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Official Call to the 2005 State Convention

April 8 & 9, 2005

St. John's Lutheran Church
600 Sixth Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309



IFMC Welcomes Members to the Biennial State Convention

Calling all members of Iowa Federation of Music Clubs to attend the state Biennial Convention and Election of Officers on Friday and Saturday, April 8 & 9, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 600 Sixth Avenue, Des Moines, IA.

The featured performer will be 2003 NFMC Young Artist Winner, pianist Zarina Melik-Stepanova. She will open the convention with a concert on Friday evening at the church.

Joining us at the two-day event will be Heidi Olson-Hong, chairman of the NFMC Council of State Presidents. Heidi has revised the NFMC Orientation and Leadership manual and will share ideas to grow leadership in your local club.

Saturday, April 9 is our IFMC Youth Day. Activities traditionally include the Summer Campship Award Auditions, Sonatina-Sonata Festival, in the morning and an Honors Recital in the afternoon featuring students who have received 3, 6, 9, or 12 consecutive superiors at Festivals the last two years, winners of the morning Campship Auditions and Sonatina-

Sonata festival, and winners of the 2005 Composition competition.

The annual IFMC Business meeting and election of officers will be held at the noon buffet luncheon on Saturday. This is your opportunity to participate in the organization's leadership and receive an accounting of the past years IFMC activities.

Dianne Lawson, a past Adult Award recipient (1995), will start Saturday out on a beautiful note with a piano solo and singing of the Federation Hymn. A new event at this convention will be a recital on Saturday evening of past recipients of the IFMC Adult Continuing Education Awards. Lucinda Lear (1999 & 2002) and Kim Reisinger (1994 & 1998) will appear together as vocalist/accompanist and in an organ/piano duet, Valerie McInroy (2004) and Jo Arthur will perform piano duets, and Lois Vander Zee (2002) and Kim Reisinger will perform works from their organ recitals. The recital will be held in the church sanctuary, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Winners of the 2005

Student Collegiate Competitions, to be announced in March, will also be invited to perform on Saturday evening's concert.

Conventioneers can reserve a room at the nearby Marriott Hotel and conveniently walk between church and motel. Friday and Saturday evening meals will be catered to the church.

Plan to have an enjoyable time meeting your fellow teachers from across Iowa in support of the goals and functions of IFMC, to encourage and support your students in pursuit of music.

**VISIT the new
IFMC website!**
www.ifmc-music.org



Convention Schedule of Events

Friday, April 8, 2005

- 3:00-4:00 PM** Registration at St. John's Lutheran Church
- 7:00-7:30 PM** Registration at St. John's Lutheran Church
- 5:30 PM** Dinner: Special Guest Heidi Olson-Hong, NFMC Council of State President's Chairman
- 7:30 PM** Concert by pianist Zarina Melik-Stepanova (sanctuary).
- Following Concert** Reception hosted by Des Moines Junior Counselors Club

Saturday, April 9, 2005

- 7:30 - 9:00 AM** Executive Board Meeting.
(Continental Breakfast & coffee)
- 8:30 AM - noon** Registration.
- 9:00-12:00** Youth Day activities: Campship auditions, Sonatina/Sonata Festival, (detailed schedule available at registration)
- 9:00-10:15 AM** Opening: Federation Hymn & piano solo – Dianne Lawson
"Leadership & NFMC"--Heidi Olson-Hong
- 10:30-10:50 AM** "From a Judge's Point of View" --Jeanne Lueders (synopsis of presentation by Dr. Mia Hynes at National Convention).
- 11:45-1:30 PM** Noon buffet luncheon in Weertz Fellowship Hall.
Business meeting/Election of 2005-2007 IFMC officers.
- 2:00 PM** Honors Recital (chapel)
- 5:30 PM** Dinner and Installation of officers, led by Heidi Olson-Hong.
- 7:30 PM** Recital of IFMC Adult Continuing Education Award recipients (sanctuary).
Lucinda Lear, vocal
Valerie McInroy & Jo Arthur, piano duets
Kim Reisinger, organ
Lucinda Lear & Kim Reisinger, organ-piano
Lois Vander Zee, organ
2005 Iowa Student Collegiate Winners

Youth Day activities at the IFMC Convention Saturday, April 9, 2005

Dawn Steggerda

Junior Division Chair

IFMC Youth Day offers performance opportunities for the youth of our state. Students are welcome to participate in the **Honors Recital, Sonata/Sonatina Festival, and Summer Campship Auditions.**

Youth who have participated in their local Junior Festivals and achieved honors are welcome to come and perform in our **Honors**

Recital. Students who have received 3, 6, 9, or 12+ consecutive Superior ratings during the 2004 or 2005 Festivals are honored.

Auditions for the **Sonata/Sonatina Festival** are open to any student studying with an IFMC teacher. Entrants may play one, two or all three movements of a sonata/sonatina provided it stays within the time limits. Awards for each level will be \$25 for first place

and \$15 for second place.

IFMC Summer Campship Auditions are held annually. Five summer music campship awards, up to \$300 each, will be offered to attend a summer music camp.

See the enclosed entry form for details on each event.

2005 IFMC Convention Registration & Meal Reservations

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

email _____ Telephone _____

Registration fee does **NOT** include meals. **Reservations are due by April 2, 2005.**

Number		Cost	Total Amount
Registration			
	Registration for 2 days For all concerts, workshops, and events on Friday and Saturday.	\$75.00	\$
	Registration for 1 day For all workshops and events on Saturday only.	\$50.00	\$
Meals: Please indicate the number attending each meal. Spouses are welcome.			
	Friday banquet chicken tetrazzini, house green salad, rolls, carrot cake, soda, bottled water. (Catered by Palmer's Deli)	\$11.50	\$
	Saturday noon buffet luncheon Parents and students are also invited. Teachers: make reservations for them and indicate number attending on Junior Day Registration form. Do not include on this form. Catered by J. Benjamin's, Too. Includes soup, sandwiches (focaccia bread, meats, cheeses), tossed salad, soda.	\$6.00	\$
	Saturday evening dinner	\$9.50	\$
	Total for registration and meals		\$

Send registration form and payment to: Lois Vander Zee, IFMC Convention Chair
741 2nd St. Circle SE
Sioux Center, IA 51250.

***Checks should be made payable to IFMC (Iowa Federation of Music Clubs). Deadline for registration: April 2, 2005. Questions: call Lois Vander Zee (712 722-0331) or email: dlvdz@mtcnet.net

IFMC Adult Club/Individual Award
DEADLINE: March 25, 2005

Each year the Iowa Federation of Music Clubs sponsors the Adult Club/Individual Award of \$500. This award is designed for continuing education, workshops, special projects that a Senior Club would use to promote music in the community and for presentations of NFMC Young Artists.

Requirements:

1. Amount: Up to \$500 may be awarded per year.
2. To be used to further a music or pedagogy degree (undergraduate or graduate), to pay for a music workshop, to bring a NFMC Artist to its community, or for a creative music project in the community.
3. Individual applicant must have been an IFMC member for 12 months or more and Senior Clubs whose dues are current may apply.
4. Send completed application, a letter of recommendation, and a budget of the proposed project. Include a comprehensive explanation of the reason for the application and a statement of intent. Applications must be post marked by March 25, 2005 and sent to IFMC Adult Advisor Lynn Kroeger, 710 W. Spring Street, Eldridge, IA 52748. The IFMC Board of Directors will review the applications at its April meeting. At the discretion of the Board of Directors the Award may be divided or not awarded if no applications meet said criteria.
5. A follow-up report, recital, or another appropriate presentation is required.
6. Recipients of Award of immediate year are not eligible.

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Adult Club/Adult Continuing Education Scholarship Application

Name of Individual Member or Senior Club: _____

Address: _____

Street City Zip

Telephone: _____ E-mail _____

Number of years in IFMC: _____

Complete the appropriate category below, which specifies your intentions.

Continuing education at: _____
(name of college)

Workshop: Title _____

Place _____

Name of NFMC Young Artist _____

Community Music Project _____

DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME IN WRITTEN REQUEST AND DOCUMENTATION.

Zarina Melik-Stepanova, pianist, Convention Guest Artist

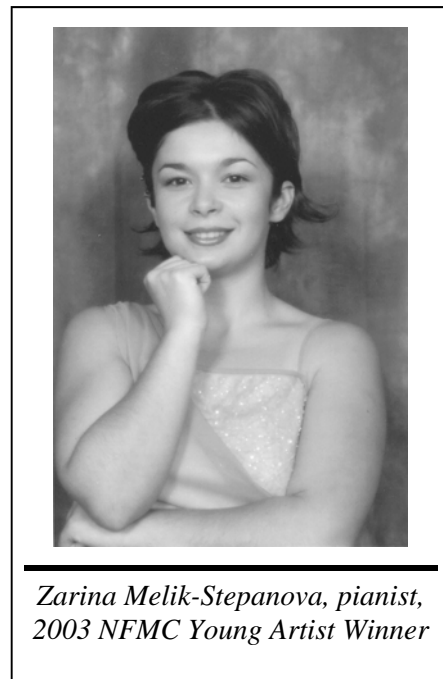
2003 NFMC Young Artist Winner

The convention will feature NFMC 2003 Young Artist Winner, pianist Zarina Melik-Stepanova in concert on Friday evening at St. John's Lutheran Church, 7:30 p.m. performing a variety of works from her repertoire.

Ms. Melik-Stepanova has won several competitions and appeared in concerts throughout the Midwest since coming to the United States from Russia in 1992. She received

her Master of Music degree and the Performers Certificate from the Eastman School of Music in 2001. Presently, she is studying with Natalya Antonova and pursuing her Doctorate degree in Piano Performance and Literature at the Eastman School.

This concert is made possible through the National Federation of Music Clubs Young Artist Fund.



Time of Remembrance at Convention

**Cindy Arbogast,
IFMC Chaplain**

..... We will have a time of remembrance at our noon buffet and business meeting for those members of our Federation who have passed away in the last two years. Please send your names and/or remembrances to Cindy. **A nice article about Diane Brimmer of Independence was**

published in the Winter 2005 Junior Keynotes (p. 23).

Senior Club Presidents please send information concerning deceased members to 201 SE Peterson Dr Ankeny, IA 50021-3445. singasong27@hotmail.com

Let's continue to honor these past leaders of our Federation.

Motel Reservations

Several rooms have been reserved at the downtown Marriott Hotel, 700 Grand Avenue. The motel and St. John's are within walking distance (2 blks). Each room has 2 double beds and is non-smoking. Rate for 1-5 persons per room is \$89.00 per night (plus tax).

Call to the Marriott Hotel and request one of the rooms reserved by Lois Vander Zee: 1-515-245-5500. Check-in: 4:00 p.m. Check-out: 12:00 noon. Rooms not requested will be cancelled April 8. This price is not a group discount so if you are a AAA or AARP member, please be sure to ask for that discount.

Directions to Convention

Directions to St. John's Lutheran Church, 600 Sixth Avenue, Des Moines.

Traveling I-235 (Coming from west of downtown Des Moines), Exit at Keo Way south (a left exit), follow Keo Way, it turns into Park Street, turn right on 7th St, then left on Watson-Powell Way. The parking lot is on the left.

Traveling I-235 (coming from east of downtown Des Moines), take I-235 west to downtown. Exit at the 3rd Street exit and past the events center construction. Turn

right on Grand (going west). Turn right on 6th Avenue (north) and continue past Watson Powell (formerly Keo Way). The parking lot adjacent to the church is just north of the church on the left side. Another option is to continue to Center Street, turn left and go one block. Continue on this construction journey by turning left on 7th Street for one block and then turn on Park Street, where the church parking lots will be accessible.

Recruitment: Make it Simple, Easy and Direct

By Heidi O. Hong**

(reprinted from Wisconsin *News of Note*, January 2005)

Have an 'Invite a Friend' dinner and/or concert

- ..Make this attractive to the majority—don't eliminate potential members who cannot attend a meeting during work hours.
- ..Don't make your event too formal. Younger people and other potential members may not wish to attend this type of event.



Have an "Invite a Friend to the Meeting" event early in the club year, and at this time celebrate being a Music Club Member.

- ..Have a long time member explain why they still are a member
- ..Have an officer explain why they volunteer many hours to the organization
- ..Explain the different age categories of membership and the awards/programs that your club monetarily supports. Keep it simple—too many details will only overwhelm a potential member
- ..Give people a reason to join and find a way to serve in a meaningful way.

Follow Up

- ..Make phone calls or write letters to encourage those who attended to join
- ..And remind them that we are not all musicians or teachers. We are individuals who care about music and have joined Music Clubs as a way to preserve American music as well as celebrate music in our lives.

**Heidi O. Hong is a past president of the Wisconsin Federation of Music Clubs and a past NFMC Orientation and Leadership Chairperson. She is currently serving as Chair of the NFMC National Council of State Presidents and is our invited guest speaker for the April 8,9 2005 convention in Des Moines.

CD Companion to the Piano Duets listed in the NFMC bulletin

Judy Zahrndt of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, has compiled a 2-CD set featuring the duets listed in the NFMC 2004-05-06 Festival Bulletin, from Pre-Primary through Elementary IF—more than 100 duets. When the next Festival Bulletin is issued in 2007, any works not on that list will automatically become choice selections, so the CD content will be useful for a minimum of 6 years. Ms. Zahrndt created the recordings as an aid in selecting the

piano duets that are best suited to your piano teams. The cost per set (CD's only) is \$20.00 plus \$2.00 shipping and handling.

Custom MIDI disks for digital pianos can be ordered featuring select duets of your choice. This allows students to mute the 'primo' and play the secondo—or vice-versa, or even to slow the tempo for practice.

Ms. Zahrndt has plans to finish levels MD2 and beyond soon. A

sample copy of the CD will be available for you to see and hear at the state convention in April.

If you would like to contact Ms. Zahrndt you can visit her website at: www.judyzpiano.com or e-mail her at judyz@judyzpiano.com She can also be reached at 225-752-0357 or write to her at 6123 Hickory Ridge Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70817.

(See the ad on page 35 of the Winter 2004/2005 *Music Clubs Magazine*.)

IFMC History

Jean Holman
State Historian
Attention, teachers! Send information, newspaper articles, etc. that would be important to save in an IFMC scrapbook to:
Jean Holman
2117 Walnut Street
West Des Moines, Iowa 50265
515-223-6364
jjmcjsj@aol.com



There have been 14 IFMC Adult Continuing Education Scholarship award recipients. If you have needs and interests in professional development as a music educator, don't delay to make application for the 2005 Adult Continuing Education Award of \$500.00.

Sounding Board deadline for submission of materials for the Summer newsletter is June 15, 2005.
Send to Debbie Laird
1118 Deer Run Rd
Port Byron, IL 61275
laplus5@mchsi.com

IFMC Adult Continuing Education Award

Lynn Kroeger IFMC Adult Advisor

In 1992, the Iowa Federation of Music Clubs board voted to establish an endowment from extra funds held in the general account and Senior Savings CD to be "used for programs and service incentives and for grants to promote music and music education." A principal amount of \$7,000 was in this C.D. and a suggested award amount of up to \$500.00 was allowed. The initial requirements stated that the money should be used to renew a teaching certificate, to further a college degree, or pay for a music workshop. A stipulation was made that we "require a brief summary of the years activities from the winner of the Senior Continuing Education Award on the anniversary of the award for the next three years." The amount of the CD was increased to \$10,000 in 1995 and was expanded to include senior clubs who may request assistance to fund projects of professional development.

Since the award was voted on in the fall of the year, the recipient was then invited to perform at the Spring convention. Our first award recipient in 1993, Anita Niksich Hudson (Davenport) did just that. On Saturday, April 9 at the 2005 Biennial Iowa Federation of Music Clubs convention in Des Moines you will have a chance to hear five other recipients of this award who are members and officers in the Iowa Federation of Music Clubs. They will share musical selections as well as how they have put these funds to good use.

If you have needs and interests in professional development as a music educator I urge you to make application for the 2005 Adult Continuing Education Award of \$500.00. You will find the requirements and application form in this newsletter. You must have been a member of the Federation for at least 12 months. The deadline is nearing so don't delay. You could be on the next biennial convention program!

Following is a list of Adult Continuing Education Scholarship award recipients.

- 1993 – Anita Niksich Hudson (Davenport)
- 1994 – Kim Reisinger (Waterloo) \$500
Elizabeth Caswell (Coralville) \$250
- 1995 – Judy Hyland (Davenport) \$200
Diane Lawson (Harlan) \$600
Jean Mengel (Muscatine) \$600
Joy Strausbaugh (Iowa City) \$600
- 1996 – No Entries
- 1997 – Award moved to spring
- 1998 – Kim Reisinger (Waterloo) \$500
- 1999 – Lucinda Lear (Waterloo) \$500
- 2000 – Original Music Students club (Davenport) \$500
- 2001 – Siouland Music Teachers (returned)
- 2002 – Lois VanderZee (Sioux Center) \$500
Lucinda Lear (Waterloo) \$500
- 2003 – No Award given
- 2004 – Valerie McInroy (Waterloo) \$500
Debbie Laird (Davenport) \$500

IFMC Directory

The new IFMC Directory will be available for members at the State Convention. Send any address or email address changes or additions to Debbie Laird, lplus5@mchsi.com.



More applications are needed for the two NFMC Music Education scholarships of \$1,000 for college junior and \$750 to a college sophomore majoring in Music Education. Deadline is April 1. Application blanks can be downloaded from the NFMC website: www.nfmc-music.org

IFMC Festival Cup

**Rose Oles
Festival Cup Chairman**
Festival time is here, so reward your students for their achievements in Festival by enrolling them in the Festival Cup Plan (formerly Gold Cup). Annual



festival cup entry fee is \$3.00, and the cup is paid for when enough points are earned through festival ratings. Points transfer if that student moves anywhere in the nation. Forms will be distributed by your Festival Chairman.

**See inside for more details on all of these Awards and
prepare now to ca\$h in on these opportunities:**

IFMC Summer Music Campship, Sonata/Sonatina Festival, and Honors Recital
– March 19, 2005

Adult Club/Individual Enrichment Award – March 15, 2005

NFMC College Music Education Scholarship – April 1, 2005

NFMC College Music Therapy Scholarship – March 1, 2005


Abild Scholarship to Simpson College's Orpheus Music Festival—May 1, 2005



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