



Sharps & Flats



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THEME: Those who wish to sing always find a song—Swedish Proverb

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SONG: "All I Ask of You"—Andrew Lloyd Webber

On a High Note From Your President

WOW! Two years of musical endeavors coming up. Many thanks for your vote of confidence in not only me but also the board. We want very much to make great strides for our scholarship and awards programs. I am counting on your support, and your willingness to participate. Thanks in advance for saying yes when I call you to be part of the team.

Many thanks to all of the Lake District members for making a successful state convention at the Rosen Plaza in Orlando. President Bonnie Hinely can be proud of a fine convention. Asking NFMC Vice Chairman Lana Bailey, accompanied by her husband Zuill, to be the National guest of honor was a plus. She gave a little history of our NFMC founder, Rose Fay Thomas. Mrs. Bailey stated that "we all can be founders for others". She also wanted us to remember that music is communication.

Accompanied by my husband, Bill, we attended the Southeastern Regional meeting at Brevard Music Center, July 8-9, in Brevard, North Carolina. There are thirteen states in the region. We were the only members from Florida. That is most unusual as Florida is usually well represented. I guess we better "communicate" here to advertise what a great summer music program is offered at Brevard. Scholarships are the reason many students can attend. More info to follow.

Looking forward to the Fall Session hosted by Royal Poinciana District at The Westin in Fort Lauderdale.

*My very best,
Connie*

Recommendations Adopted

Eighty-Seventh Annual Convention, Orlando, May 28, 2005

- That FFMC consider hosting the 2009 NFMC Biennial Convention somewhere in Florida.
- That a special committee be appointed to explore and consider the hosting of the National Convention and report back its recommendation to the General Session on Saturday.
- That the Frances Rands Berry Memorial Award for Classical Ballet be increased to \$500 for First Place and \$250 for Second Place.
- That the procedures for the FFMC Junior Convention be changed by inserting "Hymn Playing and American Patriotic/Folk Song Event"—Juniors must enter class that represents their performance level.
- That the procedures for the FFMC Junior Convention be changed by inserting—"Senior Piano Concerto Event"—Change preliminary round from seven minutes to five minutes and the entrant will choose the five minutes.
- That the procedures for the FFMC Junior Convention be changed by inserting—Junior III-B Event—The Junior Piano III-B Concerto Event auditions be held in the following format. There will be a preliminary round of a four minute audition per entrant. The entrant will choose which portions of the concerto the entrant will perform. At the close of the preliminary round the judges will choose up to five entrants to compete in the final auditions. The results of the preliminary round will be posted up to one hour before the final audition. Entrants will perform the complete movement of the final concerto in the final audition. The winners and honorable mentions will be determined by the finals audition. The time and place of the final audition will be published in the Junior Convention schedule.
- That the procedures for the FFMC Junior Convention be changed by inserting—Scholarship Award Winners—In events that have more than one scholarship award, the highest class will be invited to perform.
- That the procedures for the FFMC Junior Convention be changed by adding a rule that teachers may not charge their students in excess of the entry fee established by the FFMC. Teachers who charge an entry fee in excess of the established fee will have their membership suspended.
- That the procedures for the FFMC Junior Convention be changed so that all entry forms for the Junior Convention must be typed or computer generated. Hand written applications will no longer be accepted.
- That the procedures for the FFMC Junior Convention be changed by adding a rule that teachers will be charged \$5.00 for an incorrect entry that is submitted on the Junior Convention application form.
- That the procedures for the FFMC Junior Convention be changed by adding a rule that teachers who interrupt an audition or will not permit a Junior to audition, unless that teacher is present, will result in the disqualification of that Junior.
- Recommend we award a \$1,000 honorarium to "the computer guy" for his dedicated work.
- Recommend that \$200.00 be added to All Junior Convention Scholarship Awards for 2006. Funds will come from the 2005 Junior Convention surplus.

Calendar of Events

Sept. 16-17 Seventy-Sixth Annual Fall Session and Workshop.
The Westin, Ft. Lauderdale
Host: Royal Poinciana District

Oct. 7-8 Fifty-fifth Annual Jeanie Auditions & Ball—Stephen Foster Cultural Center, White Springs, FL. Host: St. John's District

FFMC District Meetings

Oct. 6 Suwannee—Gainesville
Oct. 9 Capital—Ft. Walton Beach
Oct. 15 Bay Ridge—Wauchula
Oct. 19 Royal Poinciana—Palm Beach
Oct. 22 Lake—Altamonte Springs
Oct. 29 Seminole—Venice
Mar. 6, 2006 St. John's—Jacksonville

National Biennial Convention

The National Biennial Convention was held June 20-27, 2005, in Austin, Texas. Florida was represented by Helen Dingus, Doyle Dingus, Michael Edwards, Suzanne Carpenter, Gretchen E. VanRoy, Rose Suggs, Marilyn Wolstenholme, Jerry Najarian, Betty Najarian, William Lill, and Connie Tuttle-Lill.

Helen Dingus surprised her husband, Doyle, at the Rose Fay Thomas Luncheon as he became a Rose Fay Thomas Fellow. He will wear that medallion proudly.

The next national meeting will be August 1-6 at the Sofitel Hotel in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

In 2007, the Biennial Convention will be held in June in Salt Lake City, Utah, followed by the Fall Session, August 2008, in Denver Colorado.

Looking ahead to June 2009 with our FFMC hosting. Won't we be proud of our state!

A Note to All

At the end of each FFMC President's term of office, it is customary to ask for monetary donations for a gift which is presented at the May convention.

Because of an oversight, we are now asking for donations from clubs and individuals. Checks should be made payable to FFMC earmarked Bonnie Hinely-President's gift. You will note in Bonnie's thank you letter of the gifts she received.

*"To: FFMC and Connie Tuttle-Lill,
President*

*Thank you so much for the beautiful Waterford crystal box with the inscription on the lid—a treasure and forever keepsake. May I also express my appreciation for the beautiful insignia. I shall wear it **proudly**. Again may I wish you well.*

Sincerely,
Bonnie Hinely"

FFMC 2006 JUNIOR COMPOSERS STATE CONTEST

Now is the time to encourage all young composer's to get their pencils going and keys playing!!!.....with new & creative compositions.

**Deadline for State
December 15, 2005**

Students, when submitting your composition, please include:

1. Completed application form signed by both teacher and student can be printed from FFMC website: www.ffmc-music.org or requested from the Junior Composer's Contest Chairman Eveline Bland, 941-924-7549, 4741 Antler Trail, Sarasota, FL. 34238 or Eveline40@aol.com.

2. Manuscript (include name, age, class, and title on composition). Student must notate on manuscript paper or can be computer generated if done by student.

3. Tapes, or CD's (required for any composition for more than one instrument, should be sent with Classes III and IV, optional for Classes I and II), if submitted, should be clearly marked with title, composer's name, age and class.

4. Entry fees:

(a) \$10.00 check written to Florida Federation of Music Clubs, Inc.

(b) If choosing to enter the Festival Cup plan, make a separate \$3.00 check to Florida Federation of Music Clubs, Inc.

5. Self-addressed stamped envelope, no smaller than 9" x 12" with sufficient postage. Manuscript, tapes and rating sheets will be returned to students in these envelopes.

Application form and fees must accompany each entry.

As a cost saving measure and a convenience option, the *Sharps and Flats* is now available online for viewing and printing. Junior Counselors and Senior individual members have been given the option of having a copy mailed to them. However, all Counselors and individual members from last year were sent this first issue. Future issues will be sent to those who checked the appropriate box on their "bill."

From the FFMC Junior Counselor— Michael Edwards

The Sixty-Eighth Annual Junior Convention was held May 6-7, 2005 at the University of North Florida. Fourteen Hundred and Eighty Juniors were registered in over 3,100 events. One hundred and ninety seven teachers were represented at this Jr. Convention. A big thank you to The Executive Director of UNF Fine Arts Center, Sharon Papion and her staff for helping to make this Junior Convention a first class event. A big thank you to Suzanne Carpenter and Kenny and Shirley Clark who worked tirelessly helping to organize this Convention, Vickie Stake and Jennifer Bent for securing judges, Gavin Taylor and Lisa Smith for securing monitors, Catherine Gavin our Strings Division Chairman, and Helen B. Neidung our Voice Chairman. Connie Tuttle-Lill represented Bonnie Hinely, our President, who was recovering from an illness. Connie did an outstanding job representing Bonnie and FFMC.

The Sixty-Ninth Annual Junior Convention will be held May 5-6, 2006 at the University of North Florida. Recommendations for the 2007 Junior Convention facilities are being accepted for consideration. The facility must include an auditorium that will seat 1000 minimum and 12 auditions rooms. These audition rooms should include at least three band-choral rooms to accommodate large numbers. This facility must have access to piano companies to meet the needs of the event. The host district must organize a committee to secure judges, monitors and work with the host facility.

Please read the recommendations that were approved at the FFMC Spring Session. Several of these recommendations will affect the 2006 Junior Convention. An updated Junior Convention Procedures Manual can be located online at ffmc-music.org.

The FFMC Junior Officers for 2005-2006

President: Esther Wang

Vice President: Christine Pao

Secretary: Catherine Pao

Treasurer: Joyce Wang

Parliamentarian: Julianne Edwards

2005 FFMC Junior Convention Awards:

Gold Cup Senior Concerto Scholarship:
Mara Valmonte—\$1,100.00

All Performance Award: Milena Pajaro-van de Stadt—\$600.00

Mary Elizabeth Land Awards:
Senior Piano Concerto—First Place,
Katherine Shen—\$400.00

Senior Piano Concerto—Second Place,
Alan Clark—\$300.00

Irene Muir Memorial Award: Esther Wang—
\$400.00

Vi Kinsman Memorial Award:
Junior III B Piano Concerto—First Place, Eric
Guo—\$300.00

Ruth B. Lockmiller Memorial Award:
Junior III B Piano Concerto—Second Place,
Vivia Chengshi—\$200.00

Junior III A Piano Concerto Award:
Kevin Sierra—\$200.00

Senior Violin Concerto Award:
Paishiun Nelson Hsieh—\$300.00

Violin Solo Advanced II Award:
Caitlin Lowery—\$200.00

Richard Lorleberg Memorial Violincello Award:
Nicole Cragin—\$300.00

Florida Summer Music Camp Award:
Annsley Edwards—\$300.00

Robert Smith Memorial Award:
Piano Solo Musically Advanced II: Esther
Wang—\$300.00

Casey Lisk Memorial Award:
Piano Solo Musically Advanced I: Winner,
Polina Gubnitskaia—\$200.00

Junior Award for Outstanding Violist:
Brett Walfish—\$200.00

Junior Award for Musically Outstanding Voice:
Ana Capaldo—\$200.00

Eleanore Billy Gronlund Hymn Playing Award:
Bryant Miano—\$200.00

Betty Najarian Patriotic/Folksong Award:
Christina Lai—\$200.00

2005 FFMC Music Week Essay Contest
7th and 8th Grade Winners
Doreen Xu— \$50.00 savings bond
Ashley Christina Messenger

2005 FFMC Composition Winners
Level One:
Winner, Hao Zhou—\$20.00
Honorable Mention, Matthew Yang—\$10.00

Level Two:
Winner, Alexis Graw—\$25.00
Honorable Mention: Molly Banks—\$15.00

Level Three:
Winner, Alan Clark—\$30.00
Honorable Mention, Katelyn Hever—\$20.00

Level Four:
Winner, Brian Cheng—\$35.00
Honorable Mention, Alexander Sancho—
\$25.00

NFMC National Composition Winner Level 3

(Ages 13-15): Alan Clark



On a sad note -

Our Oldest Member of Florida Federation of Music Clubs, Inc., Ruth Deluca, who taught music for 81 years, died in Sarasota just two months before her 100th birthday. Ruth was born in Emporia, Kansas and studied piano, violin, and viola. She received her B.S. Degree from Kansas State Teachers College, and opened her music studio in Sarasota in 1937. She continued teaching until she retired in 2001. Ruth became a member of the FFMC in the early forties.

I studied piano with her for 9 years. I can remember taking the bus with her and her daughter to Miami to attend the Jr. Federation Convention. The festival was very important to her and her students. After I became a piano teacher, Ruth and I worked on many projects, promoting music, and the Festival in Sarasota.

Ten years ago, our local newspaper did a lovely tribute to her. It closed with "Mrs. Deluca symbolizes the music teacher whose students come first by all standards".

Submitted by,
Marian Cox
President, Seminole District

Pertinent Information

- National Music Week Themes:
May 7-14—"Music . . . A Great Joy in Life" 2006
May 6-13—"Music . . . Lifts All of Our Spirits Worldwide" 2007
- Ellis Duo Piano Competition:
March 30-31, 2007, Converse College, Spartanburg, S.C.
- Elected FFMC Officers for 2005-2007
President: Connie Tuttle-Lill
Vice President: Anne Sharpe Cruخت
Recording Secretary: Nancy Jontz
Treasurer: Suzanne Lapham Carpenter
National Board Member Representing Florida: Michael Edwards
National Board Member At-Large: Helen Dingus



Make Reservations Now

The Seventy-Sixth Annual Jeanie Auditions & Ball will be held Friday and Saturday, October 7-8, 2005. It is held at the Stephen Foster Cultural Center. Now is the time to make reservations for the hotel. Chairman Helen Wooden has negotiated special rates at two local hotels.

— Lake City Days Inn—I-75 north to I-10 Exit 303. US 441 and turn right. \$47.00 + tax which includes a deluxe continental breakfast. Phone 386-758-4224 asking for Mr. or Mrs. Patel and mention FFMC Jeanie & Ball.

Or

— Scottish Inn—I-75 exit 84 at County Road 136
\$42.00 + tax—Phone 386-397-2155 and mention FFMC Jeanie for the special rate.

— On Saturday, immediately following the auditions, lunch will be served in Nellie Bly's Kitchen at a cost of \$10.00 payable at the door. Here you will be able to meet and greet the Jeanie Contestants.

— There is still time for senior clubs to sponsor a Jeanie Candidate. The deadline is September 24th, 2005. Please contact Chairman, Helen Wooden at hjnhw48@juno.com.

Don't forget your dancing shoes as Vicki Stake our St. John's District President will be at the piano with Judy Steinmeyer on the violin providing very danceable music.



**If I were not a physicist,
I would probably be a musician.
I often think in music. I live my
daydreams in music. I see my
life in terms of music.**

—Albert Einstein

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