



Sharps & Flats



An Official Publication of the Florida Federation of Music Clubs

Theme: "Music is Tonic for the Soul"

Song: "It is Well with My Soul"

News and Notes from our President, Claudia Brill:

Welcome to the new season of gathering together and promoting the study and performance of music, song, and dance. Many thanks to all of you who worked so diligently and passionately last season to accomplish our mission.

We had a very successful FFMC State Convention that was held in Jacksonville June 24-25th. Thanks to St. Johns District for wonderful programming and musical events.

Cheryl Poe, past FFMC President, and I attended the NFM C Conference in Indianapolis June 13-18. Serving as your first year in office as president I learned a great deal. The programs and musical events were spectacular and we came away full of ideas for FFMC. We learned of outreach programs that really sparked our interest. As a result we have set up a grant for outreach projects in our state. We hope many of the Senior Clubs will participate. This outreach project is for underserved elementary students to help with equipment and/or lessons in music, voice, and dance. There is in our state budget \$2,000 available to assist in this project.

Esther Umansky-Roth, Festival Chair, has volunteered to redesign our website. It should be up and running soon. We are so grateful to her for her expertise and time.

I wish all of you a very successful year and look forward to seeing everyone at the District Meetings.

Musically yours,
Claudia Brill

NFMC Competitions and Awards - - - Help Spread the Word!!!

The National Federation of Music Clubs (NFMC) offers more than \$750,000 in competition and award prizes on the local, state, and national level. The Biennial Young Artist and Ellis Duo-Pianists competitions award a total of \$92,000 in awards and two years of performance bookings. Additional competitions are sponsored by the Federation in a wide range of categories, including voice, instrumental music, composition, dance, conducting, handicapped and visually impaired, and music therapy. Contact the chair of the competition for specific details.

NFMC also sponsors more than 38 annual and biennial awards for students desiring to attend the 20 sponsored Summer Music Centers. Refer to the NFMC Awards Chart (CA 20-1) for more information <https://www.nfmc-music.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/CA-20-1.pdf>

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS


Bay Ridge.....Vacant
 Capital..... Sharleen Williams
 Lake..... Lisa Moore
 Royal Poinciana..... Chai L. Chien
 St. Johns.....Connie Lill
 Seminole..... Vacant
 Suwannee.....Chery Poe



LET'S CELEBRATE STRINGS

The NFMCA Arts Division is pleased to announce that the NFMCA Board of Directors recently approved the name change from Crusade for Strings to *Celebrate Strings*. NFMCA established the awards as incentive for exceptional efforts by senior and junior clubs to encourage performances and appreciation of string music among the members of NFMCA and in their communities, support a local school orchestra program, bring in guest performers, offer master classes, workshops, or string scholarships.

Join us as we CELEBRATE STRINGS in the 2022-23 club year. NFMCA reports AR 3-1 and AR 3-2 list suggested activities, ideas, and programs. Senior Clubs can apply for monetary awards (10 at \$100 each) for outstanding string programs and projects. Junior Clubs are eligible to apply for funding (10 awards at \$25 each). Mail report by April 1, 2023.



Send in your club news for the next issue of *Sharps & Flats* by deadline February 1

Fund for the Advancement of Musical Arts

Perhaps your local organization has an idea for a musical outreach project in mind? Consider submitting an application to the NFMCA Fund for the Advancement of Musical Arts (FAMA). The grants are non-renewable and are not intended to support ongoing projects. New grant applicants will receive priority over previous grant recipients, and preference will be given to community projects that strengthen music education/music appreciation in the United States. Send in Form FI 11-1 by **May 1**. Include your project description which identifies expected results (goals), duration, detailed budget with specific expense estimates along with a short biography.

VIVACE-NFMCA Festivals Management System

Esther Umansky-Roth

Florida state is now fully in Vivace, enjoying less paperwork and trips to the post office during the busy Festival season! Being one of the largest states, with over 6,600 Junior Festival entries in 2022, Vivace streamlined the application process by tracking student entries, history and cup points all in one place.

Many teachers and area chairs agree that it has helped avoid errors in choosing repertoire and class selection. Keeping up with class correlations can be tedious, especially for studios with many juniors entering multiple events, but Vivace helps keep those choices correct. In addition, Festival Area Chairs can easily set fees and send out invoices. Our Area Chairs were most excited about being able to automatically generate JR 3-3 reports with the click of a button. If you haven't tried inputting ratings using a handheld scanner, you're missing out! It is one of our favorite features - very convenient and easy to use, allowing teachers to check their results promptly!

Though it took some adjusting, teachers found NFMCA's tutorials quite helpful, and we host Zoom Conferences to offer added support. Overall, Florida is growing and happy for the convenience that Vivace offers

2023 NFMC Lynn Freeman Olson Composition Awards

Lisa Smith, NFMC Chair

Do you know a talented young composer? If so, please encourage them to enter the 2023 NFMC Lynn Freeman Olson Composition Competition. The Lynn Freeman Olson Composition Awards are given biennially in odd numbered years. The applicants must be nonprofessionals whose works have not been previously published for the purpose of general public use or sales.

Applicants must have current membership in the National Federation of Music Clubs and may enroll as Individual members by visiting www.nfmc-music.org/payment (\$13 for entrants younger than age 18 and \$16 for entrants ages 18 through 25). Applicants must be at the appropriate age/grade level and be studying in some area of music at the time of the application closing date (March 1) of the year of entry. There are three different categories and awards based on age/grade:

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| • Intermediate: Grades 7-8-9 at application date | \$ 500.00* |
| • High School: Grades 10-11-12 at application closing date | \$1,000.00* |
| • Advanced: High School graduates through age 25 at application closing date | \$1,500.00* |

*In the event of financial shortfalls, advertised award amounts may be adjusted. Applicants would be notified of the award change.

Only one composition may be entered any given award year and applicants who receive awards are not permitted to enter the same category a second time. Applicants who receive awards and whose compositions are subsequently published cannot re-enter the competition. It is important to note that solo/ensemble arrangements and ensemble settings of standard works are not eligible. All award recipients will be notified on May 18th of the award year.

Each applicant must submit the JR 8-2 application and additional required materials postmarked by March 1st to the national chair. Exceptions will not be granted to this deadline. Additionally, applications will not be accepted more than one month prior to the postmark deadline.

For more information, please visit nfmc-music.org and download form JR 8-1 as well as the application JR 8-2.

Looking Ahead: NFMC Summer Music Center Awards are available to qualified applicants ages 9-25. Listed below are the four Summer Music Centers in our Southeastern Region:

- Brevard Music Center, Brevard NC
- Eastern Music Center, Greensboro NC
- Stephen Collins Foster Music Camp, Richmond KY
- Sewanee Music Center Festival. Sewanee TN

Each of these centers offer monetary awards ranging from \$600 to \$2,500.

<https://www.nfmc-music.org/competitionscategory/summer-music-centers/>

NFMC Theory Event

Theory Time offers 15 levels of music theory workbooks, Level A through Level 12, which serve as the official study material for the NFMC Festivals Program Theory Event. The workbooks are available from theorytime.com, your local music dealer or other online stores. Use the coupon code **SAVE20** at theorytime.com for 20% off all Theory Time workbooks. See page 436 in the NFMC Festivals Bulletin for a curriculum guide.

The new A & B levels are pre-music readers and coordinate with the new NFMC Levels A & B theory tests. The Primer workbook is the official study material for Level C. Only students 8 years of age or younger on the testing day may test in the A, B, or C levels. To find the Pre-Music readers, look under CATEGORIES at theorytime.com.

Workbooks may be purchased separately or in group bundles to save time. Theory Time is offering three free video courses in the Theory Time Online Academy (TTOA). Send an email to Heather Rathnau at info@theorytime.com and mention this article.

Get involved! Teaching music theory will elevate everything you do in your studio!

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NFMC LIABILITY INSURANCE

All FFMC events must have NFMC liability insurance. District and Senior Club Presidents and Treasurers must send in the signed disclaimer form to Linda Blessing, Chair musicbless@aol.com. The notarized signature on this form ensures that each event under FFMC auspices will have liability insurance. The forms are on our website.

Reminder: if you have not yet sent it in, please do so promptly. Should the organization choose NOT to purchase this liability coverage, an event cannot be considered as having any connection to FFMC.

PLEASE NOTE: If not paid, the area will not receive any support from FFMC for the Festival or recording of Federation Cup Points. No insurance = No points!

GLEN AND BARBARA SMERAGE - \$2,500

Chamber Music Competition

An award of \$2,500 shall be given to the winner of the Glen and Barbara Smerage Chamber Music Competition at the annual FFMC Junior Convention. The award is intended to incentivize and promote significant, life-long performance of chamber music by FFMC Junior members (students age 18 and below).

The Glen and Barbara Smerage Chamber Music Competition shall be an annual event at the FFMC Junior Convention. Eligible ensembles shall register for the Glen and Barbara Smerage Chamber Music Competition. An ensemble of which the majority of its members won this Competition previously is not eligible to compete again. The ensemble winning this Competition shall receive the Glen and Barbara Smerage Chamber Music Award of \$2,500. Award is to be divided among winning ensemble members.

Current Eligible Events

- String Trio (violin, viola, cello)
- String Quartet (two violins, viola, and cello)
- Piano/String Quartet (piano, violin, viola, and cello)
- Piano Trio I (piano, violin, cello)
- Piano Trio II (piano, flute, cello)
- Piano Trio III (piano, clarinet, and viola)

Qualified entrants must receive superior rating in their chamber music event at the local Festival. An ensemble eligible for the Glen and Barbara Smerage Chamber Music Competition shall be the most advanced trio or quartet of diverse instruments defined in Chamber Music Events in the current Festivals Bulletin of the National Federation of Music Clubs, 1646 W Smith Valley Road, Greenwood, IN 46142.

2023 FFMC FRANCES RANDS BEERY BALLET AWARDS - DEADLINE MARCH 1, 2023

Next year's Frances Rands Beery Ballet Awards is coming up - APRIL 22, 2023 at 10 am at Highlands School of Dance (6929 Old Highway 37, Lakeland, FL 33811). Florida male and female ballet students between the ages of 12 and 18 are eligible for awards - First \$750, Second \$250, Honorable Mention \$25. The deadline to apply is **MARCH 1, 2023**.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.ffmc-music.org/ballet.htm>

THE DR. ISABELLA LAUDE DANCE PLAQUE AWARD - DEADLINE APRIL 15, 2023

The deadline for the Dr. Isabella Laude Dance Award is coming up - **APRIL 15, 2023!** Senior clubs that include dance in their club programs are eligible to win **\$100 CASH** plus a dance plaque. Programs can include international, classical, folk or modern dance, or awarding scholarships or other programs to promote dance. Send the report of your program to: Dr. Monica Laude, FFMC Dance Chairman, 444 Seminole Rd, Babson Park, FL 33827 or via email: ballet@ffmc-music.org **APPLY BEFORE APRIL 15, 2023.**

2022 FFMC State Convention, Jacksonville

The 102nd FFMC State Convention was held June 23, 24, 25, 2022 at the Holiday Inn Express, 10573 Brightman Boulevard, Jacksonville. It was hosted by the Saint Johns District, co-chaired by Connie Lill and Vickie Stake. Registrar was Susan Reed.

Our 9' Yamaha Concert grand was provided by Jack Melvin owner of Keyboard Connection in Jacksonville. Our opening ceremonies began with a welcome from our state President Claudia Brill followed by Harmony Music Club member and composer André Ferreira accompanying Daniel Pesante, vocalist, singing our national anthem and performing American works.

Wanda Sims, CP, is Welcomed

Wanda Sims, president of the National Association of Parliamentarians from Kissimmee, Florida has become the new certified parliamentarian for FFMC. She served as the official parliamentarian at the FFMC State Convention held in June 2022. As a professional registered parliamentarian, Wanda has experience serving as a parliamentarian and providing advice on parliamentary procedure, including marketing strategy, developing, revising, and amending bylaws, and conducting procedure workshops for local governments, civic organizations, and churches and overseeing elections.

She has a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Spelman College, Atlanta, Ga and a master's degree in organization development and human resources from Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD. In 2016, she retired from the federal government Communications Commission. Wanda will be serving as parliamentarian at the 103rd FFMC State Convention scheduled for June 22, 23, 24, 2023 in Sarasota. Mark your calendar now

Performers and Presenters at 102ND FFMC Senior Convention



Isabelle Scott



Dr. Jerome Lowe, Chaplain



Elaine Knight - NFMC



Matthew Phan, Piano



Good, Better, Best Jazz Trio



Sarah Park



Valeria Aviles



Joshua Manuel



Natalie Taunton

Hurrah! Bette Broward Hunting Is Number 55

What do you mean by that, you are asking? At our FFMC 102nd Convention in Jacksonville, Florida, Bette Broward Hunting had the surprise of her life. Her daughter, Tina Gant, presented Bette with her very own FFMC Florida Fellows medallion and lapel pin. She had no idea that this was going to happen. Bette Hunting founded the Suzuki Music Institute in Maitland and has taught piano for over fifty years.



Bette Broward Hunting, our newest Florida Fellow with Bill and Connie Lill, Chair

Bette has held many positions in her local Orlando Music Club, including President. She also served as Lake Central Festival Chair and the Lake District President.

Who will be #56? It could be YOU! The Florida Fellows Fund was established in 2001 at the May FFMC convention by Dr. Isabella Laude. A tax-deductible donation of \$1,000 will be added by a donor for the Operating Endowment Fund. For further information, contact Connie Lill, chair.

Congratulations to FFMC Member of the Year!

Esther Umansky-Roth.

Esther has done an excellent job as the State Festivals and Junior Division Chairs. She has spent countless hours working with teachers for area festivals and the Junior Convention.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



National Music Week is May 7-14, 2023

Theme:

“Music ... A Worldwide Adventure”

CONGRATULATIONS! NFMC is celebrating its 125th Anniversary - - - Save the date for the 2023 Convention:

June 13-17, 2023

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel

777 Waterside Drive

Norfolk, Virginia 23510

103RD FFMC Senior Convention - 2023

This year's FFMC Senior Convention is scheduled for June 22, 23, and 24 and will be hosted by **Seminole District**. It will be held at the Carlisle Inn, 3727 Bahia Vista St, Sarasota, FL 34232. Make plans to attend! (FFMC offers \$100 incentive to District and Senior Club presidents.)

2023 Southeast Region Weekend

Elaine Knight

The NFMC 2023 Southeast Region Weekend will be held July 7 & 8 at Brevard Music College in North Carolina. This year's event will be hosted by Louisiana. Brevard is a beautiful venue. We work on SE Region Business and enjoy first-rate musical performances in the open-air Auditorium. *If Florida members are interested in attending the 2023 Brevard Festival, let's make travel arrangements. If necessary, a van can be rented. Watch for more news in the next edition of Sharps & Flats. Email: eknight@utm.edu*

FFMC DISTRICT NEWS**BAY RIDGE DISTRICT**

Friday Morning Musicale in Tampa received two Steinway Grand Pianos donated by Cole Clayton. To celebrate this donation the Junior Friday Morning Musicale presented a Celebration Concert featuring Guest Pianist Rubin Celiberti on January 15, 2022. If you check the Florida Federation of Music Club Facebook page you will have access to a Fox 13 news video of the club receiving the pianos. This was posted on December 31, 2021.

Lakeland Music Club - A Centennial Celebration! The Lakeland Music Club (formerly the Tuesday Music Club) celebrated its 100th birthday (1921-2021) on December 14th, 2021 at the United Woman's Club Clubhouse, Lakeland, FL.

Kathryn Harrison, the Centennial Chairperson, organized a fantastic program. A proclamation was given by the Mayor of Lakeland, Bill Mutz. A "Memory Lane" presentation was given by Rebecca Renfroe Borneman. Music was performed by the Musical Theatre Junior and Senior Choruses from Harrison School of the Arts. Imperial Symphony Orchestra Harpist Dolly Roberts performed. The Harrison Jazz Combo from Harrison School of Arts performed.

The musical presentations were excellent and so enjoyed by the large audience present. Librarian Supervisor for the Lakeland Library, Lou Ann Mims, showcased the Lakeland Music Club Special Collections. A beautifully decorated cake and coffee were served.

LAKE DISTRICT – Lisa Moore

The Lake District luncheon meeting and elections will be held on November 5 in Orlando. We look forward to a visit from Claudia Brill, our FFMC State President. Musical performances are set to include NFMC winner Safin Karim, Martha Mack Junior Vocalist, Jonathan Wang, Piano, and Ethan Minsel, Violin. With four active senior clubs, Lake is one of the largest in the State, and still growing! We are looking forward to a promising year with teachers in all four festival areas ready to utilize Vivace, the NFMC online festivals management system. The Orlando Music Club will be holding Founders Day in January: to celebrate NFMC 125 years strong with both Piano and Strings Award Competitions this spring,

ROYAL POINCIANA DISTRICT - Chai L. Chien

The Royal Poinciana District held their annual meeting and elections via Zoom on the evening of October 9th: Claudia Brill was guest speaker. We held a "Celebration of Life" for Catherine Gavin who we lost this past February. Catherine was instrumental in keeping our festival running smoothly for decades. Her devotion to making the festival happen every year is commendable and she deserves a party with friends as she wanted. So, we made her request happen on Oct 9th. chaimusicevents@gmail.com.

**SAINT JOHNS DISTRICT – Connie Lill
Harmony Music Club**

Our Harmony Music Club and Saint Johns District got underway with its First General Meeting of the season on Wednesday, September 28, 2022. We always begin with bagels, donuts, juice, and of course, coffee. We are a large district via miles, so we chose to have a virtual option.

Our state president, Claudia Brill will be our featured speaker at our annual district meeting/luncheon at Seasons 52 in Town Center, Jacksonville on October 14th. Entertainment will follow plus our 50/50 raffle. We will be sponsoring at least one voice candidate at the FFMC Collegiate Vocal Competition being held January 28, 2023, at the historic Thomas Center in Gainesville. Our Saint Johns District 2023 Festival will be held February 24 to February 25 in Jacksonville at the First Baptist Church. The second site is on February 18th at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Palm Coast. We are extremely pleased with two sites to include more students and teachers in the south of our district. As President, I am happy to be on board with this great group. Always remember, through music, we can nurture long lasting friendships.

Connie Lill, 561-703-7333, connielill@cltuttle.com

SUWANNEE DISTRICT – Cheryl Poe
FOUNDATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF MUSIC

Plans of Work: 2022-23

Submitted by Linda Blessing, FPM Senior Club
President and

Cheryl Poe, Suwannee District President.
thefpm.org.

FB: Foundationforthepromotionofmusic.com

Suwannee District Foundation for the Promotion of Music and Caring and Sharing Charter Elementary School have launched an outreach project that will offer music lessons to under-served elementary students. The pilot project is made possible by funds from The Foundation for the Promotion of Music, and hopefully, a matching grant from FFMC.

Calendar of Events:

September 23, 2022-New member recruitment/Suwannee District Meeting, Gainesville

October 16, 2022-Guest Artist Recital-“Inside the Great American Songbook” featuring R. Gary Langford, Emeritus Professor University of Florida - The Historic Thomas Center, Gainesville

November 19, 2022-Piano Sonata/Sonatina Festival Competition- Auditions via YouTube

November 20, 2022-Stellar Student Winners Recital-The Historic Thomas Center, Gainesville

January 28, 2023-FFMC Collegiate Vocal Competition-The Historic Thomas Center, Gainesville

February 10-12 and 24-26, 2023-Suwannee District Junior Festival-Gainesville

February 26, 2023-Guest Artist Recital and Musician of the Year Award - The Historic Thomas Center, Gainesville

April 2, 2023-Spring Recital- featuring student winners of the Betsy Schnell Piano Award, the Dorothy Reaves Strings Award, the Sarah Baird Fouse Woodwind Award and the William Dishman Brass Award at The Historic Thomas Center in Gainesville.

Collegiate Vocal Competition

Entry Deadline Approaching!

Attention All Senior Clubs. Now is the time to add this line item to your budget. The application due date for vocal students entering our vocal competition is December 20, 2022. It would be grand if all or many clubs would select a candidate and sponsor that candidate. It works like this. The college vocal performance major must be a female, age 17 not yet 23 or a male, age 18 not yet 24 by the competition date of January 28, 2023. The sponsorship cost includes \$75.00 application fee and \$75.00 accompanist fee plus expenses for transportation, food, and lodging for one night at a local hotel. The student will provide their own black performance outfit.

2022 WINNERS



LEFT TO RIGHT: Jabari Lewis, Jennifer Lamont, Cecilia Malley, Andrew Kapsar

The competition will be held on Saturday, **January 28, 2023**, at the historic Thomas Center, Gainesville, Florida. Students will meet at 9:00 am for briefing with start time at 11:00 am. A “Southern Style” Tea/luncheon will be held following the competition. A crowning award ceremony and concert will include our 2022 award winning performer, Cecilia Malley (sponsored by Choctaw Bay Music Club in the Capital District. Loretta Hake, President) and Andrew Kaspar (sponsored by the Sarasota Music Club, Janet Jackson President).

Please contact Connie Lill (Chair) – (561) 703-7333 for more details or if in need of a candidate. All members are invited to attend this event. Remember, all performers need cheering on and an audience to perform for. Applications for 2023 are posted on the FFMC website. Also, please contact Connie if you would like to be on the committee????

CUP ACHIEVEMENTS - - - 2022 TOP CUPS

GRAND CUPS (75 points)

Aidan Bai: Piano Solo / Ivanka Stefanov
 Catherine Du: Piano Solo / Zalina Gurevich
 Jan "Honza" Melia: Piano Solo / Kenji Suganuma
 Atharva Pathak: Violin Solo / Stewart Kitts
 Norrich Pongkeasorn: Piano Solo / Jae Jung
 Hannah Shen: Piano Solo / Zalina Gurevich
 Stacy Tran: Piano Solo / Kenji Suganuma
 Shana Xia: Piano Solo / Maria Gomez
 Megan Yang: Piano Solo / Irena Kofman
 Elizabeth Zhu: Piano Solo / Maria Gomez

60-Point Cup Recipients

Shannan Adams: Piano Solo / Cynthia Creel
 Aidan Bai: Theory / Ivanka Stefanov
 Will Berg: Piano Solo / Bradley Gant
 William Luke Borick: Piano Solo / Loretta Hake
 Meghna Bukkaptnam: Violin Solo / Yan Lu
 Adam Cheng: Piano Solo / Olga Glick
 Anna Esmond: Piano Solo / Betty Atkinson
 Sofia Guico: Violin Solo / Jennifer Guzman
 Connie Huang: Piano Solo / Zalina Gurevich
 Jacob Lavra: Piano Solo / Mara Lauzums
 Asher Lee: Sight Play-Piano / Maria Gomez
 Alan W. Li: Piano Solo / Kamila Shahtakhtinski
 Alexandra Lin: Piano Solo / Aida Ribeiro-Mechetti
 Casey Lin: Piano Solo / Laura King
 Bradley Long: Piano Solo / Diana Heller
 Jessica Lu: Piano Solo / Ruth Lewis
 Sarah Park: Violin Solo / Sonja Foster
 Ian Peiris: Piano Solo / Vickie Stake
 Matthew Phan: Piano Solo / Peggy Edwards
 Erik Pruet: Piano Solo / Debbie Carter
 Steven Michael Savoie: Piano Solo / Loretta Hake
 Yanna Sorokoumova: Hymn / Zalina Gurevich
 Josephine Tu: Piano Solo / Zalina Gurevich
 Nathan Wei: Piano Solo / Lisa Smith
 William Wilkinson: Piano Solo / Gavin Taylor
 Samuel Wu: Piano Solo / Kenji Suganuma

FFMC Junior Composition

Lisa Moore, Chair

composition@ffmc-music.org

Do you know any talented young composers? Suggest they consider entering their creative work in the FFMC Junior Composition Contest. Each entrant will receive valuable feedback to help them hone their craft.

To request rules and application for 2023, please contact Lisa Moore: composition@ffmc-music.org. Membership is required. Entry materials are to be submitted "online" via the NFMC portal by December 15. Entry fee of \$30 is to be paid directly to NFMC. Add \$6 more to include the gold cup fee.

Florida had 13 entries submitted by our creative junior composers this year. What a wonderful set of pieces. Congratulations to the FFMC winning entrants below whose submissions advanced to the Southeast Region.

Junior I (ages 9 and under)

No entries

Junior II (ages 10-12)

1st - \$200: Grace Fernainy
 Teacher, Lucy Warren

Junior III (ages 13-15)

1st - \$400: Elias Fernainy
 Teacher, Lucy Warren

2nd - \$250: Vito Geraci
 Teacher, August Berger

Junior IV (ages 16-18)

1st - \$500: Albert Wang
 Teacher, Maria Gomez

2nd - \$350: Ian Peiris
 Teacher, Vickie Stake

NFMC/FFMC Essay Contest

Amy Duncan, Chair

Theme for the 2022 FFMC/NFMC Essay Contests was *“Music ... is Inspiration”*.

A big thank you to the teachers who encouraged their students to take part in this event! We had 19 juniors submit essays, representing nine teachers from across our state.

The 7th–8th Grade 1st place winner was Braeden Brigham of Pensacola (Teacher: Edward Varela). The 2nd place winner was Amelia Dille of Lithia (Teacher: Suzanna Herman).

The 9th–12th Grade 1st place winner was Sarah Park of Jacksonville (Teacher: Sonja Foster). The 2nd place winner was Darrell Christopher Dunham of Pensacola (Teacher: Edward Varela).

First place winners were awarded \$150.00.
Second place winners were awarded \$100.00.

The NFMC winner for the state of Florida was Rachel Nicholson (Teacher: Suzanne Herman). The NFMC state winners are published in the Spring edition of the NFMC Junior Keynotes and are awarded \$75.00.

Please encourage your students to enter the essay contests this fall!

The theme for the 2023 Essay Contest is:

“Music ... is a Worldwide Adventure”.

TWO DEADLINES:

The deadline for FFMC entries is **December 15**.
For details, visit <https://ffmc-music.org/essay.htm>

The deadline for NFMC entries is **January 10**.
For details:
<https://www.nfmc-music.org/?s=essay+contest>

FFMC Junior State Convention 2023

Friday, May 5 – Saturday, May 6
University of South Florida, Tampa

Questions:

jr.convention@ffmc-music.org

Updated 2023 Entry Fees:

Teacher fee: \$25
1-2 events: \$35
3-4 events: \$50
5-6 events: \$65
7-8 events: \$80

Information for those who wish to contribute:

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ffmc-music.org

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**We Have an FFMC State Election Coming Up
at the FFMC State Convention in June, 2023**

**Lisa Smith is the Nominating Committee
Chair. Check bylaws for qualifications.**