

President's Message Lucinda M. Lear NCTM

Making a list and checking it twice--- NO it's not the man in red who just came down your chimney that is doing this, but every IFMC teacher who is planning on entering students in to Federation

Festivals the next few months AND our new festival chair. Please be sure to read through your Festival Teacher packet, NFM Bulletin and the last few Jr. Keynotes magazine for clarifications and updates.

This is contest season and IFMC/NFMC has a number of opportunities for all its members. Please take note of the IFMC Jr. Music Essay



contest, Adult Education Award, and Jr. Campship Awards. These all carry monetary benefits beyond the recognition of a job well done—so sharpen up those pencils and make note of the deadlines so you

don't miss out on these opportunities.

Our next IFMC meeting will be in conjunction with the Junior Campship Auditions to be held on April 29, 2006 at Rieman Music, 6501 Douglas Ave., Des Moines, IA. The Board will meet to discuss whatever issues have come before us from YOU, our membership. If you have

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concerns, you are invited to make your voice known by attending this board meeting or by e-mailing any board member.

Please take note of IFMC Directory updates (pg. 5) that have occurred since publication and distribution of these directories last spring.

I will be checking my mail to hear word of Iowa winners!

Lucinda M. Lear, NCTM
IFMC President

IFMC Jr. Essay Contest for Grades 3-6

Dawn Steggerda,
Junior Division Chair

There's still time to enter the IFMC state essay contest for IFMC Juniors grades 3-6. Essay must be written on

the NFMC National Music Week theme for the year: *"Music . . . A Great Joy in Life."* One \$50 award will be given to a junior for the essay with the best use

of the theme. Deadline for the 2005 Iowa Essay contest is **February 15.**

Check the form on page ??? of this issue of the newsletter.

2006 IFMC Summer Music Campship

Dawn Steggerda,
Junior Division Chair

The Iowa Federation of Music Clubs Campship Auditions will be held at Rieman Music, 6501 Douglas Ave., Des Moines, IA, on Saturday, April 29, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.

IFMC annually offers five summer music campship awards of up to \$300 per individual to attend a summer music camp. Applicants, entering grades 7-12 in the current school year, must have performed in a solo category at an IFMC

Festival during the current year and received a Superior rating.

See entry form included in this issue of the Sounding Board. Entry deadline is March 11, 2006.

IFMC Adult Club/Individual Award

Kim Reisinger
IFMC Adult Advisor

Don't miss out on applying for the 2006 Adult Award to further your own professionalism or your club. This award did not have a recipient in 2005, so if your request follows the guidelines of the award, your

chances are even better of receiving award money. Check out the application in this newsletter for details. Also, check out the information on p. 3 about the Ouida Keck Professional Development for the Independent Piano Teacher - \$1000 Annual Award.



The new 2007, 2008, 2009
Festival Bulletin will be
available May 1, 2006
from NFMC Headquarters.

Events for Juniors, Collegiates and Adults



Abild Scholarship for Juniors

The following is from Patti Abild with information on the Abild Scholarship to attend the Orpheus Festival summer music camp at Simpson College:

"I would love to tell you about two very special people, John & Faye Abild. There were my great uncle and aunt through marriage. Aunt Faye taught piano for many years in downtown Des Moines, in the studios next to the old Youngerman Music Store, for those who are old enough to remember that! She continued teaching in her home as she got older. Although they had no children of their own, Faye had such a heart for teaching young students to love music. Uncle John was her staunch supporter, faithfully attending her many recitals and events. She was very active in the National Federation of Music Clubs and was extremely proud of her years as State President back in the 40's. She told me how she visited every club during her tenure. Upon their death, Faye designated money from their

estate to establish a scholarship for one music student, with a piano emphasis, to attend summer music camp at Simpson (Orpheus Music Festival) and also at Iowa State University. The original \$350 per campship paid the camper's tuition in full. Her desire was to fund the entire fee, even as the tuition costs would increase in upcoming years. The first winner of the Abild Scholarship was my daughter, Anne Abild, in 1994. I cannot locate the winner's names from 1995-1998. Other recipients were: 1999 – Katherine Hagen, Indianola; 2000 – Stephanie Titus, Indianola; 2001 – Joshua Belin, Wisconsin; 2002 – Margaret Croft, Knoxville; 2003- Margaret Croft, Knoxville; 2004- Krista Hemphill, Davenport; 2005 – Sonya Nielsen, Avoca and Mark Meier, Indianola.

I am so delighted in the wonderful way Summer Music Awards Chairman Melanie Perez has organized our campships. She is extremely organized and professional in providing the proper forms to apply for the scholarship

funds.

Some exciting changes have recently taken place with the Abild Scholarship. As of 2005, it is not limited to only students affiliated with a NFMC Junior Club and we are now able to offer 2 full Orpheus scholarships at \$525 each per year. To apply, complete an Abild scholarship application from me and also an Orpheus Festival application. Include a tape of 2 contrasting piano selections. Return applications to me. Simpson College Music faculty will judge all applicants in early May. The camp usually falls during the 3rd week of July. Orpheus begins with a Sunday afternoon performance by the Des Moines Metro Opera. What a great way to start their musical week! I would appreciate any promotion of this wonderful scholarship."

Patti's address is 1312 E Euclid, Indianola, IA 50125.

IFMC Festival Cup-It's time to enter your students!

**Elaine Rosene Oles
Festival Cup Chairman**

It's time for Festival and time to enter your students in Festival Cup. Your students will love the excitement of receiving a trophy for their hard work. Festival cup is a very easy and economical way to



reward your students for their achievements in Festival and the points transfer if that student moves anywhere in the nation. Shouldn't your students be enrolled in the NFMC Festival Cup Plan this year?

For more information contact E. Rose Oles at erolesia@juno.com.



Adult clubs can be eligible to receive a \$125 award for an outstanding program of American Music at their club meeting. Find out more at the NFMC website—American Music

Junior clubs can be eligible for a \$250 award for presenting programs on American music. Find out more at the NFMC website—American Music

2006 Junior Composers Institute 5

**Joan Strauss
Jr. Composition Competition**

The Junior Composers Institute 5 will be held July 9-15, 2006 at Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN. Sponsored by the North Central Region of the National Federation of Music Clubs, the goal of this Institute is to provide

encouragement and stimulating instruction, motivating students to be creative.

The Institute is open to students age 14 (or grade 9 or higher) through age 19. Changes from last year's Institute will include providing three meals a day, individual computer stations,

and access to a recording studio. Randall Davidson will return as the lead instructor

Please contact Joan Strauss, IFMC Composition Competition Chair, at 563-245-8486, or email: tstrauss@alpinecom.net for complete information.

2006 NFMC Student/Collegiate Composition Competition

Carole Thomas

IFMC Student/Collegiate

Composers, get ready! The IFMC Student/Collegiate Composition Competition for ages 18-30 will be held in 2006 (biennial in even-numbered years). The requirements and regulations and entry form are included in this issue. The deadline for receipt by me of the entry form, fee(s), manuscript (and 1 copy) and tape or CD recording of the composition (a new requirement) will be **March 24, 2006**. Without delay, decide to enter and compete for the cash award of \$250! Results will be announced in April.

Also, consider these NFMC Annual Awards and Scholarships for 2006:

- ... Music Education Scholarships
- 1. Van Roy-Junior B.M.E. candidate \$1000 (April 1 deadline)
- 2. Mehan/Morgan-Sophomore B.M.E. \$750 (April 1 deadline)

- ... Sacred Music of Faiths Award-Wiegand Ages 16-25
- ... American Music Program-for educational institutions promoting American music \$500 (June 1 deadline)
- ... Music Therapy Awards (Soph, Jr, Sr or Graduate students)
 1. Robertson-Jr., Sr., Grad. In MT \$750 (March 1 deadline)
 2. NFMC Undergraduate-Jr. thru Grad in MT \$500 (Mar 1 deadline)
 3. Wilson Award-Jr, Sr, Grad, in MT \$500
 4. Bullock Undergraduate-Soph, Jr, Sr \$1000 (Mar 1 deadline)
- ... Composition Awards
 1. Young Composers Annual-4 classes of compositions: instrumental sonata, chorus, solo piano, solo voice
 - o Victor Herbert/ASCAP Awards ages 18-25 \$1000/500/500 (Mar 1 deadline)

- o Hatz Recognition Award 2 @ \$50
 - o Class 4 solo voice Nadworney Awards ages 18-25 \$250/100 (Mar 1 deadline)
 - 2. Richter American Music Composition Award \$1250 (Mar 1 deadline)
 - 3. Music for the Blind Composition Award Fowler ages 19-30 \$200 (Mar 1 deadline)
 - ... Shirley Valentin Award for Violin \$1000 (Mar 15 deadline)
- For applications and complete requirements for NFMC's competitions and awards, go to www.nfmc-music.org, or contact Carole Thomas, 1614 13th St, Coralville, Iowa 52241 319-351-6987
Email: carole-thomas@uiowa.edu

National Music Week: May 7 - 14, 2006

"Music....A Great Joy in Life" is the theme for the 2006 National Music Week on May 7-14. A brochure with ideas for your club to use in celebrating this national week honoring music is available from the NFMC

publications. Order one for your club and see what you can do to heighten the awareness of your community to the benefits and celebration of music. Be sure to check out the essay contest for students for both IFMC and NFMC.



Quida Keck Award for Piano Teachers

Teachers, you only have five months until the deadline of July 1, 2006 to apply for the **Quida Keck Professional Development for the Independent Piano Teacher - \$1000 Annual Award.**

Application forms listing the award requirements can be found on the NFMC web-site, www.nfmc-music.org under the Competitions and Awards Section, Sr. Division Annual Awards.

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Chairman
ljince@gvec.net

JUNIOR COMPOSER INSTITUTE
Sponsored by North Central Region of the
National Federation of Music Clubs
Held in Minneapolis, MN
On the Campus of Augsburg College
July 9th – 15th, 2005

For Information and a Camp Brochure contact:

Dawn Lawrence
P O Box 384
Northwood, ND 58267
e-mail: lawnotes@polarcomm.com

New IFMC State Festival Chair - Lois VanderZee

Lois VanderZee is New IFMC State Festival Chair. At our last election Lois VanderZee went off the board after serving as Vice President for many years. When word was received of the resignation of Karen Bourne as state festival chair, Lois graciously agreed to fill out her term. During the interim I fielded questions, made inquiries into supply needs, ordered and mailed out the supplies to the festival chairs around the state. Lois now has all the materials and after having served as the local festival chair, is completely capable of handling your questions as we head into this

contest season. Protocol for questions, concerns and problems is to contact your local festival chair who will take the question to Lois as state festival chair. Lois may consult with the North Central Region Festival chair, Jeanne Lueders or the state festival chair, Sandra Preyz. With the festival packets and experienced chairs we have around the state I am confident that the 2006 Junior Festivals will be successful and rewarding for all involved.

Reminder: Students wishing to be considered for the five \$300 summer campship awards to be

given must have received a superior in the 2006 Festival. ALL students AND teachers must be federation members to enter Junior Festival.

This is the last year for our current Festival bulletin. A new one should be available from NFMC Headquarters starting in May. The state will not have any quantity on hand. Locals may purchase a quantity for their members or individuals can request their own copy from NFMC Headquarters in Indianapolis, IN. Please visit the website for more information on ordering materials and publications at: www.nfmc-music.org.

2006 NFMC Board Meeting and Workshops

The NFMC Fall Board meeting will be in our own backyard in Bloomington, MN on August 1-6 at the Sofitel Hotel. There will be many workshops for all officers at this meeting including meetings on Junior activities such as Festival, words for treasurers from our NFMC treasurer on how best to fill out forms, and every department of the Federation will offer insights into promoting all the opportunities open to members.

On Friday night, Aug. 4, Garrison Keillor is performing a special show for us. Wednesday night will be a

performance of the 2005 Ellis duo piano winners. The banquet to honor state presidents is Saturday.

Iowa has been asked to help hostess since we are a part of the North Central Region and want all our "southern" guests to feel welcome. They may feel as though they are entering another country when they arrive in Minnesota. A good deal of Scandinavians settled there and they may not be as familiar with Sven, Oley and Lena as they are with Bubba and Billy Bob. You might want to brush up on "How to

Talk Minnesotan" or tune in to Prairie Home Companion to get the drift of Lake Wobegon and, of course, put on your widest smile and share in the joy of music.

Sounding Board deadline for submission of materials for the Summer newsletter is July 15, 2006.
Send to Debbie Laird
1118 Deer Run Rd
Port Byron, IL 61275
laplus5@mchsi.com

Note of Thanks for IFMC Support of NFMC

To the IFMC,

I wish to thank you first for supporting the National Federation and it's many causes. As an always loser, I decided to bid on three items in the silent auction held at Austin, TX, hoping to at least get one for a remembrance of the meeting. What did I do but WON all three! I believe the one came from your state—a beautiful red basket all filled with black and white musical objects such as, pot holder, a button-on kitchen towel, drink bottle, piano stickers, hot pad, socks, change purse and window catcher, all trimmed with red roses! And a beautiful red

scarf with gold music signs! I thought my husband would be very upset when I had to confess I had bid on these items. Instead he stood there and laughed and laughed finally saying, "that is just what we need riding around for the next three weeks." You see, we were headed to California first before returning to Michigan. He was very good about taking care to pack them well every time we bought so much that the car needed repacking. Finally after traveling over 9,000 miles, they arrived safe and sound home in Michigan! They already have been used all together as a centerpiece

for a luncheon for our committee writing up standing rules for the state. I spread the red scarf out like a runner and placed all the items down the runner. It was beautiful! I guess the moral of this story is—if I want to WIN I need to PAY for it! I am delighted, however; they are worth every dime I paid and are simply gorgeous! The other two items were both Waterford Crystal vases.

I wish for you to have a good productive year in each of your clubs and as a state!

Thanks every so much,
Nancy J. Euchner
Your new friend from Michigan.

IFMC 2006 Directory Updates

Please make these changes and additions to your IFMC Directory

Send changes and additions to Debbie Laird, laplus5@mchsi.com

NFMC Officer changes

... North Central Region Vice President

Carolyn Nelson
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cnelson@nelsonnotes.com

... South Central Region Vice President

Doris Whinery

IFMC Officer Changes

... Vice President - Judy Hyland

New address: 6307 Fairhaven Rd, Davenport, IA 52807
New e-mail: hylands4@mchsi.com

... Adult Advisor – Kim Reisinger

1726 Cornwall, Waterloo, IA 50702, e-mail: kim@1stpresby.org

... Secretary – Dianne Lawson

1210 Durant, Harlan, IA 51537 e-mail: slawson@harlannet.com

... Festival Chair – Lois VanderZee

... Festival Cup – Elaine Rose Oles - e-mail: erolesia@juno.com

Address and E-mail Changes

... Molly Benson - molly_benson@hotmail.com

... Tina Boell - tinaboell@msn.com

... Della Spurgin - 415 N. 2nd St., Apt 301, Winterset, IA 50272

... Kathy Hoeger - dkhoeger@indytel.com

... Shirley Kunzweiler – shirkunz@midlands.net

... Jan Hunerdosse – jandosse@lisco.com

Remove

... All Sioux City teachers - They now belong to the Nebraska Federation

... Ada Smerek

... Diane Brimmer and Dorothy Lowell (deceased)

New CD of NFMC Festival Duets

Judy Zahrdt

TEACHERS-- does DUET FESTIVAL sound like something you'd like your students to enter-- but you're not sure which duets will really work in your studio??

Wait no longer--order your copy TODAY of the Companion to the NFMC Bulletin I & II; HEAR what the polished duets will sound like!! The duets listed in the NFMC Bulletin from Pre-Primary thru Mod Diff II levels are all recorded on

these CDs!! Just listen, and choose!! Make wise decisions as to which duets to teach!! And your students will be amazed that THEY can actually sound like that!!

The students love the Certificates, the challenge of playing as a team for a Judge, and the trophies they eventually earn from NFMC. And as a teacher, I love the low fees!! I have personally had students NOT quit because they enjoyed playing

Duets so much.

Order the Companion to the Bulletin I, or the just-released Companion III!! Or order both and SAVE!! And don't forget the Midi-Disks that can be ordered separately for use on your digital piano!! Visit my website at www.judyzpiano.com, and order your CDs today!!

Iowa Federation of Music Clubs
Essay Contest for Grades 3 – 6
Entry deadline February 15, 2006

Rules:

1. Both student and teacher must be members of the Iowa Federation of Music Clubs (IFMC) by either club or individual membership.
2. The junior must be in grades 3 – 6 during the 2005 – 2006 school year.
3. Essay must be written on the NFMC National Music Week theme for the year: "Music . . . A Great Joy in Life".
4. One \$50 award will be given to a junior from the state of Iowa for the essay with the best use of the theme. An Award of Merit will go to the winner's teacher.
5. Essay must have a maximum of 300 words (no minimum requirement).
6. Essay may be typed or neatly written.
7. Fill out the entry form below with your name, address, grade, age, and your Federated teacher's name and address.
8. Essay must be postmarked by Feb. 15, 2006.
9. Mail to Dawn Steggerda, Junior Advisor:
101 Kentucky Ave. SW
Orange City, IA 51041
or email your essay to gregsteg@orangecitycomm.net
10. Essays will not be returned and will become the property of the IFMC.
11. The winner will be chosen by March 1 and will be notified through their Federated teacher.

Entry form for IFMC Essay Contest

Entry form and essay must be sent to the chairman listed above.

February 15, 2006 is the deadline for entry.

All entries become the property of the IFMC and will not be returned. The undersigned hereby applies to enter the IFMC Essay Contest.

Name of entrant: _____

Address (street/city/zip) _____

Grade in school: ___3rd; ___4th; ___5th; ___6th Age: _____


Are you a member of an active Junior Federated Music Club? ___yes; ___no

Name of your Federated club: _____

Name of Federated teacher: _____

Teacher's address (street/city/zip) _____

Teacher's email address _____



IFMC Executive Board Meeting Saturday April 29, 9:00 to Noon


IFMC Executive Board Meeting: Saturday, April 29, 2006, 9:00 to Noon at Rieman Music in Des Moines.

Send agenda items to be discussed to Lucinda Lear, 432 Vermont St., Waterloo, IA 50701 or electronically at lmlear@mchsi.com.

Directions: Take Merle Hay Rd. exit off I-80/I-35. Travel south past Merle Hay mall to Douglas Ave. Turn right on Douglas Ave. Rieman is in between 64th and 66th Street on the north side of the street.

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Sounding Board

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