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Airport. There will be meetings, workshops and clinics during the day along with some special performances by our Junior Wisconsin and Illinois Award winners. The Rose Fay Thomas luncheon will include a surprise featuring Wisconsin cheese.

The spring 2018 Music Clubs Magazine has detailed information. You may register and pay online at [www.nfmc-music.org](http://www.nfmc-music.org)

### Young Florida Musicians Take Top National Honors

**Christine Tao - GRAND CUP WINNER &  
2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE WINNER OF THE NFMFC Claire Ulrich  
Whitehurst Piano Award**

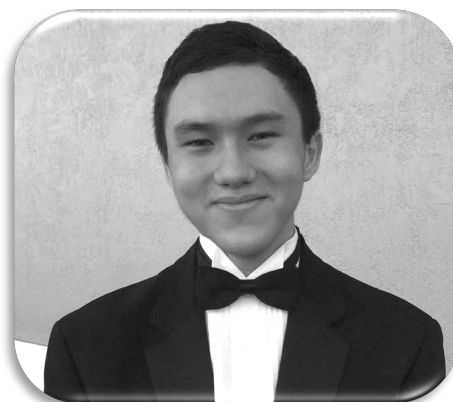


Christine Tao, 18 years old, attends the 12<sup>th</sup> grade at Nova High School. She has studied piano with Maria Gomez for more than 13 years. She has earned many NFMFC gold cups in piano solo, duet, sight-play, and concerto. In 2017 she earned the NFMFC Grand Cup in piano solo and concerto.

Christine like playing ukulele, singing, and watching Netflix documentaries. She is the President of Nova High's Debate Team, and has seen great success at the local and national levels, and is also the current state runner-up in Dramatic Interpretation.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
CHRISTINE, RODRIGO AND KENNETH!  
YOU CAN BE JUSTLY PROUD OF YOUR  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS!**

**Rodrigo Castellon – 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE WINNER OF THE  
NFMFC Claire Ulrich Whitehurst Piano Award.**



Rodrigo Castellon is 16 years old and an 11<sup>th</sup> grade student at Pine Crest School in Fort Lauderdale, FL. His piano teacher is Sue Colvert of Coral Springs. Also he studied privately and in master classes with pianists including Pavlina Dokovska, Judith Burganger, Yoshiko Arahata, Tao Lin, and Catherine Lan.

Rodrigo also plays violin and enjoys computer programming, science research and learning the Chinese language and its culture.

**Kenneth Deauna – NMW -2018 Essay Winner**

*Music ... The Universal Language*

*"Many people value music to seek catharsis or just for seeking out pleasure through entertainment. However, music can hold greater meanings that can be conveyed through various mediums such as song and dance."*

The entire essay may be found on page 19 of NFMFC Junior Keynotes, spring 2018.

## STATE NEWS

### Federation Cup Chairs and "CROWN AWARDS"

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Festival cup chairs are now able to order the local cup shipments directly online through Crown Awards website.

They tally the cups based on individual teacher reports. The collected cup fees are sent to the district treasurer, who in turn submits those funds to Suzanne Carpenter, the state treasurer. Soon after the treasurer's reports are approved by Lisa Smith, the state Festivals Chair, FFMC can send in payment to NFMC for the cup shipment to follow. This is a more streamlined process than we've had in the past. Already, we've had several local festival areas handle the bulk orders through Crown Awards with great success.

TEACHERS: Remember to keep a copy of your annual cup report handy for reference. When you register your student for festival, you may be required to declare if the student has points already. And if they are interested in participation in this optional program. Your local cup chair can assist you. If you have new students, be sure to ask if they have entered festival elsewhere. Perhaps he or she is a "transfer" with points already earned toward their cup. Points earned are "always valid" and we are happy to check into histories. We do need to know the previous teacher and location and year. As always, refer to your festivals bulletin for guidance on options for combining and alternating.

### Florida Fellows Report

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Let this be your written invitation to attend the FFMC Friday Luncheon on June 1<sup>st</sup> honoring the fifty-one Florida Fellows. *Remember to wear your medallion!* If you are not a current Fellow, please consider becoming one and joining this group of financial supporters of our FFMC.

For a tax deduction donation of \$1,000.00 you can contribute to the operating expenses account of the FFMC. Only the interest is spent. This organization runs on volunteerism and philanthropy!! We do not have a paid staff. We put our young musicians first with monetary awards, trophies, ribbons, and performance opportunities. Check our our website: [www.ffmc-music.org](http://www.ffmc-music.org).

To become a fellow or to honor someone, please contact me at the above email address or phone number.

### FFMC Memorial and Dedication Fund

If you are looking for a way to honor someone who has passed away, consider a donation to the FFMC Memorial and Dedication Fund. These gifts can be made in honor of or in memory of a member who has died. Please send donation to: Mary Webb, 3016 21<sup>st</sup> Court, West Bradenton, FL 34205. Mary's email: [maphwebb@gmail.com](mailto:maphwebb@gmail.com). She will accept the donation and will notify the family of the monetary gift.

### FFMC Chaplain Dr. Jerome Lowe

will be officiating the Necrology Service at our convention in June. We take time out of our busy days to honor those federation members who have passed away during the past year. Please email names of deceased members from your district or club to Dr. Lowe and to Cheryl Poe. Include a brief statement about the person's service in FFMC.

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**FFMC Junior Essay Contest***Marian Cox, Chair*[marianc@comcast.net](mailto:marianc@comcast.net)

Great news!!! Florida had 18 essays entered in the NFMC Junior Essay contest. The topic was "MUSIC...THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE". The 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade winner was Ernest Zhang, a student of Shannon Corcoran. The second place went to McKayla Ro, a pupil of Hee-Jang Kang. The winning essay in the 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade category was Joshua Widjaja, a student of Linda Rudzinski, and 2<sup>nd</sup> place honors went to Jordyn Potts, a student of Amy Duncan. Other teachers include Nancy Jontz, Marian Cox, Stephen Fine, Suzanne Herman, and Lev Gurevich. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to these teachers for encouraging their students to enter this event. Our judge, Leiland Theriot, has been in music education for 30 years. She has taught in elementary and middle school levels, and is now interim director of the Florida Alliance for Arts Education. All entries have been sent to the National Federation contest, where one winner will be chosen from each state.

**Junior Composer's Contest 2018***Sherry Pollock, Chair*[sherrilynnepollock@gmail.com](mailto:sherrilynnepollock@gmail.com)

We had a great group of Junior composers this year. Thirty-six compositions were sent in and the judges were impressed. They said that the compositions were very creative and wonderful. Congratulations to all our Junior composers!

**Class 1 Winner:** Will Price

Teacher: Suzanne Herman

**Class 2 Winner:** Hannah Lee

Teacher Lucy Warren

Second Place: Mackenzie McDaniel

Teacher: Lucy Warren

Honorable Mention: Loren Blumenfeld

Teacher: Lucy Warren

**Class 3 Winner:** Marco Jimenez

Teacher: Hilton Kean Jones

Second Place: Emily Singleton

Teacher: Stephen Fine

Honorable Mention: Zoey Thomas

Teacher: Lucy Warren

**Class 4 Winner:** Jack Wolfe

Teacher: Lucy Warren

Second Place: Alex Fullerton

Teacher: Suzanne Herman

Honorable Mention: Lorelei Gifford

Teacher: Lucy Warren

Let's keep up the great work our students are doing by composing wonderful, creative compositions. All 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place compositions have gone to the Regional Level for Composition.

## Starting 2018 with the Sixty-Seventh Annual Jeanie/Stephen Auditions

*Connie Lill, Chair*



The Annual Jeanie/Stephen Auditions were held January 19 -20 - 21, 2018 at the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center in White Springs, Florida. For the second year, we held the Golden Slipper Gala in Lake City, Florida at the Historic Lake City Woman's / Garden Club on Friday evening. We featured our contestants and our 2017 reining Jeanie, Christine Honein accompanied by Bertha Honein and 2017 reining Stephen, Austin Cripe accompanied by Nadiya Caspary. We had dance and dinner music by the well-know Gainesville group Gosia and Ali. Many, many thanks to committee members: Linda Blessing, Claudia Brill, Suzanne Carpenter, William & Connie Lill, Bruce & Joanne Gimmy, Lisa Moore, Lisa Smith, Cheryl Poe, Joshua and Petra Sussman.

*Pictured from left to right: 2018 Winners: Marlina Karimi & Lucas Coura 2017 Winners: Christine Honein & Austin Cripe  
2018 Runners Up: Carlie Adams & Devin Eatmon*

On Saturday morning, the auditions took place followed by a luncheon in Nelly Bly's Kitchen. All participants and guests were treated to hear our Key Note Speaker, Dr. David Z. Kushner, "Stephen Foster's Multifaceted Nationalism".

Marlina Karimi, sponsored by the Friday Morning Musicales of Tampa - Margaret Prosser, President was crowned Jeanie 2018. Marlina is a senior at Gulf Coast University with a major in Music Education and a Minor in Voice Performance. She is a soprano. Lucas Coura sponsored by the Sarasota Music Club - Mary Webb, President became the Stephen 2018. Lucas is a senior at Stetson University majoring in voice performance. He is a counter tenor.

Carlie Adams, sponsored by the Harmony Music Club of Jacksonville became the Jeanie Maid. She is a Junior at FSU - Tallahassee majoring in vocal performance. She is a soprano. Devin Eatmon, sponsored by the Foundation for the Promotion of Music of Gainesville - Linda Blessing, President, became the Stephen Runner-Up. He is a Senior at Florida State University, -Tallahassee majoring in vocal performance.

On Sunday, January 21, 2018, the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park sponsored a 2:00 pm concert and tea in the museum. Our Austin Cripe - Stephen 2017 and Carlie Adams, Jeanie Maid 2017-18 sang in concert as part of Stephen Foster Day.

A three-day whirl-wind weekend was fun for all. Do check out our Face Book page & website for more information. All clubs, please plan to sponsor a candidate next January!!!!

Call Connie Lill (561) 703-7333 for information, sponsorship, [connielill@cltuttle.com](mailto:connielill@cltuttle.com).

**Official Call Junior Division**  
**FLORIDA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS INC.**  
**81<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL JUNIOR CONVENTION & AUDITIONS**  
**University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL May 4-5, 2018**

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FESTIVAL CHAIRMAN: Lisa Smith 904-886-4188, [lisa.ffmc.jrconvention@outlook.com](mailto:lisa.ffmc.jrconvention@outlook.com)

REGISTRATION DESK: All participants must register and pick up materials pertaining to times and room of events. PLEASE advise the registration desk if a student drops out of any event, as this information will not be available prior to the convention. All students and teachers participating at the audition and convention must be pre-registered on the "Entrant and Performance Form." Other guests attending are free. CHECK-IN AND AUDITIONS will take place in the Fine Arts Building; Check-in begins at 7:30 AM, Auditions begin at 9:00 AM. No warm up rooms will be available due to problems caused by some parents and students towards UNF personnel monitoring in 2016. Please leave Achievement Book at registration desk for judging.

DIRECTIONS TO UNF: Available on the UNF website: [http://www.unf.edu/welcomecenter/Directions\\_MC.aspx](http://www.unf.edu/welcomecenter/Directions_MC.aspx).

PARENTS & STUDENTS: If you have questions, please ask your teacher or counselor to contact Lisa Smith.

ALL EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Concerts by 2017 Winners, Lazzara Theatre, Friday & Saturday, May 4 & 5, 7:30 PM

JUNIOR OFFICER ELECTIONS: Interested eligible Juniors grades 9, 10, & 11 may get an application and apply for the office of their choice at the registration desk all day Friday. All applications must be submitted by 10:00 AM Saturday at the registration desk. Time and place for the elections will be posted at the registration desk. Juniors of all ages may vote for the candidates of their choice. Each person running for an office shares a short speech as to why they wish to receive the honor of being a Junior Officer. Junior Officers are required to work full days at the Junior Convention.

RULES: All rules for State Junior Convention can be found in the FPMC Junior Division Procedures Manual. This document is located on the FPMC website [www.ffmc-music.org](http://www.ffmc-music.org) under the Junior Festivals tab.

TEACHERS: You are responsible for securing all your awards for students not present at this assembly. You may secure them at the end of the evening. Make arrangements with a friend/parent if you will not be present. To make other arrangements to obtain student awards please contact Lisa Smith. The cost of shipping/handling is \$15/trophy and \$5/ribbon. All checks are to be made payable to FPMC, Inc. Mail to: Lisa Smith, PO Box 56977, Jacksonville, FL 32241. Please include the student's name, event/level won, and shipping address.

URGENT: All Festival areas that have students enrolled in this event are REQUIRED to provide volunteers and/or pay fees for FPMC to hire workers on their behalf (for more information, see the FPMC Junior Procedures Manual). Please provide worker information or make arrangements to pay worker fees to FPMC at least 14 days prior to the event. All arrangements are made with the Monitor Chairman, Gavin Taylor: [gtaylor62@me.com](mailto:gtaylor62@me.com)

We hope all students have a very positive experience at our annual Junior Convention.

2018 FPMC JUNIOR CONVENTION HOTELS: Links and hotel details are posted on our website [www.ffmc-music.org/junior.htm](http://www.ffmc-music.org/junior.htm). These hotels have been and are extremely supportive of the goals and vision of the FPMC.

Embassy Suites	Four Points by Sheraton	Hampton Inn	Wyndham Garden
9300 Baymeadows Road	8520 Baymeadows Road	4681 S Lenoir Ave	4660 Salisbury Road
(Exit 341 Baymeadows Rd)	(Exit 341 Baymeadows at	(I 95 at J Turner Butler)	(JTB at Salisbury Rd)
904-731-3555	Bayberry) 904-562-4920	904-281-2600	904-281-0900

## DISTRICT AND CLUB NEWS

### Bay Ridge District

*Joshua Sussman, President*

### Wednesday Musical of Wauchula

*Dr. Sylvia Collins, President*

The Wednesday Musicale of Wauchula has had an interesting year so far. After many of us were affected by Hurricane Irma in September, we had a tough time getting everything back to normal. Some members suffered little damage while others had extensive damage to home and property. Through it all, the community helped one another to get back on their feet.

Our kick-off program which should have been in October finally was held November 11<sup>th</sup>. Since it was Veterans' Day, we held a patriotic program at one of our local restaurants. After a delightful meal, we enjoyed many songs of patriotism including the National Anthem, God Bless America and This Land is Your Land. Several folks also spoke of their or a family member's service to our country. We all left with a renewed pride in our United States.

December's meeting was once again held at Rest Haven, an assisted living facility which is near and dear to our club's heart. The program included several Christmas selections provided by Hardee Junior High band under the direction of club member Shayla Bryan, who is also a former scholarship winner. Also enjoyed by the residents was the Christmas story read from Luke and a stirring rendition of The Night before Christmas read by one of our members. The afternoon finished up with everyone enjoying singing their favorite Christmas carols. The residents were then treated to delicious cupcakes provided by the club.

February brought us to one of our favorite programs, Students in Music. We were treated to selections both vocal and instrumental during the program. David Radford (a scholarship winner) and Jason Thompson brought students from Hardee County High School Chorus and Band to entertain the club. We feel lucky to have quality music Education programs for our students in Hardee County.

Our March program was a great afternoon of Bluegrass Christian Music presented by the Gospel Jubilee. The group was put together to perform in their church. Their group has received much deserved recognition in our area. They have played at Cracker Country at the Florida State Fair, Pioneer Park Days and various churches in the area. The Wednesday Musicale was lucky to get them to perform for us. They had the audience clapping and singing along to many favorite tunes.

We will finish out the year with our April and May meetings. In April we will have our annual scholarship auditions. We are able to provide scholarships to several students each year to pursue their college education. In May, we will celebrate International Music with a program featuring music from around the world. We are looking forward to both of these programs.

We cordially invite anyone in the area to join and enjoy all of the programs.

*Article submitted by Ray Gill*



## Bay Ridge District continued.....



The Lakeland Music Club, formally the Tuesday Music Club has been very active with many items of business and community service this past year.

We changed our name as suggested by National and it has been a challenge but we are adjusting to our new logo, stationary, business dealings.

The enrollment is steadily growing with each passing month. We changed our luncheons after the meeting to a fellowship brunch before each meeting. Our members prepare cookies, Danish, coffee, etc. But the best part is we get to visit and get to know each other better, welcome visitors and new members, and have a wonderful time of fellowship.

We are presently preparing for our annual scholarship auditions on April 22. We are looking forward to another wonderful time of listening to some of our best music students from our local public and private schools and colleges. This is always an exciting time. We will be offering \$1000, \$750 and \$500 scholarships in both high school and university levels.

Our new officers will be installed in our May meeting. We are looking forward to a wonderful new year of music, fellowship and service to the community.

## CAPITAL DISTRICT

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The Choctaw Bay Music Club is the only music club in the Capital District. Our members are enjoying a very busy musical year. Our musical events included the Sonatina Sonata Spectacular program in November; the Student Showcase in January; Capital District Festival AND annual Opera Brunch Scholarship Fundraiser in February. Coming in April, our popular Piano Duo Program and in May the Scholarship/Senior Awards Program.



Last, but certainly not least, we are looking forward to hosting the 99<sup>th</sup> FPMC Spring Convention May 31, June 1 and 2 in Niceville. You will find the official call to convention and registration forms in this newsletter. The Niceville area is a very popular tourist destination. Secure your hotel reservation by April 30 to insure the discounted rate.

Visit [www.ChoctawBayMusicClub.org](http://www.ChoctawBayMusicClub.org) for more details about our club and the Convention.

## **Lake District**

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The 2017 Lake District President's Scholarship auditions were held at the Maitland Presbyterian Church June 28, 2017 and were open to High School students and College Freshmen and Sophomores throughout Central Florida. In the Strings Category the First Place Award was received by Emily Erdman, a music major at the University of Florida, and Second Place Award was received by Claire Tseng, who attended the Tanglewood Young Artists Orchestra summer camp. 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 student at Florida Southern College, received the Second Place Award performing on oboe. The scholarship awards were presented by Victoria Lynn Schultz, Scholarship Chairman and FFMC Lake District President.

Many of our clubs are active with student recitals, member meetings and Founders Day programs. As part of the Orlando Music Club Outreach Program students from several studios join to perform monthly Community Recitals in various retirement homes and assisted living facilities. The OMC Founder's Day/ Star Student Recital featured piano and violin students representing several music studios.

The Wednesday Music Club in DeLand invited harpist Victoria Lynn Schultz for a return performance in October. Victoria performed music from the Renaissance and Classical repertoire including French voice/harp selections and her original composition "Mystic Waters". She concluded the program with her voice/harp arrangement of "Ah, May the Red Rose Live Alway" by Stephen Foster. Victoria performs on harp and

piano for Walt Disney World and has toured with Josh Groban, Celtic Woman, Johnny Mathis, the Electric Light Orchestra and the Mantovani Orchestra tour of China.

South Metro Music Club is continuing an active student recital and community events schedule, including an Outreach Program with local retirement homes. Several of the SMMC teachers are performing and teaching for the Osceola County School for the Arts.

## **Orlando Music Club**

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We have had a wonderful year so far with our community recitals. Bringing joy to our audiences and our students sharing their talents.

We celebrated Founders Day with our Star Student Recital. It was a wonderful celebration full of music and refreshments after and the students getting to know each other with laughter and joy.

February has been a busy month getting ready for Festival. Lots of students excited about playing and getting graded on their efforts.

In March we are having a Master class for Strings in Winter Garden. These are always wonderful experiences for our string players.

April is full of surprises and during May we will participate in the State Convention and celebrate Music Week.

We will continue to strive for excellence with whatever we do.

We want to welcome all our 115 Members in our club for their continued support and excitement for Music. As teachers prepare the end of the year recitals we congratulate you for all your dedication and work to bring the love of music to many students and parents.

## **Royal Poinciana District**

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## **Music Club of Hollywood**



*Chai L. Chien, President*

Want to be a Friend of a music club? The Music Club of Hollywood, (MCOH) has formed creative partnerships with other non-profit organizations. Our new friend this year is the Topeekeegee Yugnee Park or T.Y. Park, a local park where we invited local musicians for a "Jazz and Blues Music Festival" for a Sunday afternoon of jazz and blues. It was a showcase of our professional musicians involved with our club and over 300 people attended. This was our advertising for our club to join as well as finding volunteers.

Our student scholarship auditions will be held on Sunday, April 15th at the Anne Kolb Nature Center's Mangrove Hall and 18 students are scheduled to audition. We invited three (3) judges for this annual event which we raised \$15,000.

More Sunday free community concerts at 2pm to end our season include: June 10th partnering with the Hollywood Historical Society with a presentation of a musical called "I Love Hollywood" at a local library where one of our members composed original songs to sing and dance about the town that we live in and love. On June 17th we will sponsor the South Florida Harp Society to use the venue of Anne Kolb Nature whereby, students from beginners to advanced will play duet, trio, quartet ensembles with South Florida harp teachers. Over nine (9) harps will grace the stage and the community is invited to experience this ethereal concert.

## **Coral Gables Music Club, Inc.**

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Our club is still going strong, with our next program on March 20 where our musicale will be Miami's Top Brass Quintet. This is following the two last programs, on Jazz. The one featured one of our previous scholarship students, who has his master's from U.M. Frost School of Music, and the other was listed as a Contemporary Jazz Fusion Duo. Interesting variety.

But between these 2 musicales, on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> we offered, "That's Amore" a Valentine concert for the public on a Saturday evening, and our first concert of our series, MUSIC FOR ALL, with our partial grant from city of Coral Gables. So it has been very busy.

Now we are looking forward to our next concert, which will be on May 1 at 7 p.m., at Coral Gables Congregational Church, and will feature FIU's "artist in residence", Kemal Gekic, an amazing pianist, who has played all over the world. We welcome you to join us and the fee is \$20.

I also need to mention that last week we were delighted and amazed to hear many of our scholarship students perform in recital for us and their families. It makes us wonder and thank God for all the talent that they have and that they apply themselves in their music.

And the Junior Music Club is likewise keeping very busy with a variety of monthly meetings under guidance of our excellent Club Counselors.

But slowly things are coming to an end in May as our next meeting will also have our new Board of Officers to be voted in and they will be installed at May meeting and luncheon.

However, the really last program will also be the last concert of our series and it is an Independence Day celebration for a "family day of Music, Art and Crafts". There we will be joined by the Greater Miami Youth Symphony Orchestra in concert. A real finale!!

And we are very grateful for our hard-working board, our members, and the talented people, who thus enable us to enjoy beautiful music in many forms.

## Saint John's District

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## Harmony Music Club of Jacksonville

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The Harmony Music Club has had a busy schedule this year and every year. We were honored to have our State President, Cheryl Poe attend our Saint John's District Luncheon held at Seasons 52. We had our Jeanie contestant/Harpist Isabelle Scott perform.



*Isabelle Scott and her parents*

February 23-24 were the dates of the District Festival at the very large First Baptist Church in Downtown Jacksonville. We had 69 teachers with 708 students in 1,297 events. All teachers are asked to work the festival. Lunch and dinner is served on Friday and Breakfast and Lunch are served on Saturday. What a festive musical experience for all. The Junior Board consists of the students who also help as runners and very important helpers.

Next, we will sponsor the Greater Jax Piano Competition on April 7<sup>th</sup>. More surprises are always underway.

## Seminole District

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Seminole District consists of 4 senior clubs: Calusa Musicale, Gulf Coast Music Club, The Musical Manatees, and Sarasota Music Club. We had three area festivals, and promoted the Junior Essay and composition contests as well as the Stephen/Jeanie contest. All our senior clubs are planning on giving scholarship money to eligible high school seniors. We are proud of our new state president, Cheryl Poe, who is working so hard to help all our Senior clubs. We thank our district treasurer, Leigh Trindle, who is moving away next month. Treasurers are very hard to find, but I am happy to announce our new treasurer is Joanmarie King of Sarasota.

## Gulf Coast Music Club

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The Gulf Coast Music Club of Sarasota consists of 29 music teachers and music promoters in the Sarasota area. We entered three Junior events, and our club promoted the Junior Essay Contest (with monetary awards to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners). All entries were sent to state contest; one of the winners at the state level was our very own Joshua Widjaja of Sarasota. We had entries in the FFMC Composition contest and over 400 in the festival. In addition to these accomplishments, we also offered a summer camp scholarship. We are overjoyed about the accomplishments of our Junior club members, and we certainly look forward to their future successes!



### **Sarasota Music Club**

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Sarasota Music Club was very pleased to have sponsored a fine young tenor, Lucas Coura, for the Jeanie/Stephen competition in 2017. At that time he was declared the runner-up and we invited him to sing on one of our programs this past December. The members and guests were delighted with his performance which included a selection sung in the counter tenor range. We again sponsored Lucas in the 2018 Jeanie/Stephen auditions in January and he was declared the Stephen winner at that competition. We are hoping that he can come sing for our club again as he continues working toward obtaining his master's degree at Stetson University in Deland.

We have had well attended, outstanding monthly programs this year with performances given by professional musicians in the area. Also, in keeping with our desire to aid young musicians in Sarasota and Manatee counties we are at this time gearing up for our scholarship auditions in collaboration with the Artist Series Concert organization. The auditions will be held on April 28 and we look forward to awarding \$22,000 to four twelfth graders, two eleventh graders and two tenth graders. The highest award will be for \$5,000. The four twelfth grade winners will perform at our season ending luncheon and concert on May 12<sup>th</sup>, always a well-attended and festive occasion

### **Suwannee District**

*Claudia Brill, President*

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### **Foundation for the Promotion of Music**

*Linda Blessing, President*

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FPM has had a wonderful year fulfilling its main goals:

- To honor outstanding musicians in our area
- To recognize and award superior student musicians
- To encourage the study of music
- To provide programs of interest to the community

The year began in **October** with our Guest Artist Recital featuring Dr. Randolph Lee and the trumpet sextet from the University of Florida. It was held at the Thomas Center in Gainesville on Sunday, Oct. 22, and was enjoyed by all!

In **November** FPM sponsored the Sonata/Sonatina Piano Festival on Saturday, Nov. 18. 115 young pianists from 16 studios participated. The winners in each age group performed the next day, Sunday, **November 19**, at the Thomas Center.

**January 19-20, 2018** the Jeanie/Stephen auditions were held at the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park in White Springs, Fla. The event began with the Golden Slipper Gala Dinner at the Woman's Club in Lake City, Florida. The evening included dinner, a silent auction, musical entertainment, and the introduction of the Jeanie/Stephen candidates for 2018. At the end of January FPM held the annual Musical Marathon fundraiser at the First United Methodist Church in downtown Gainesville.

Performing students and adults raised over \$900 dollars! This money is used for recitals and FPM monetary awards.

On **April 22** we will have our Annual Meeting and Awards Recital. The winners of the Sarah Baird Fouse Wind Award, the Dorothy Reaves String Award and Betsy Schnell Youth Award will perform. The Musician of the Year award will be presented to Professor Mitchell Estrin, clarinet professor at the University of Florida.

We have had an exciting year and are already planning 2018-2019

**JOIN US!**  
**99<sup>th</sup> FFMC SPRING CONVENTION**  
**May 31, June 1 & 2, 2018**



1016 Bayshore Drive, Niceville, FL 32578  
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Choctaw Bay Hosts, Lisa and Ray Cyr,  
are looking forward to seeing you!



## **OFFICIAL CALL: 99th FPMC SPRING CONVENTION**

May 31, June 1-2, 2018

Holiday Inn Express Niceville Eglin

106 Bayshore Dr, Niceville, FL 32578

Phone: (850) 678-9131

Host District: Capital District: President, Ray Cyr.

Host Committee: Chair: Lisa Cyr with the assistance of the Members of Choctaw Bay Music Club

### **Convention Registration Fee: \$25**

**Registration Deadline: May 14, 2018 Late fee: \$35**

**Directions:** From the South of Florida: Take 1-75 to I-10 West Bound exit, travel I-10 W to exit 70, FL-285 S. Take exit 70 from I-10 W. Turn left (south) onto FL-285 and travel (about 20 minutes) until you come to the intersection of route 285 and route 20 (East John Sims Parkway) in Niceville. Turn right onto East John Sims Parkway, in about a half mile (you will see a Ruby Tuesdays Restaurant on your left) turn left onto Bayshore Drive. The hotel is located behind the Ruby Tuesdays Restaurant.

**Reservations:** Attendees can book by calling The Holiday Inn Express at 850-678-9131 and mentioning the group name Florida Federation of Music Clubs and group dates. The cost for a guestroom is \$169.00 plus tax/per night (single or two beds). The guestroom rate includes a breakfast buffet voucher for up to 2 guests per day/per room. **The cutoff date to receive this special group rate is April 30, 2018.** Guests calling to reserve a room after this date will be offered the hotel's best available rate if rooms are available. Our resort area hotels book up quickly in advance, so do not wait until after April 30 to book your room, since remaining rooms will be made open to the general public for reservation. Remember: As an incentive, FPMC has arranged to offer all District and Club Presidents \$100.00 each to attend the entire convention. If the President cannot attend, the Treasurer may receive the \$100.00. You must attend the entire three days of the convention to be eligible.

**Amenities:** Flat Panel TV • Refrigerators • Single Serve Keurig Coffee Machines • Complimentary WiFi • Complimentary Guest Parking • Restaurants next door • Fitness Center • Courtesy Business Center, pool, laundry room, complimentary coffee, breakfast, handicap accessible, first floor rooms, pool, close to the emerald coast beaches. Rooms have been recently remodeled.

**Plans of work:** All FPMC and NFMC Chairmen and District and Club Presidents are to submit a report for spring convention including highlights of this year and plans for the next year. Send or e-mail one copy of your report to Cheryl Poe at 4016 NW 23rd Circle, Gainesville, Florida 32605 or [cheryltonipoe@gmail.com](mailto:cheryltonipoe@gmail.com) by May 8, 2018, so it can be included in delegates' packets. If you will be attending the convention, please be prepared to present a verbal report of no more than 3 minutes and bring two copies of your written report to be given to the FPMC Recording Secretary and Archivist.

**Silent Auction:** All Districts are asked to bring "treasures" to be raffled as silent auction items to help offset the costs of the convention. Suggestions: Wine, specialty chocolates or food baskets, bath and beauty products, jewelry, glassware, craft beer, housewares, lamps, collectables, gift certificates, music related items, artwork, etc.



**FFMC 99TH SPRING CONVENTION**  
**May 31, and JUNE 1-2, 2018**  
**REGISTRATION & MEAL RESERVATION FORM**

Mail check payable to: FFMC

Mail to: Philip LeGrand, 25 Ridgelake Drive, Mary Esther, FL 32569-1659

**Complete a separate form for each person registering.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title(s) for Badge \_\_\_\_\_

**Room Reservation: CONTACT THE HOTEL DIRECTLY. Holiday Inn Express, Niceville  
850-678-9131. Indicate group rate for Florida Federation of Music Clubs. Cutoff April 30, 2018**

If you have any special dietary restrictions, contact Ray Cyr 850-231-3199, AND indicate it on this form.

**Complimentary Breakfast Buffet** only for all registered guests at the Holiday Inn during your stay.

**Friday Luncheon honoring Florida Fellows (at hotel)** \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Request Vegetarian

**Friday Night Banquet (3 course meal)** \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_

(At Ernies Café and Oyster Bar: 821 Bayshore Dr, Niceville, FL 32578)

**First Course (Choice of One)**

\_\_\_\_\_ House Salad **OR** \_\_\_\_\_ Cup Seafood Gumbo

**Second Course: Main Dish (Choice of One)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Breast: Grilled with lemon caper beurre blanc sauce garlic mashed potatoes and veggies.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mahi Mahi: Grilled 6 oz fish with garlic mashed potatoes and steamed veggies.

\_\_\_\_\_ Ernies's Shrimp & Grits: Sauteed shrimp onions garlic butter creole tomatoes andouille white wine & a dollop of tomato paste over gouda cheese grits with toasted french bread

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Jambalaya Pasta: andouille tomatoes bell pepper onion creole seasoning heavy cream & penne pasta with garlic bread

**Third course: Dessert (Choice of One)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Deep Fried Nola Bread Pudding **OR** \_\_\_\_\_ Ooey Gooley Lemon Squares

**Saturday Taste of Dockside Lunch: (Choice of One)** \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

(At Ernies Café and Oyster Bar: 821 Bayshore Dr, Niceville, FL 32578)

\_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 Muffuletta, Served with olive salad topping and a side

\_\_\_\_\_ Roast Beef Po-Boy, Served with lettuce, tomato, pickle and a side

\_\_\_\_\_ Mahi Po-Boy grilled, Lettuce, tomato, pickle and a side

**Ticket(s) for Friday Evening Concert: \$10.00 x # of Tickets** \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(at Northwest Florida State College Performing Arts Center)

(100 College Blvd, Niceville, FL, Tyler Recital Hall)

**Convention Registration:** Due by May 14, 2018 \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Late Fee after May 14, 2018** \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**VOTING DELEGATE? CLASSIFICATION (CHECK ONLY ONE)**

\_\_\_\_\_ FFMC Executive Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Club Delegate

\_\_\_\_\_ FFMC Board of Directors

\_\_\_\_\_ Junior Counselor

\_\_\_\_\_ FFMC Life Member

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual Member

**Please check if you are** **Florida Fellow**

**FFMC Past President**

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