



# Sharps & Flats



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THEME: The Challenge of Change

SONG: "Sing" Joe Raposo

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## On a High Note From Your President

A Great Big Thank You is in order to the Lake District for hosting the May FFMC annual convention. Beth Philbrick, registrar, accepted all reservations and put together the Report packets, just before she had hand surgery. Thank you. Nancy Wade, co-registrar, greeted all attendees. She also has taken on the Lake District President position and is the new Student/Collegiate Chairman. Nancy Jontz, our outgoing FFMC Recording Secretary, helped to secure our musical programs. Julian Bond, Composer, Conductor, Pianist, made the "Night at the Oscars Gala" a huge success. He played show tunes from 1933 when the Oscars began to the present. It was surprising to see how few great tunes actually win Oscars. Our guessing abilities were not that good!! We also were honored to have one of our Jeanie Maids, Meredith Nance, sing. Meredith represented our Jeanie program well. I bet you did not know she is the real "Snow White" at Disney World. Kevin Brown, our first Stephen, is doing summer stock in Montana, but will be singing at our Jeanie Auditions in October. Christie Bell, our Jeanie 2007, was on a choir tour in Italy but will be at our Jeanie Auditions also. It is nice to have our talented winners continuing their music pursuits. At the Saturday luncheon, the 2006 NFMC Stillman Kelley winner, Paishiun Nelson Hsieh performed on the violin accompanied by his sister.

A very special thank you to all of you who thought I was worthy of a thank you gift. Wow, a plaque and a gift certificate. I will have great fun shopping! You'll see. In addition, I will do my best with the help of the entire board to keep this organization growing and progressing so that music will continue long after we are gone.

Each of the 24 senior clubs is expected to send the President or representative to the Fall Session. This is our planning meeting. We have decisions to be made that each club needs to know about and participate in. Mark your calendar for September 14-15, 2007, in West Palm Beach. The call is included in this newsletter.

All District Presidents and chairmen also are expected to be at the event. Remember, one of us is not as good as all of us. Read in the call what other fun things are planned.



FFMC members who attended the NFMC Biennial convention in Salt Lake City were Helen Dingus, Board member at Large, Michael Edwards, Board member representing Florida; Bill Lill, Boca Delray Music Society; Connie Tuttle-Lill; James Schnars, Life member from St. Petersburg; and our new Georgia crackers from Miami, Gretchen E. Van Roy and Rose Suggs. Thank you one and all for attending. We have been very honored to have Helen Dingus serve as Music Clubs Magazine Editor. In her place will be Sandra Anderson, the outgoing Virginia state president.

Continue enjoying the summer. See you at the Fall Session.

My best,  
Connie Tuttle Lill

### The Bylaws Committee recommends the following changes to the bylaws of FFMC:

1. Proposed changes to bylaws: ARTICLE XV. DUES  
Opening paragraph change postmarked on or before September 1, to say postmarked on or before October 1.  
Section 1. A. 1(a). Change postmarked on or before September 1, to say postmarked on or before October 1.  
Section 3. Junior Division. Junior annual dues shall be paid and sent to the state financial secretary, postmarked on or before October 1.
  - A. Active Membership Dues
    1. Organization Members. Junior organizations shall pay annual dues \$2.00 per capita; \$0.70 shall be sent to national and \$1.30 per capita retained by the state. Minimum dues of \$25.00 pays up through 10 members and includes a subscription to "Junior Keynotes". Beyond the minimum membership of 10 members, add \$2.00 per capita; \$0.70 to NFMC; \$1.30 to FFMC

The Bylaws Committee proposes the addition of the following article to the bylaws of FFMC:

"Article # \_\_VIII\_\_. Representation of FFMC at NFMC Meetings" (this is my suggestion where this should be located)

"FFMC shall be represented at NFMC meetings by the immediate past president of FFMC. The newly elected president of FFMC shall serve as alternate. If either of these cannot attend an NFMC meeting, FFMC may elect a delegate and/or alternate, as needed."

PROVISO: This article shall take effect immediately when NFMC amends

Article IV, Section 2-A of its bylaws in such a way that the proposed amendment does not conflict with the NFMC bylaws.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH!



(Left to Right) Seated/ Gretchen E. Van Roy - Rose Suggs - Bill Lill  
Standing/ Helen Dingus - James Schnars - Connie Lill - Michael Edwards

**T**he Fifty-fourth Biennial NFMC Convention was held June 24 – July 1, 2007, at the Radisson Hotel Downtown just 2 blocks from Temple Square, home of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and the 21,000 seat convention center with the Tabernacle Organ with its 11,623 pipes. The choir was on tour, but the #1 organist was present to give the convention attendees a concert and introduction to this very fine one of a kind instrument. At Temple Square there is also an auditorium which was the original Tabernacle. A concert was performed by the four NFMC Young Artists.

**Rayanne Gonzales (female voice)** was born and raised in Virginia. Rayanne did her undergraduate work at Boston University, along with further study at Longy School of Music, Cambridge, MA. Possessing a big, accurate voice, soprano Rayanne Gonzales has exuded energy and fun in a variety of genres from opera, to musical theatre, to zarzuela.

**Jesse Blumberg (male voice)** Baritone Jesse Blumberg is an artist equally at home on the opera, concert, and recital stages. He received a Master of Music degree from the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music and his undergraduate degrees in History and Music from the University of Michigan.

**Joo Young Oh (violinist)** At the age of 14, Joo Young Oh earned his first international recognition as winner of the 1996 Young Concert Artists International Competition in New York. Mr. Oh started playing the violin when he was five. By age 11, after having won a concerto competition at the 1992 Interlochen Arts Camp, the San Jose Symphony in California invited him on two occasions to perform with them. Mr. Oh studied violin under the late Dorothy DeLay, Hyo Kang, and Stephen Clapp at the Juilliard School of Music. He also studied with the famous professor, Zakhar Bron, in Germany. He also performed as a guest soloist with the New York Symphony Orchestra at Lincoln Center.

Mr. Oh gave a Christmas tour in Japan. He also received a Stradivarius violin from Samsung Cultural Foundation of Korea, on loan for a limited time.

**Nathan Knutson (Piano)** He is a native of South Dakota, who now resides in Mankato, Minnesota, where he is an adjunct-faculty member at Minnesota State University. Nathan holds a Master of Music degree from the distinguished Cleveland Institute of Music and a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Each receives a \$10,000.00 Award and a 2 year contract to perform for any of our senior clubs. The FFMC would like to hire any one of these musicians this season for a state tour.

### Information for Yearbooks

Please note that the FFMC website [www.nfmc-music.org](http://www.nfmc-music.org) has all of this information. All newsletters will be on the website as well.

### NFMC OFFICERS

President: Lana Bailey  
Vice President: Carolyn Nelson  
Recording Secretary: Carol Langley  
Treasurer: Barbara Hildebrand  
Southeastern Region V.P. –  
Beth McCauley

NFMC President's Theme: "Music...A Gift for all Seasons"  
NFMC President's Song: "America, the Beautiful"

*The NFMC Directory and Manuel will be available in October. All District Presidents and Club Presidents are required to purchase a Manuel, either hard copy or a disk.*

### FFMC OFFICERS

President: Connie Tuttle-Lill  
Vice President: Wanda Wiranis  
Recording Secretary: Philip LeGrand  
Treasurer: Suzanne Carpenter

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## From the FFMC Junior Counselor MICHAEL EDWARDS

The Seventieth Annual Junior Convention was held May 4-5, 2007 at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville. There were 1368 Juniors registered in over 2950 events with 189 teachers represented at this Junior Convention. A big thank you to the Executive Director of the UNF Fine Arts Center, Sharon Papion and her staff for helping make this Junior Convention a first class event. A big thank you to Suzanne Carpenter and Kenny and Shirley Clark who worked tirelessly with your Junior Counselor organizing this event; Vickie Stake our facilities chairman; Suzanne Carpenter, Vickie Stake and Jennifer Bent for securing the judges; Gavin Taylor and Lisa Smith for securing the monitors; Catherine Gavin our Strings Chairman; and Helen B. Neidung our Voice Chairman. Also, a big thank you goes to our FFMC President Connie Tuttle-Lill and her husband Bill who worked side by side with all of us during this event.

### RECOMMENDATIONS PASSED AT THE FFMC MAY CONVENTION

Please read the recommendations in this publication that were passed at the FFMC May Convention. Regarding the FFMC Junior Convention, pay particular attention to the following: **Juniors competing in an event MUST enter a class that represents their performance level.**

### SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING JUNIOR DUES

All Juniors who are registered in a Junior Club will be assessed an additional one dollar. This assessment is entered on line **TWO** of your Junior Club Fees Form. Junior Counselors also are required to submit a list of all Junior club members who are being registered through their Junior Club. This list must include all Juniors of additional teachers listed on line **THREE** of your Junior Club Fees Form.

### The FFMC Junior Officers for 2007-2008

President: Joyce Wang • Vice President: Jean Zhuang • Secretary: Carolyn Pao • Treasurer: Brian Yip • Parliamentarian: Anna Wang

### 2007 FFMC Junior Convention Awards

**Gold Cup Senior Concerto Scholarship** David Fung - \$1,200.00 • **All Performance Award** Yoon Won Chung - \$700.00  
**Mary Elizabeth Land Awards** • **Senior Piano Concerto – First Place**, Ciara de Leon - \$500.00 • **Senior Piano Concerto – Second Place**, Anna Meyer - \$400.00 • **Irene Muir Memorial Award** Gabrielle Chou - \$500.00 • **Vi Kinsman Memorial Award** Junior III-B Piano Concerto- First Place • Gabrielle Chou - \$400.00 • **Ruth B. Lockmiller Memorial Award** Junior III-B Piano Concerto • Second Place Jayeon Choi - \$300.00 • **Junior III-A Piano Concerto Award** Christina Lai - \$300.00 • **Senior Violin Concerto Award** Jeline Rabideau – \$400.00 • **Violin Solo Advanced II Award** Gabrielle Chou - \$300.00 • **Robert Smiddy Memorial Award** Piano Solo Musically Advanced II winner • Alan Clark – \$400.00 • **Casey Lisk Memorial Award** Piano Solo Musically Advanced I winner • Joshua Kornreich - \$300.00 • **Junior Award for Musically Outstanding Voice** • Ginett Fernandez - \$300.00 • **Junior Award for Outstanding Violist** • Daniela Lapciuc - \$300.00 • **Eleanore Billy Gronlund Hymn Playing Award** Hymn Playing Class V winner • Casey Hua - \$300.00 • **Betty Najarian Patriotic/Folksong Award** American Patriotic and Folk Song Advanced Class winner Kevin Sierra - \$300.00

### 2007 FFMC COMPOSITION WINNERS

#### Junior I (ages 9 and under):

1st Place: Parker Dewitt - \$20.00  
 2nd Place: Olivia Brister - \$10.00  
 3rd Place: Jonathan Bozer - Ribbon

#### Junior II (ages 10-12):

1st Place: Matthew Jurewicz - \$25.00  
 2nd Place: Gabrielle Chou - \$15.00  
 3rd Place: Allison Meyers - Ribbon

#### Junior III (ages 13-15):

1st Place: Samantha Tierney - \$30.00  
 2nd Place: Chelsea Konzen - \$20.00  
 3rd Place: Christina Howard - Ribbon

#### Junior IV (ages 16-18):

1st Place: Carl Johanson - \$35.00  
 2nd Place: Anres Boss - \$25.00  
 3rd Place: Daniel A. Capo - Ribbon

### 2007 FLORIDA MUSIC WEEK ESSAY CONTEST

#### 7th and 8th Grade Winner

Olivia Stott

#### 9th -12th Grade Winner

Lindsey O'Brien

### PIANO CONCERTO JR II AND JR III DIVISIONS

Listed below are the divisions for Piano Concerto Junior II and Juniors III. Compositions are listed in order per the NFMC Festivals Bulletin 2008 - 2010. You will need your Bulletin to get complete information.

#### Piano Concerto Junior II

Asch	A
Asch	A
Alexander	A
Alexander	B
Bach, J.C.	B
Boykin	B
Edwards	A
Edwards	A
Halloran	B
Haydn	A
Hummel	B
Miller	A
Mozart	B
Mozart	B
Mozart	B
Mozart	B
Peskanov	A
Rollin	A
Rosco	B
Rowley	A
Vandall	A
Vandall	B
Wheeler	A
Williams	B
Williams	B

#### Piano Concerto Junior III

Anderson	B
Bach, J.S.	B
Bach, J.S.	A
Beethoven	B
Bernstein	A
Diamond	A
Haydn	A
Haydn	B
Haydn	A
Haydn	A
Kabalevsky	B
Kraehenbuehl	A
Mozart	A
Mozart	B
Mozart	A
Mozart	A
Mozart	A
Mozart	A
Mozart	B
Mozart	B
Shostakovich	B

# DID YOU KNOW???

Nancy L. Ford, FFMC Archivist

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"Did you know" is a catchy phrase many of us use in our conversations. This will be the name of my column with bits of knowledge and history from the past. Enjoy!

Did you know the St. Cecilia Music Club of St. Augustine was organized in 1906 - one hundred years ago last November 12, 2006? Maybe it should be started up again? Who do we know in St. Augustine?

Did you know Dr. Wilma Davis was a charter member of St. Cecilia's? For many years Dr. Davis was the Florida Federation of Music Clubs Historian and Historian Emeritus? She passed away in the early 1990's.

Did you know Dr. Davis wrote a history of the Florida Federation of Music Clubs in 1954? It's in the archives

- a type written carbon copy on onion skin paper. (Note: Archivist has copied it.) At the Annual State Convention in April, 1968, Dr. Davis gave to Mrs. Seabron D. Short (Mereldine) her complete history of the first 50 years of the Florida Federation. Unfortunately, it was never published.

There is an earlier published history (1916-24) written by Elizabeth N. Chandler, FFMC historian. There are also two other unpublished historical accounts. (1) "History of the Florida Federation of Music Clubs 1938-40" written by Ella May Davis.

(2) "Forty years of Memories" by Mrs. Edwin F. Montgomery (Margaret), FFMC President 1938-40. She also served as State Historian.



Did you know in 1958 Mrs. Robert Roberts (Helen) was elected as Honorary President of FFMC? However, her name does not appear on the list of Past Presidents.

Did you know one club has celebrated its organization 100th anniversary? The Friday Morning Musicale of Tampa in Bay Ridge District was organized in 1902. The group affiliated with National in 1911 and the Florida Federation in 1918.

It is the responsibility of district and club presidents to continue the example of those who have gone before. You need to continue to inform the FFMC Archivist of outstanding events in your clubs.

## Editorial

Your opinion counts!

NFMC has designated the primary - high school grades as Juniors. The college age as "Student/Collegiate and then ages beyond as the Seniors. In speaking with all ages of people, senior still connotes an age of retirement, over 55, etc. Younger people in their 20-50 age groups do not think of themselves as seniors. Why, even the baby boomers are no where near being a senior. As for most of the senior living centers, the average age is 82 years four months. This brings up the question should NFMC think of a name change such as Senior/Adult or maybe Adult Clubs? Any opinions, please write cltuttle@bellsouth.net. Remember, to not think of the work involved in changing applications, etc., just what if...in a marketing sense for new member recruitment.

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