



# Sharps & Flats



AN OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE FLORIDA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS

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

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

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## On a High Note From Your President

It is once again Spring! The Junior Festivals are finished except for the final paperwork. Congratulations to all who participated—students, teachers, monitors, treasurers, schedulers, etc. It takes a lot of people a lot of time with a lot of determination to get a festival center ready for competition. You are all volunteers! I know in this world everyone would like to get paid in \$\$, however, this is a volunteer organization. We know going in, we will sacrifice some of our time, talent, and \$\$ . Do we want to keep the Arts Alive??? Yes, yes, yes!!! Once again thank you districts for all of the efforts on behalf of our talented youth. This is a way of giving back and creating quality for generations to come.

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The FFMC 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention will be held May 26-27, 2006, at the Sheraton Suites Tampa Airport, 4400 West Cypress St., Tampa, FL 33607. This convention should be a destination event you won't want to miss. Our banquet Friday night will be in the air conditioned atrium. Our concert following will feature Ragtime great, Mr. Bob Milne. Since 1998, he has played more than 200 performances a year. He is referred to as "the busiest pianist in America". An Emmy-award-winning film producer is currently creating a documentary for television about Bob Milne and his remarkable career. We will also feature Bob in a seminar. In addition we will have a seminar for the Sr. Club Presidents, incoming presidents, and treasurers. Dr. Eugene Bierbaum will do a seminar on Parliamentary Procedure. Our workshop will feature Heidi Hong Olson, NFMC National Council of State Presidents Chairman. Our new financial advisor, Mr. Ed Edens, from KIG Investment Group will be our Friday luncheon speaker. We will also have meetings, gatherings, music and lots of fun. Come one, come all.

*My Best,  
Connie Tuttle-Lill*

## FFMC Needs Our Support

We are authorized to solicit funds for the maintenance of FFMC activities through permanently endowed funds (e.g. Robert Smiddy Memorial Award, the Jeanie Program, etc.), including legacies, bequests and corporate underwriting. The FFMC is a non-profit corporation affiliated with the NFMC and as such benefits from the IRS 501 (c) (3) group coverage carried by NFMC. This allows us (FFMC) to be exempt from federal income taxes and any contribution to FFMC would therefore be tax deductible to the donor.

There are many ways in which members can contribute toward the perpetuation of the FFMC and at the same time help to reduce their tax burden. These include: outright gifts, will or trust bequests, beneficiary designation gifts, life insurance gifts, investments gifts, gift annuities, traditional IRA gifts, estate tax gift, and others. If your interest is piqued, do see an investment counselor!

## Calling All Plaques And Trophies

Will all those Senior Club Presidents who received trophy or plaque awards at the 2005 Convention please BRING THEM TO TAMPA IN MAY. We will need to award them to new winners. Please go to your bookcases, fireplace mantels, shelves and closets, give them an extra buffing and write yourself a special reminder NOT TO FORGET. These trophies and plaques represent many hours of dedication to our Federation and we need to honor our worthy new recipients.

Will all those FFMC Chairmen who are selecting award winners please send me a written list of the Categories and names. We will prepare certificates if given sufficient notice.

Will all those FFMC Chairmen working in conjunction with NFMC Chairmen please advise the Categories and names of NFMC award winners, in writing. NFMC usually prepares the certificates but sends them to us to be distributed.

Except for those awards that are handed out in the Fall (Achievement Book, Rating Sheet, etc.) it would be preferable to have all this information in hand by April 30, 2006. Send all information to Anne Sharpe Cruxent at 5530 LeJeune Rd., Coral Gables, FL 33146, or e-mail [acruxent@bellsouth.net](mailto:acruxent@bellsouth.net).

## ***On a Sad Note***

**W**auchula Wednesday Musicale member ELEANOR CLAIRE BEESON ALLEN passed away Feb. 7, 2006, three days before her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday at her home in Wauchula, FL.

She was the oldest member of the Wauchula Club, and took much pride in the fact that her mother and an aunt were both charter members of the club founded in the early 1920s.

She held numerous positions of leadership throughout the years, and even in her 90s served on the hospitality committee. At each meeting, members and guests were greeted by her and presented a program, along with a friendly greeting.

Although she was unable to attend meetings the past year of her life, she continued to serve on the telephone committee, faithfully calling members to remind them of upcoming meetings and events.

Mrs. Allen is survived by her daughter, Bess A. Stallings, a fourth-generation member of The Wednesday Musicale, Florida Federation of Music Clubs and the National Federation of Music Clubs. She recently served as president of the local club for eight years, and is the current vice president of the Bay Ridge District.

Other survivors are one son, W. Reynolds Allen of Tampa; four grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

In keeping with her pride in the local club, her family requests memorial contributions to: The Wednesday Musicale Scholarship Fund, P. O. Box 248, Wauchula, FL 33873.

## ***Alert!***

### **Senior Club Presidents**

**R**ose Suggs, Senior Club Reporting & Evaluation Chairman, is reminding all Senior Club Presidents to complete and return the Senior Club Rating Sheets to Rose Suggs, 327 East Ridge Village Drive, Miami, Florida 33157-9102, or e-mail [rose331s@bellsouth.net](mailto:rose331s@bellsouth.net). Deadline is on or before May 15, 2006. This is very important.

It is this document that gives us data on scholarship awards, membership, completed activities and in general what is going on in our state. This information is then sent to National for a state to state computation.

### **SILENT AUCTION**

#### **Your Treasures Are Needed**

**T**he plan to have a Silent Auction and Raffle at Convention has grown in popularity. If each Senior club will donate a worthy item (perhaps a member has a treasure no longer needed) and each District will donate a hamper or basket of goodies (can be kitchen gourmet, gardening supplies, chocolate gourmet, wine gourmet, champagne gourmet, etc), plus two or three members might have an extra bottle of cheer, we will be assured a successful outcome. Won't you be a contributor?

Let me know beforehand via e mail what you would be willing to donate and its estimated value (our Treasurer will give you a receipt for your donation} and bring it to Tampa.

We will definitely need an upbeat committee—please e mail to apply!

Anne Cruxent  
Development

## Official Call Junior Division

**FLORIDA FEDERATION OF  
MUSIC CLUBS, INC. SIXTY- NINTH  
ANNUAL JUNIOR CONVENTION  
AND AUDITIONS**  
University of North Florida,  
Jacksonville, Florida  
May 5-6, 2006

### JUNIOR DIVISION OFFICERS

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### NATIONAL JUNIOR THEME:

"Create New Musical Pathways"

### NATIONAL THEME:

"Building on the Past – Looking to  
the Future with Our Youth and  
American Music"

### STATE THEME

"Those who wish to sing always  
find a song"

### Official Headquarters:

University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL

### DIRECTIONS:

**From I-95 Northbound:** Take J. Turner  
Butler Blvd. East (Exit #344) to St. Johns Bluff  
Road. Proceed to the first light and turn right.

**From I-95 Southbound:** Take J. Turner But-  
ler Blvd. East (Exit #344) to St. Johns Bluff  
Road. Proceed to the first light and turn right.

**From I-10 East:** Take the I-95 Exit South.  
Exit and Proceed South On I-95. Take J.  
Turner Butler Blvd. East (Exit #344) to St.  
Johns Bluff Road. Proceed to the first light  
and turn right.

**From A1A and the Jacksonville Beaches:**  
Take Beach Blvd. West to St. Johns Bluff Rd.  
South. At the third light make a left turn.

### REGISTRATION DESK:

All participants must register and pick up  
materials pertaining to times and room of  
events. All students and teachers participat-  
ing at the audition and convention must  
be pre-registered on the "[Entrant and Perfor-  
mance Form](#)". All other guests attending  
are free.

**Check-In and Auditions will take place in  
the Fine Arts Building:** Check-in begins at  
7:30am. Auditions at 9:00 am. Practice rooms  
will be available from Friday morning to Sat-  
urday night for 5-minute intervals.

**Meals:** On your own. Food court is available  
at the college.

**Achievement Book:** Leave at the Registra-  
tion Desk for judging.

**Summer Scholarships:** Information and Ap-  
plication forms are at the Registration Desk  
available to High School Students currently in  
grades 9, 10, and 11.

**Junior Club Presidents:** Bring three (3) Cop-  
ies of a written report to give to the Junior Divi-  
sion Secretary at the Junior Meeting.

**Junior Officer Elections:** Interested eligible  
Juniors may pick up an application and apply  
for the office of their choice at the Registration  
Desk on Friday. All applications must be sub-  
mitted by 10:00 am Saturday at the Registra-  
tion Desk. Time and place for the elections will  
be posted at the registration desk.

**Rules:** Students are eligible to perform only in  
the event in which they have earned a Super-  
ior rating at the District Festivals. They must  
be under 19 years old as of March 1.

**Memorization Rule: All music performed  
must be played from memory,** except hymn  
playing, organ, piano accompanying and en-  
semble events. Memory is required in the pa-  
triotic song event, whether solo or ensemble.  
Disqualification will result if a teacher, parent  
or student confers with judges before or after  
an audition OR if copied music is used by the  
entrant without written permission of the pub-  
lisher.

**Important:** If a student drops out of any event  
and this information was not available prior to  
the convention, please report this to the Reg-  
istration Desk. Instructions will be given at the

Registration Desk as to the assigned time of  
the events.

Events are open to the public.

### FRIDAY, MAY 5, 7:30 p.m

#### Lazzara Theatre

Concert by 2005 Scholarship Winners  
Announcement of Friday's 2006 Winners.

### SATURDAY, MAY 6, 7:30 p.m.

#### Lazzara Theatre

Concert by 2005 Scholarship Winners  
Announcement of Saturday's 2006 Winners.

### 2006 FFMC JUNIOR CONVENTION HOTELS

When making reservations, make sure that  
you inform the reservation agent that you are  
attending a Florida Federation of Music Club  
event sponsored by the University of North  
Florida.

#### Courtyard by Marriott

Butler Blvd and I-95  
904-296-2828  
\$69.00 per night  
Cutoff date 4/17/06

#### Wingate Inn Southpoint

Butler Blvd. and I-95  
4681 Lenoir Ave. South  
Wests on Butler, right on Bonneval  
904-281-2600  
\$65.00 per night  
Cutoff date 4/25/06

#### Best Western Hotel JTB/Southpoint

Butler Blvd. and I-95  
4660 Salisbury Road  
904-281-0900  
\$66.00 per night  
Cutoff date 4/21/06

## Editorial


How many of you have grandchildren and have not enrolled them in the NFMC Cradle Roll? This costs just \$25.00 and for another \$20.00 your cherub's photo will be printed in the Music Clubs Magazine. There must also be many of you who could become FFMC/NFMC Life Members. This costs \$200.00 and pays for itself after a few years.

We should all be trying to bring in new members and trying to encourage more Junior Clubs to form. Florida is a membership leader, and we need to keep it that way. Encourage your club members to attend State Convention. We have had a drop in attendance and that is not a healthy sign. Not everyone who attends needs to have a specific job, but if they would like one I am sure it can be arranged! The whole idea is to be happy and entertained while you are doing such fine work for a terrific cause, and the icing on our cake will always be music!


Anne Sharpe Cruxent  
FFMC Vice President



## FFMC Music Week Essay Competition Winners

**J**acquelyn Knutsen, FFMC Music Week Essay Competition Chairman, is proud to announce the first place winner, **Shelly Hagerman** of Sarasota. She received a \$100.00 savings bond from FFMC. Her teacher is Marian Cox, Seminole District President. In the seventh and eighth grade division, **Landen Raszick**, of Coral Springs won first place and a \$50 savings bond. Her teacher is Sue B. Colvert. The theme for this year was Music....Great Joy in Life. 

## NFMC Southeastern Regional Winner—Tyler Raszick

**M**ary Ella Clark, National Music Week Department Chairman, is proud to announce that Tyler Raszick, from Coral Springs, Florida, has been chosen as the FL state winner, Southeastern Region, in the 2006 National Music Week Essay Contest. His teacher is Sue B. Colvert, member of the Morning Musicale of Fort Lauderdale, Inc. He received a \$50 award from the NFMC along with a certificate plus a congratulatory letter from the regional chairman. 

**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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