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THEME: The Challenge of Change

www.ffmc-music.org

SONG: "Sing" Joe Raposo



ON A HIGH NOTE!



Lots of things on everyone's plate this time of year. Musically speaking it is time for the FFMC Junior Convention being held May 2-3 at the University of North Florida – Jacksonville. The call is included. It is up to teachers and members alike to volunteer for monitoring the rooms where competition is taking place and monitoring the practice rooms. Club and District Presidents, please help. This is a fun project which includes the two concerts featuring the 2007 award winners. Contact Duane Carter wdcarter@DDMLC.com or 904-262-0024.

Your calendar should already be marked for the FFMC State Convention happening on May 29, 30, and 31, 2008, at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront. The St. Johns District is hosting. The call is included.

This summer, July 18-19, 2008, the Southeastern Regional meeting will be taking place at Brevard Music Center, Brevard, North Carolina. Florida is hosting the event.

Keep on spreading the word that music is important to our lives. One by one we can keep the quality in music. Wear your music club pin. If you don't have one, e-mail Annetta Graham at annetta.graham@verizon.net.

My best,
Connie



LOOK! The logo is revealed for the Junior Convention. It will be featured on T-Shirts - \$18.00, sweatshirts - \$22.00, Tote Bags - \$20.00, and coffee mugs - \$16.00

Wouldn't It Be "Lovely"?

Spring is the time to hold club scholarship auditions. This should include the local club male and female voice competition. Wouldn't it be "lovely" if these students would win an expense paid trip by the club to represent that club at the Fifty-eighth Annual Jeanie Stephen Auditions taking place October 4-5, 2008, at the Stephen Foster Folk Cultural Center in White Springs, Florida.

The information is on the web-site. Remember the female age is 17-23 years. The male age is 18-24 years. A great place to find talent is the local college in the district. It is not surprising that the college might never have heard of the event.

Any further questions, e-mail Jim Weisenborne, Chairman, at jamesweisenborne@yahoo.com or phone 941-927-6852.

Calling All Duo-Pianists in Florida

The National Federation of Music Clubs Ellis Competition for Duo-Pianists is the only recognized American duo-piano competition sponsored by a national music organization. Preliminary judging will be by CDs postmarked by October 1, 2008. Age limits are 18 through 38. (Entrants must have reached their 18th birthday but not their 39th by March 30, 2009. Final auditions will be live at Converse College, March 27-28, 2009. First Prize...\$10,000 Second Prize...\$5,000 and Abild American Music Award...\$1,000 for the best performance of American Music. Honorary Advisor is Van Cliburn. The NFMC will serve as the promotional agent in securing concerts for the Ellis winners following the competition. For complete details go on the website www.nfmc-music.org



Make this change for your directory.
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Reports Due to FFMC Chairmen & NFMC Chairman.

Remember, all Senior Club Presidents, District Club Presidents, and FFMC Board of Directors, received a CD of the NFMC 2007-2009 Manual. In it are all of the report schedules and forms for the clubs to complete. One form that is very important is the Senior Club Report. It is a synopsis of what was done by the club, how many members, how many programs, how many scholarships were given out, etc. This gives both FFMC and NFMC statistics to use to improve and assist the organization to grow and keep funding scholarships and awards.

It is available on line www.nfmc-music.org and on page 129a in the NFMC Manual 2007-2009. Remember each club president has one in CD form.

Any questions contact Chairman Wanda Wiranis (wandapiano@aol.com) or phone 954-587-1967.

Young Artist to Perform Very Important.....Read On

The National Federation of Music Clubs started its Young Artist Program in 1915. These renowned auditions are the oldest and one of the most important competitions in the Western Hemisphere. They occur every two years with the finals held at the next NFMC National Convention in Orlando in June, 2009, at the Rosen Plaza Hotel. Young artist classifications are: Piano, Woman's solo voice, Man's solo voice, string instruments (violin, viola, cello, and double bass). In Jacksonville on Friday evening, May 30th, one of our current young artists, Nathan Knutson will perform in concert on a piano that Rachmanioff reportedly played.

The concert will be held at the Riverside Presbyterian Church just a few short blocks from the Hyatt Regency Hotel. To quote Vickie Stake, St. Johns District President, "This church has acoustics equal to those in fine concert halls of Europe."

Nathan will also conduct a Master Class on Friday afternoon prior to the concert.

Nathan grew up on a farm in Leola, South Dakota. His parents started him on the piano at

the age of five because he finished his chores so fast and needed something to do. In eighth grade he began winning piano competitions. He started playing with the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra when he was 17.

He was graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in piano performance studying with Paul Barnes. Then he attended the Cleveland Institute studying with Antonio Pompa Baldi graduating and received his masters in 2005.

Now he is teaching at Minnesota State University at Mankato. His wife is the music director at Mankato's Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church.

He studied in France with instructors from the Paris Conservatory of Music. He also performed at the Busendorf Saal in Vienna, Austria.

He is currently the director of Schola Cantorum. Founded in 2006 the schola provides sacred music for the Roman Rite Mass. The group constitutes a "school" and thus trains its singers in the art of performing Gregorian chant, sacred polyphony and musical composition of high artistic and liturgical merit.

The Mason & Hamlin piano company recently established The Mason & Hamlin Prize, a cash award given to Nathan Knutson at the 2007 NFMC biennial convention in Salt Lake City in June. Making the presentation was the company's Artistic Director, Jan Glazier. He said "We're pleased and proud to establish the Prize in conjunction with the National Federation of Music Clubs because we share the same beliefs and goals as well as a deep commitment to Music."

Lindsey & Enoch Win

by Marion Cox

National Essay Theme for this year was "Music...A Sound Foundation for Life"

There were 3 entries in the 7-8 grade contest and 4 entries in the 9-12 grade contest

The winner in the 7-8 category is Enoch Wong of Orlando. His teacher is Oleg Barsov.

The winner in the 9-12 category is Lindsey Brigham. Her teacher is Vickie Stake.

Next year's topic will be "Music...Poetry of the Heart".

Thank you to the 7 students and their teachers who entered this year!

OFFICIAL CALL
FLORIDA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS, INC.
NINETIETH ANNUAL FFMC CONVENTION
MAY 29-30-31, 2008

Host District – Saint Johns District

Host District President – Vickie Stake

Host District Co-Chairman – Dan Francabandiero

Registrar – Karen Peterson Summers

Official Headquarters

Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront

225 E. Coastline Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32202

1-904-588-1234 • Fax: 1-904-633-9988

For Map and Directions to the hotel:

Please see their website: www.jacksonville.hyatt.com

Reservations:

Make your own reservations with the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront
1-800-233-1234 and refer to FFMC Convention for a rate of \$99.00 plus tax.

Cut off date is May 12, 2008.

Registration Fee: \$25.00. The deadline is May 21, 2008.

Meal Registration:

Friday Luncheon Choice

\$29.00 Baby Spinach and Curly Endive Salad with

Heart of Palm and Citrus Fruits – Citrus Vinaigrette – Apple and Fennel Stuffed Chicken

Breast Served over Roasted Carrots and Shallot Demi Glace, Mushroom Mac-n-cheese

Flourless Chocolate Torte with Raspberry Coulis

\$30.00 Red Pepper and Corn Chowder, Oven Roasted Salmon, Grain Mustard Dill Sauce, Poached Fingerling Potatoes, Fresh Marinated Berries in a Chocolate Cup

Friday Pre Concert Reception \$38.00

featuring Tomato Basil Bruschetta, Mini Beef Wellington,

Quesadilla Trumpets, Wild Mushroom and Boursin Tart, Crab Cakes with Red Pepper Remoulade,

Grilled Chicken with Hummus on Cocktail Rye, etc.

Saturday Luncheon Choice

\$27.00 Caesar Salad with Crisp Romaine Leaves and Garlic Croutons, Spice

Rubbed Chicken Breast Served on a Bed of Saffron-Herb Risotto with Rapini and Thyme Bordelaise,

Tiramisu with Cocoa Dusting

\$28.00 Array of Baby Lettuce, Red and Yellow Tomato Wedges, Carrots

And Toasted Almonds, Cabernet Sauvignon dressing, Smoked Pork Loin with Whipped Sweet

Potatoes, Rosemary Demi Glace, Dutch Apple Pie with Cinnamon Anglaise

Auction: Will benefit our hosting of the 2009 NFMC Convention

Reports: Each NFMC or FFMC officer or chairman and each District President and Club President shall e-mail a copy of their report as an attachment in word to Ruth Ann Laye at ralayekc@bellsouth.net

Also be prepared to give a 3 minute verbal report to the Board of Directors if called upon (Time Permitting).

All district presidents and senior club presidents will be asked to give a report on how their club earned scholarship money and how much money was given for awards and scholarships.

Memorial Information: Please e-mail a list of all FFMC
members who have passed away since the May 2007 convention
to Chaplain, Vickie Stake @ bdstake@juno.com.

Official Call Junior Division
FLORIDA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS, INC.
SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL JUNIOR CONVENTION
AND AUDITIONS

University of North Florida, Jacksonville
May 2-3, 2008

JUNIOR DIVISION OFFICERS

President: Joyce Wang
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NATIONAL JUNIOR THEME:
"Our Youth...the Future of American Music"

NATIONAL THEME:
"Music...A Gift for all seasons"

STATE THEME
"The Challenge of Change"

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 Butler 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 participating at the audition and convention must be pre-registered on the "Entrant and Performance 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 Saturday night for 5-minute intervals.

Meals: On your own.

Achievement Book: Leave at the Registration Desk for judging.

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

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 submitted by 10:00 am Saturday at the Registration 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 Superior 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 ensemble events. Memory is required in the patriotic 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 publisher.

Important: If a student drops out of any event and this information was not available prior to the convention, please report this to the Registration 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 2, 7:30 p.m.

Lazzara Theatre

Concert by 2007 Scholarship Winners
Announcement of Friday's 2008 Winners.

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 7:30 p.m.

Lazzara Theatre

Concert by 2007 Scholarship Winners
Announcement of Saturday's 2008 Winners.

2008 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
\$73.00 per night
Cutoff date: 4/25/08

Wingate Inn Southpoint

Butler Blvd. and I-95 • 4681 Lenoir Ave. South
West on Butler, right on Bonneval • 904-281-2600
\$72.00 per night
Cutoff date: 4/25/08

Best Western Hotel JTB/Southpoint

Butler Blvd. and I-95 • 4660 Salisbury Road
904-281-0900
\$70.00 per night
Cutoff date: 4/25/08

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS

All members must be registered and wear badges • DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE

Thursday, May 29, 2008

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Bylaws Committee
6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.	Budget & Finance Committee
7:30 p.m. to	Dinner Meeting – NFMC Convention Planning Meeting • Brevard Planning Meeting

Friday, May 30, 2008

8:30 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Registration – Hotel Lobby
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Stephen Foster Committee
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Junior Division (includes all Festival Chairmen, Festival Teachers)
Leslie Blumenfeld of On Key Technologies and Duane Carter will present Solutions in tune with your business.	
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Executive Committee and Board of Directors
12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Friday Luncheon with the Fellows Bring your Medallions
2:00 p.m. -	Official Opening of the Ninetieth Annual FFMC Convention. Key Note Address – Mr. Ed Edens, KIG Investments
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Council of District & Club Presidents/First Half
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Master Class with Nathan Knutson
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Pre Concert Reception
8:15 p.m. to	Keyboard extravaganza featuring NFMC 2007 Young Artist Nathan Knutson and More

Saturday, May 31, 2008

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Memorial Remembrance – Chaplain: Vickie Stake
9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Council of District & Club Presidents/Second Half
11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Workshop – Randi Sutphin, Parliamentary Consultant
12:00 Noon	Meet me on the River Luncheon – A tribute to the Member of the Year
1:30 p.m.	Finish any unfinished business Adjournment
2:30 p.m.	Post Executive Committee meeting if necessary

CUT AND MAIL — Registration and Meal

Make check payable to: FFMC
Mail to: Registrar – Karen Peterson Summers
237 Magnolia St.
Atlantic Beach, FL 32233

Phone: 904-249-8308 – e-mail: karenpsummers@yahoo.com

Check one if voting delegate: FFMC Executive Committee
 FFMC Board of Directors Club Delegate Individual Member
 Junior Counselor Student Org. Rep. FFMC Life Member

Deadline: May 21, 2008

Your Name _____
Address _____ Zip _____
Phone Number _____ Club Name _____
E-Mail address _____
Title(as) for Badge _____

Registration Fee:	\$25.00 _____
Masters Class	\$10.00 _____
Concert	\$30.00 _____
Combination Class & Concert	\$35.00 _____
Friday Luncheon:	
Stuffed chicken breast	\$29.00 _____
Oven Roasted Salmon	\$30.00 _____
Friday Pre Concert Reception:	\$38.00 _____
Saturday Luncheon:	
Spiced rubbed chicken breast	\$27.00 _____
Smoked Pork Loin	\$28.00 _____
Total	_____

ON A SAD NOTE

Helen Wooden, 82, passed away December 29, 2007, at the Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, IN. She had been a music teacher for Indianapolis Public Schools and Beach Grove, IN, for 20 years, retiring in 1981. Helen served two 2 year terms as President of the Florida Federation of Music Clubs 1991-1995. She was Jeanie Chairman for 10 years. She also served as Bradenton Music Club President, Seminole District President, and numerous committees. She also represented us well by serving on the NFMC Board of Directors representing Florida. She and her husband, Nathan, will always be remembered for their numerous hours of volunteering for the great cause of music and all of the arts.

Jacquelyn Knutsen, wife of Kenneth and mother of four children, passed away in her sleep on Thursday, February 7, 2008. She has been a long time friend and loyal worker in the Florida Federation of Music Clubs. She currently was the FFMC Essay Chairman in the Junior Division. She was a member of the Sarasota Music Club and a past Seminole District President. She was a past president of the Bradenton Music Club. She was a retired music teacher in the Seminole County School District.

Frank Walters, son of Dolores Walters (past FFMC State President 1987-89), passed away on March 21, 2008.

Winners moving on to Regional Competition

Eveline Bland, FFMC State Composition Contest Chairman, reports that this year was a bell ringer with fifty-seven students and sixteen teachers participating. We had entries in Vocal, Organ, String duets and ensembles, guitar, and numerous piano compositions. The judges spent hours studying and judging the compositions. This was a real challenge.

The Winners are:

Class 1 - First Place: Brandon Richman
Second Place TIE Orion S. Mendall and Parker Dewitt

Third Place: Blake Boss

Class II-First Place: Gabriele Chou
Second Place: Matthew Reichenberger
Third Place: Margaret-Mary Owens

Class III – First Place: Kathryn Gertz
Second Place: Dion Todman
Third Place: Cristina Howard

Class IV - First Place – Samantha Tierney
Second Place: John Urban
Third Place: Andy Kosowski

The first and second place winners have been forwarded to the Regional Chairman to compete in the next level.. We are awaiting the results.

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