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**THEME:** *Keeping the Music Alive for the Future!*

**SONG:** *Climb Ev'ry Mountain*

## On a Musical Note

**C**ongratulations to the Bay Ridge District for hosting the 2010 Fall Session held in Lakeland Florida September 16-18, 2010. Who will forget the historic Terrace Hotel, great meals, workshops, musical interludes and of course the "business" that had to be attended to? Above all, everyone had a great time getting together after sixteen months. Kudos to Co-Chairmen Dr. Isabella Laude and Ann Stockton, Bay Ridge District President Bess Stallings and all the members of Bay Ridge who participated in the organization of the Fall Session, workshops and musical programs. The members of FFMC came through by attending this event in record numbers! For those of you who did not attend, did you know that there are swans in Lakeland!!

The Jeanie/Stephen auditions once again surpassed the expectations of the members who came to hear outstanding vocalists compete at the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center in White Springs Florida. Congratulations to Ann Stockton and committee for organizing this event.

Capital District is busily organizing our 2011 Spring Convention which will be held May 19-21 in the Fort Walton Beach/Niceville area. Once again there will be workshops and musical interludes provided by members of the host District. We are pleased to announce that duo pianists Karen and Jeff Savage, first place winners of the 2009 Ellis Duo Competition will be presented in concert Friday evening May 20. You will not want to miss this event.

It is not too late for our college students to prepare and enter the 2011 NFMC Biennial Student/Collegiate competitions. Please read the particulars of this competition in this issue. Florida is determined to have winners compete in this competition!

As this year comes to a close we can be proud of all that has been accomplished in our Federation. Together let's make 2011 another great musical year. Happy Holidays!

### Keeping the Music Alive for the Future!

Michael Edwards  
FFMC President

## Seven FFMC Members Attend NFMC Fall Session

The 2010 NFMC Fall Session was held August 3-8, 2010, at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Florida attendees included Suzanne Carpenter, Michael Edwards, Barbara Kirby, Connie Tuttle-Lill, Bill Lill, and Drs. Walter and Isabella Laude.



From Left to Right. Seated – Drs. Walter and Isabella Laude. Standing – Michael Edwards, Suzanne Carpenter, Barbara Kirby, Connie Tuttle-Lill, Bill Lill. Can you find the "Buck" that went hunting for donations for the Brevard Endowment at the Southeast Region Luncheon held at the Fall Session?

## Congratulations!!

NFMC President Lana Bailey recently appointed Ann Stockton as the new Southeast Region Opera Chairman. Congratulations Ann!

Lisa Moore has recently been appointed as FFMC Chairman of the Crusade for Strings. Congratulations Lisa!

### Get Onboard – Get Online

The FFMC website has had a recent facelift and is now more user friendly. Please visit our website, [www.ffmc-music.org](http://www.ffmc-music.org), for all the latest FFMC news and events.

## STEPHEN FOSTER/ JEANIE AUDITIONS 2010

We are pleased to announce that the 60<sup>th</sup> annual Stephen Foster/ Jeanie Auditions held in White Springs, FL on Oct. 1-2<sup>nd</sup> was a terrific success. This is an event that is co-sponsored by the FFMC and the Stephen Foster Folk and Culture Center that rewards outstanding vocalists with scholarships to help them further their music career. There were twelve excellent candidates from all areas of the state. The Stephen Foster/Jeanie winners were: Stephen: Christopher Kline sponsored by Tuesday Music Club of Lakeland; Jeanie: Nicole Woodward sponsored by the Foundation for the Promotion of Music. The two Jeanie maids were Danielle Good sponsored by Morning Musicale of Ft. Lauderdale and Brittany Wood sponsored by the Tuesday Music Club of Lakeland. The Stephen runner up was Chris Longo sponsored by the Boca Delray Music Society.

The rest of the court consisted of Adelaide Boedecker sponsored by the Gulf Coast Music Club, Heather Daniel sponsored by one of our newest clubs, the Concert Club of Tampa, Sarah Folsom sponsored by the Choctaw Bay Music Club, Jessica Hollick sponsored by the Friday Morning Musicale, Adrianna Rodgers sponsored by the Harmony Club of Jacksonville, Nicholas DeMeo sponsored by the Lake Wales Music Club and Rishi Rane sponsored by the Miami Music Club.

The candidates arrived on Friday afternoon and rehearsed with their accompanists. Friday night we were treated to a musicale presented by last year's Jeanie and Stephen, Jenna Siladie and Ryne Cherry. Each candidate was introduced at this time. Following the musicale a lovely reception was held with Drs. Walter and Isabella Laude acting as hosts. The Stephen Foster committee helped with this endeavor that was enjoyed by all.

On Saturday morning the auditions were held. The candidates were judged by Dr. Daniel Gordon, Owen Wingate and Dr. Carol Mikkelsen. Following lunch the winners were announced.

This year we are proud to sponsor several of these outstanding young vocalists in the National Collegiate Biennial Competition. It would be wonderful if Florida could have a winner in this competition.

A heart-felt thank you to my wonderful committee consisting of Suzanne Carpenter, Michael Edwards, Barbara Kirby, Helen Dingu, Dorothy Evans, Annetta Graham, Dr. Isabella Laude, Dave Stockton, Joshua and Petra Sussman, Wilma Greenwood, Anne and Bill Pray. Your willingness to go the extra mile made my job so much easier.

I would also like to extend a thank you to the clubs who sponsored these young people and to the clubs and individuals who donated monies as scholarship donors. A special thank you to the William Lills for furnishing the endowment for the Stephen, and Claire- Frances Whitehurst for donating the money for the Stephen Runner Up. You helped make it a success. The FFMC would not be able to sponsor such a worthwhile event without all of your support. Be on the alert for qualified young vocalists that could possibly profit from such a wonderful experience, and plan on joining us next year!

Ann Stockton, Chairman



2010 Jeanie – Nicole Woodward sponsored by  
Foundation for the Promotion of Music  
2010 Stephen – Christopher Kline sponsored by  
Tuesday Music Club (Lakeland)

(from left to right)

Brittany Wood – Jeanie Maid 2010 sponsored by  
Tuesday Music Club (Lakeland)  
Christopher Longo – Stephen Runner-up 2010 sponsored by  
Boca Delray Music Society  
2010 Jeanie – Nicole Woodward  
2010 Stephen – Christopher Kline  
Danielle Good – Jeanie Maid 2010 sponsored by  
Morning Musicale of Fort Lauderdale

## ATTENTION SENIOR CLUB PRESIDENTS

The 2009-2011 NFMC Manual (on disk) has been sent to all district and club President's. Please notify Suzanne Carpenter if you did not receive your disk.

The Senior Club reporting forms are on page 129a. This form will be a guide to your club plans of work. Barbara Kirby is the Senior Club Reporting chairman. Your completed form must be filed with Barbara at tkirby2@bellsouth.net, by May 1, 2011. Barbara will compile the data and send to NFMC. These reports will help track the activities of our clubs.

## Bucks for Brevard Update

We are pleased to announce the following contributions from Florida to the NFMC Southeast Region Brevard Endowment since July 1, 2010:

Anonymous	\$ 2,000
FFMC	\$ 500
Capital District	\$ 70
Morning Musicale (Ft. Lauderdale)	\$ 50

To date Florida has contributed \$6645 to this endowment! Let's keep hunting for more contributions to this worthy endowment. Please make checks payable to SE Regional Endowment Fund and send to:

Dr. Mabry Miller  
1606 Big Cove Rd. SE  
Huntsville, AL 35801-2116

## 2011 NFMC BIENNIAL STUDENT / COLLEGIATE AUDITIONS

FFMC will be holding auditions for the NFMC Biennial Student/Collegiate competition March 1, 2011. These competitions are designed for competitive college students between the ages of 19-26. The deadline for entering this event is January 15, 2011. This competition will be by CD. FFMC will refund the entry fees for those students whose application is accepted and a CD audition is received by the competition chairman by March 1. Complete information can be found at [nfm-music.org](http://nfm-music.org) – Competitions and Awards – Biennial Student/College Awards. Make sure that your CD meets the requirements per the Certification Letter.

Application must be received by the Competition Chairman by January 15, 2011:

Ana Lourdes Rodriguez [Pianoacademy@hotmail.com](mailto:Pianoacademy@hotmail.com)  
581 E 38 Street  
Hialeah, FL 333013

### 2011 Festival News

Corrections for the 2011-2013 Festivals Bulletin can be found on page 16 in the Autumn 2010 Junior Keynotes or online at [nfm-music.org](http://nfm-music.org).

The NFMC Junior Division has clarified the hymn playing event for 2011 as follows:

- 1) Play one of the required compositions listed PLUS one choice composition.
- 2) Choice compositions MAY OR MAY NOT appear in this Bulletin.
- 3) Required and choice compositions must represent the same level of musicianship.

Please note changes to the FFMC Procedures Manual:

- 1) Requirements to enter the Gold Cup Senior Concerto event are Festival Participation, recipient of at least one Gold Cup, and be a Senior in High School.
- 2) Festival participation is not required for the Connie Tuttle-Lill All Performance event.
- 3) The required selection in the Festival Bulletin cannot be arranged or revised.

### Marilyn Caldwell Piano Solo Award

NFMC has established a new piano competition in honor of Marilyn Caldwell who is a past NFMC Junior Division Chairman and Gold Cup Chairman. This competition will be offered in the ODD YEARS beginning in 2011. It is open to pianists in grades 10, 11, and 12 who have not reached the age of 19 by March 1. A ten to fifteen minute program on CD is required for this competition. One number must be by an American composer. The Rules and Application form are on the NFMC website at [nfm-music.org](http://nfm-music.org). Go to Competitions and Awards – Biennial Junior Awards. Deadline for submitting an application is March 1, 2011. Florida is the largest Junior Division in the county. Let's see how many Juniors from Florida compete in this new piano competition honoring Marilyn Caldwell.

## WANTED!!!

**BALLET ENTRANTS AGES 12-18**  
**BALLET AUDITIONS APRIL 2, 2011**  
**10:00 A.M. HIGHLAND SCHOOL OF DANCE**  
**6929 Old Highway 37, Lakeland FL 33811**

**Ballet students** are invited to apply for the ballet auditions.  
**First prize \$500 - Second prize \$250**

Winners receive a plaque and a sketch of the career of premier ballerina/dance teacher Frances Rands Beery. **Students must be prepared to perform two dances:**

Basic techniques in leotard en pointe combination with classical ballet music

Variation in costume, original or contemporary music

Students must bring their own music. Audio equipment is available. Professional judges will use criteria including appearance, stage presence, dynamics, interpretation, and technique. A warm-up session will be provided, led by a professional instructor.

**Postmark deadline for applications is March 1 to Chairman**

Dr. Isabella Laude.

Application is available online or e-mail Dr. Laude:  
[isabellamary@verizon.net](mailto:isabellamary@verizon.net)

### 2011 FFMC Junior Convention

University of North Florida May 6-7, 2011  
Deadline: March 10  
Applications and hotel information will be available online February 1, 2011

### Make Time for Strings!!

FFMC Crusade for Strings Chairman - Lisa Moore

To Senior Club Presidents: Did you know that NFMC would like to recognize clubs who promote the strings in a big way? Nominate a club chair to help you organize and sponsor string events for the community, schools, and your club. Have them track your club efforts throughout the year. Invite string artists or even polished collegiate performers to entertain your members. Do you provide scholarships for aspiring string students? Do your young string players have opportunities to perform? Remember to give credit to NFMC and Crusade for Strings in your publicity and programs. We'd love to hear all about it!

Senior clubs may use the following form:

<http://nfm-music.org/Documents/Arts%20Division/AR-3-1.pdf>

Let your Junior clubs know that they may use AR 3-2 to report their activities.

Monetary awards are made to the clubs with the most outstanding string programs.

Forms may be sent to Lisa Moore, FFMC Crusade for Strings Chairman

802 Fox Valley Drive, Longwood, FL 32779

For state deadline and other inquiries: [omc.lisa.moore@gmail.com](mailto:omc.lisa.moore@gmail.com)

## Festival Cup News

FFMC Festival Cup Chair – Lisa Moore

Teachers – Please read your new Festivals Bulletin to learn more about the optional Festival Cup Plan. Students (and parents) enjoy the additional motivation!

As students accumulate more points, they earn larger cups. They need to follow the rules of progression and combining points carefully. Teachers must provide documentation for transfer students who earned gold cup points with a previous teacher as soon as possible. Consult your District Festival Cup Chair and visit the state website for more information:

<http://www.ffmc-music.org/festivalcup.htm>

The festival cup fees remain at the 2010 level: \$3.50 for each event in which a student participates, except for Senior Concerto which is \$4.00. Fees are to be paid to the district treasury. **Note: the direct shipping option is no longer available.** Teachers may use Form JR 4-2 or its equivalent (Excel, Word, or other).

The deadline for all forms is March 1. The orders must be carefully reviewed, both at the district level and the state level. After the festival cup points have been verified, the cup orders are sent to NFMC. Major changes will expedite the shipment of cups to the district festival cup chairs. The new trophy company offers streamlined production and a larger inventory.

### ATTENTION VIOLA PLAYERS!

Prepare NOW for the prestigious Wendell Irish Viola Award competition. Winner of the Southeastern region will receive \$500. Requirements: Entrants must have reached the 12th, but not the 19th birthday by 1 March 2011 and be a native citizen of the US. There are no specific repertoire requirements but applicant must perform at least two pieces selected from contrasting style periods on a CD (not to exceed 20 minutes in length). Deadline 1 February 2011. Application forms and detailed information can be obtained at <http://nfmc-music.org/cms/nfmc-competitions-and-awards/annual-junior-awards/> Florence Van Arnam is our state chairman. Contact her at : [Florenceva@bellsouth.net](mailto:Florenceva@bellsouth.net) or 1805 SW 35th Place, Gainesville, FL 32608

### Recommendations approved at the 2010 Fall Session

Endorse the nomination of Michael Edwards for the office of NFMC First Vice President.

Add \$300 to All Junior Convention scholarship awards to be paid out of Junior Convention reserves.

Pay Kenny Clark \$1,500 for computer services rendered for Junior Convention.

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## FLORIDA FELLOWS

The numbers continue to grow for membership into Florida Fellows! At the 82nd Fall Session in Lakeland in September, we were reminded how the members of FFMC continue to be faithful to our organization and all it represents. To date, the Florida Fellows have contributed \$36,000 to the Operating Endowment Fund....making it a "dream come true" for visionary and founder Dr. Isabella Laude.

At the Friday night banquet we introduced and honored our most recent inductees: #33-- the late Nancy Ford, given by her sisters, Emma Leigh Goodwin and Marian Safriet; #34--Marilyn Fisher; #35--the late Rosemary P. Bybee; and #36--Robert J. Coopman, given by his aunt, Rosemary P. Bybee.

As always, the invitation is open for others who want to join this prestigious group of philanthropists. Remember, this is a one-time, tax-deductible donation which may be made "in memory of," "in honor of," or just be your way of showing your support of the largest philanthropic music organization in the world. Don't miss out!

Join us by contacting Bess A. Stallings, Florida Fellows Chairman, P.O. Box 1865, Wauchula, 33873, (863)773-3594, or [bessstallings2@gmail.com](mailto:bessstallings2@gmail.com)



New Florida Fellow Rob Coopman stands with 22-year-old daughter Julie following his induction at the September FFMC Convention.



FFMC Florida Fellow founder Dr. Isabella Laude welcomes friend Marilyn Fisher into the fold as FFMC President Michael Edwards and Florida Fellow Chairman Bess Stallings look on in the background.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Zovak (Jerry) Najarian**

1929-2010

Zovak (Jerry) Najarian, a native Floridian, devoted family man, longtime engineer for the USAF 46<sup>th</sup> Test Wing of Eglin Air Force Base in Florida, outstanding civic leader for many years, and past NFMC Chairman of American Music in the Armed Forces, died on October 23, 2010.

Jerry was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years Betty Jo Murdock Najarian (a past president of Florida Federation of Music Clubs) and children Tamela and Terry Najarian, his parents, Jacob and Aghavni Najarian and his sister Marian Kalenian. Survivors include daughter Pamela Whitehead and husband Ronald, son Brian Keith Najarian and wife Rose, grandsons Jerremy Whitehead and wife Tracy, and Jathan Whitehead. He is also survived by a number of brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

Jerry was active and held longtime leadership roles in numerous Destin civic groups including the Destin Elks Lodge 2688 and the Destin American Legion Post 296. His list of prestigious awards for outstanding service to the Destin community is lengthy and impressive. He was persistent in his determination to be of service to Destin having run for City Council ten times before finally being elected to that position. In 2009 he received the President's (George Bush) Volunteer Service Award presented by the President's Council on service and civic participation.

In his role as NFMC Chairman of American Music in the Armed Forces Jerry made significant new contacts with U.S. military leaders to help spread the information about NFMC's efforts of trying to make America truly musical. He was interred beside wife Betty in the Marler Memorial Cemetery in Destin.

Contributed by Helen Hartman Dingus

**We Have a New Senior Club!**

Bay Ridge District is proud to announce a new Senior Club. The Concert Club located in the Tampa area has been established with seven charter members. The first President of the Concert Club is Lee Frueh.

The Concert Club started their inaugural year by sponsoring Jeanie contestant Heather Daniel. We wish our newest club much success in the years to come. They are off to a great start!

**2011-2013 FFMC OFFICERS**

Your nominating committee would like your suggestions for 2011-2013 FFMC officers. Please contact your district committee member if you would like to nominate someone: Bay Ridge, Bess Stallings; Capital, Phil LeGrand; Lake, Nancy Jontz; Royal Poinciana, Bill Lill; Saint John's, Vickie Stake; Seminole, Betty Hines; and Suwannee, Suzanne Carpenter

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
2011**

<b>FFMC Area Festivals</b>	February 2011
<b>Application Deadlines</b>	
FFMC Student Collegiate Competition	January 15, 2011
NFMC Festival Cup	March 1, 2011
Ballet Auditions	March 1, 2011
FFMC Junior Convention	March 10, 2011
<b>FFMC Junior Convention</b>	May 6-7, 2011
University of North Florida Fine Arts Center Building 45, 1 UNF Drive Jacksonville, FL	
<b>FFMC Spring Convention</b>	May 19-21
Niceville, Florida	
<b>NFMC Biennial Convention</b>	June 6-12
McLean, Virginia	
<b>NFMC SE Region Federation Weekend</b>	July
Brevard, North Carolina	

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