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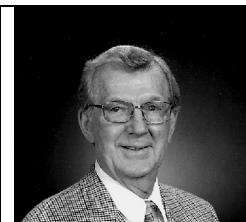
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President's Message

Gordon Maier



Our Editor has sufficiently recovered from her November bout with a kidney problem to produce this second issue of the Prairie Rose Notes. Odee and I thank the many of you in the Federation who supported us with your thoughts and prayers.

One of my responsibilities is to fill all the boxes in this publication with whatever the Editor has ready to put there. Another is to also provide the words for the front page. In my first article I was able to fill the page with a long list of my Federation activities up to the Fall Board meeting. There will be no such list this time because my reportable activities have been few and far between. So I will discuss some of the activities and affairs of the Federation that are of concern.

The 2006 Spring Board Meeting has been set for Saturday, April 22, 2006 in the Heritage Center, Bismarck, North Dakota. The meeting will start at 9:00 AM because that is when the Center opens. The letter of call will be sent out some time in March. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting. The Bismarck-Mandan Thursday Music Club will take good care of us.

The International Music Camp will build a new administration and library building this year. We have had much discussion of making a naming rights contribution for a music room in the library. A committee was established at the Fall Board meeting to make recommendations at the Spring meeting. The committee includes Darcy Lackman, Chairman, Jacki

Keck, Kris Brugamy, Doris Lambie and Odee Maier. They, and the Federation, will appreciate your support with encouragement, ideas, donor suggestions and contributions. This would be a continuation of our long time support of the Music Camp in the nurturing of our musical youth that the Camp and our Federation do.

The Evelyn Sampson Endowment Award of \$400 for one student to attend the Junior Composers Institute each year is now listed on the NFMC Competition and Awards Chart. Applicants must be recommended by their teacher, who must be a member of the North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs. Information can be obtained from me directly or at www.nfmc-music.org → Competitions → SummerMusicCenter. The deadline for application is May 10. Criteria for selection have not yet been established, but will be announced not later than the Spring Board Meeting.

Piano Teachers should be aware of the Ouida Keck Professional Development for the Independent Piano Teacher \$1,000 annual award. Information and application form are available at www.nfmc-music.org → Competitions → Annual Senior.

Folk Music, chaired nationally by our own Carole Flatau, is the subject of an article by her in the Winter 2005-2006 Music Clubs Magazine.

Deadlines for a few Competition and Awards applications and Activity reports that have come to my attention are listed on another page.

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NORTH CENTRAL REGION NEWS

Carolyn Nelson, NFMC Regional Vice President

Our goal was to be on-line by mid December and we made it. If you haven't looked yet, log on to www.nfmcncr.org (that's National Federation of Music Clubs North Central Region (dot) organization.) You will find a map of the region, NCR Notes and Notes-n-Quotes, the 2005-2007 vision, calendars with due dates for awards and competitions, a calendar with what's happening in the region, information on philanthropic opportunities and contact information.

The other project, the brochure, staff and website for 2006 Junior Composers Institute, also is finished. The website is www.juniorcomposers.org (self explanatory).

On that site, you will find the brochure, application form, general information, staff and faculty biographies, highlights of previous sessions, etc. The due date for the junior composers contest entries is over so we should hear about our winners soon. The brochure and application will be sent to all entrants age 14-19 (grade 9 or above) as of July 9. The NDFMC has \$200 scholarships available but the student will need to apply to Gordon in order to get one, they are not automatic. There is also a new Evelyn Sampson award (\$400); students apply to Gordon for that one too. Students do not have to be contest entrants to attend JCI. There is, however, a basic theory level that students will need to have before they are accepted. If you have questions, contact Sharon Wesbrook, sharonw@arvig.net

Congratulations to the International Music Camp for winning first place in the NFMC summer camp competition. They received a \$500 prize. We also thank IMC and Augsburg College for advertising in the December NCR newsletter.

NCR Federation Days will again be held Thursday-Friday, July 13-14, of Junior Composers Institute week. We will have an opportunity to attend a concert of the Minnesota Orchestra. The Thursday meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Augsburg College starting at 1:30. The plan is to have dinner on campus and attend the JCI recital returning to our hotel after the recital. The Friday morning business meeting site has not yet been determined. I also have not yet reserved rooms at any downtown hotel. I will have that information at the Spring NDFMC board meeting in April.

In August, be prepared for an experience of French charm with American energy at the National Board meeting to be held at the Hotel Sofitel in Minneapolis. The hotel renovation was completed in autumn 2005. Relax in the lounge just off the elegant atrium and enjoy the mellow sounds of jazz. Tired – try featherbeds, duvets and comfy pillows. Hungry – there's 24/7 food. Driving – park your own car at no charge. Meeting events, check the Minnesota Federation website: www.mfmc.net Please try to attend the Friday events (8/04) – the NCR luncheon and the "Church Basement Supper" preceding the Garrison Keillor performance that evening.

If you are not currently on the NCR Notes email list or on the Notes-n-Quotes mailing list and would like to be, please contact me at cnelson@nelsonnotes.com, call me at 701-235-5161 or write me at 1 2nd Street South, #5-402, Fargo, ND 58103.

JUNIOR COMPOSERS INSTITUTE—2006

Dawn Lawrence, Director

Exciting things are going to be happening this summer at the Junior Composers Institute. First of all, the Institute will be held at a new location. We will be at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, MN. Augsburg has many great facilities and best of all, enough practice rooms for all of our young composers to use.

We have contracted with several of the staff from Augsburg's music department to teach advanced theory and a beginning and advanced class of improvisation. Sharon Wesbrook will teach the beginning theory class. Participants of the Institute will have an opportunity to observe and work with the recording studio that Augsburg has in their music department. Randall Davidson, director of Fine Arts Department at Augsburg College is the coordinator and Instrumentation Clinician.

Participants of the institute will once again present a recital on Thursday night for family and friends as well as, NFMC friends that will be attending the NCR days.

We are all very pleased and excited over the addition of a web-site for the Institute. This is a project that the JCI board members have talked about and wanted in place for several years. I would encourage you to take time and go to the web-site at www.juniorcomposers.org. If you have the opportunity to see or talk to Carolyn Nelson or Gordie Maier, please thank them for their hard work in getting this web-site up and going. Any student interested in attending JCI can now download the application form, if they do not have a current brochure.

The 2006 dates are July 9th – 15th. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or write to me. Odee Maier is our new registrar and can be contacted for brochures or to answer any questions. Karen Bourne will once again be the Assistant Director and would gladly talk to you about the Institute.

Once again my thanks to all the states in the NCR not only for your financial support, but also for the encouragement and support you have given to the participants of JCI and to me personally.

North Dakota Junior Composer Contest News

Sharon Wesbrook, Chair, reports that there were 25 students who entered this contest, taught by 14 teachers. These compositions are currently being judged and the winners will be announced on February 23rd. ND contest winners will be sent to the North Central Region Chairman for judging. Then, those winners will be sent to NFMC for national ratings.

Class I, ages 9 and under, had 4 entries.

NDFMC First Prize is \$10.00

Class II, ages 10-12, had 10 entries.

NDFMC First Prize is \$12.00

Class III, ages 13-15, had 6 entries.

NDFMC First Prize is \$15.00

Class IV, ages 16-18, had 5 entries.

NDFMC First Prize is \$15.00

Students age 14 and older (or grade 9 or higher) are invited to attend the NCR Junior Composers Institute at Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN from July 9-15. (See Dawn Lawrence's article for more information)

Quoting Sharon "Since I have entered students in this contest for about 20 years, I was impressed with the high caliber of writing and the use of CD Roms for recordings. I really believe that an idea is the greatest force in the world, North Dakota has a chair that is excited about her position and I'll do everything to promote the students and teachers."

STUDENT AUDITIONS	FESTIVALS	From the Editor
<p>Pat Grantier, Chair</p> <p>Our NDFMC Board approved holding Student Auditions in 2006, following the NFMC guidelines. All of the collegiate music schools in the state were contacted and key persons were given folders with all the necessary data, along with an application to become Student Mass Enrollment members in October.</p> <p>There was little interest in this project. One school, the University of Mary, did apply for membership. And one student contacted Pat about the Auditions, but after the closing date. So the Student Auditions were not held.</p> <p>We will try again next year when the Auditions are part of the larger NFMC program.</p>	<p>Carma Kulish, Chair</p> <p>The following information is from Sandra Preysz, NFMC Festivals Chair.</p> <p>Make sure that all areas follow the format of #JR 3-4 when completing the Festival student report this year. ALL students are to be included in this report. The report may be computer generated, but all information must be in the same order as on the form.</p> <p>Make sure that the newly revised copy of #JR 3-9a is available in every room for Festival judges.</p> <p>NOTE: Proudly wear your NFMC membership pins at your Festivals so everyone will know who sponsors this wonderful event.</p>	<p>Odee Maier , Editor</p> <p>This newsletter is a little late, but we hope there will be information in it for all of you to use. I know many of you are busy with Festival—it is NDFMC's largest undertaking each year and we are so proud to be a part of it.</p> <p>Our next issue will include information about the many contest and audition winners. Be sure to check the list of entry dates elsewhere in this issue.</p> <p>We would appreciate any comments and/or corrections from you.</p>

NOTES FROM THE LOCAL CLUBS.... All the clubs are busy with the 2006 Festivals!

Devils Lake Music Club...Kitty Overboe, President

They gave 22 \$80 scholarships to the International Music Camp in 2005, and have invited these scholarships recipients to perform at their meetings throughout the year.

They provided refreshments at the Devils Lake Orchestra Concert, using the free will offering as an addition to their scholarship fund.

Fargo-Moorhead Area Music Club...Deanna Qualley, President

This entire year they are featuring original compositions, arrangements and original poetry by club members and friends.

They devoted one meeting to Opera and another 2 meetings to Strings.

In April, they will have a special presentation from the book "Amy Beach, Passionate Victorian."

St. Cecelia Club of Dickinson...Margaret Marcusen, President

They have enjoyed the performances of the International Music Camp scholarship winners.

They raised nearly \$700 in January at their annual concert and tea.

In February, they will host a sing-a-long at one of the local assisted living centers.

Fund raising projects include working with the local Herberger store.

Thursday Music Club of Grand Forks...Barbara Larson, President

They held their annual December concert, which they call a "musical gift to the community". A free will offering was taken and will be used for scholarships to the International Music Camp and UND.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS...

GRACE WILLIAMS-THENNES

Grace Williams, President of NDFMC from 1982-1985, died November 17, 2005 in Fargo at the age of 92. She and her first husband, Gordon, farmed in the Fairmount area until his death in 1975.

She became active in our Federation through her friend, Stella Pollock. They were involved in many Eastern Star projects including the Memorial Building at the International Peace Garden. Grace was Stella's traveling companion at NFMC national meetings which led to her NDFMC membership.

During her NDFMC presidency, she is credited with trying very hard to visit every club every year, started a Bylaws revision committee for outdated (1964) Bylaws, and changed our Convention dates to agree with NFMC—serving a 3 year term to do this.

Following her term, she spent winters in Arizona where she met and married Ed Thennes, of McHenry, Illinois. They lived in Illinois and Arizona until his death.

She is survived by 4 children, 8 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren.

Grace was a wonderful state president and we who had the opportunity to work with her will always remember her diligence and most especially, her wonderful smile.

LOUISE PINKERTON

Louise has been awarded a \$450 professional grant from the North Dakota Council on the Arts which will provide funds for a study and audition trip to New York City.

She will compete in March for the Byrd Competition and the opportunity to perform with the Flint Symphony Orchestra, Flint, Michigan. As a semi-finalist, she will audition on March 4th; five finalists will be selected at this audition and they will perform in a formal concert that evening. First prize is \$2,500 and a contract to appear with the Flint Symphony Orchestra plus \$2,500 from the St. Cecilia Society. Second prize is \$2,500 and the other finalists will receive \$1,000.

Louise is a member of the Thursday Music Club of Grand Forks.

DEADLINES

Competition and Awards Applications

<u>Competition and Awards Applications</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Submit To</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Ouida Keck Professional Development for the Independent Piano Teacher	\$1,000	Laurel Ince	July 1, 2006
Gretchen E. Van Roy Music Education Scholarship	\$1,000	Rose M. Suggs	April 1, 2006
Lucile Parrish Ward Veterans Award	\$1,000	Eva H. Johnston	Dec 1, 2006
Myrtle Mehan/Hazel Morgan Scholarship – music ed.	\$750	Lee Meyer	Mar 1, 2006
Dance Awards – Junior Division		Evelyn D. Duncan	May 1, 2006
Junior Composers Contest – North Dakota		Sharon Wesbrook	Jan 23, 2007

Activity Reports

<u>Activity Reports</u>	<u>Submit To</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Music Outreach	Vivian Acuff	Mar 1, 2006
Television PR	Sue M Breuer	May 1, 2006
International Music Relations	Gloria F. Grilk	Mar 1, 2006
Arts Advocacy – Senior Club	Caroline Nelson	May 15, 2006
Folk Music – National	Carole Flatau	Jun 1, 2006
Sacred Music – National	Sharon Wesbrook	Jun 10, 2006
National Music Week	Susan Lundberg	May 22, 2006
American Music Reports and Awards		
Parade of American Music – North Central Region	Heidi Hong	Mar 20, 2006
NFMC/ASCAP – North Central Region	Heidi Hong	Jun 1, 2006
Educational Institutions	Angie Greer	Jun 20, 2006
Summer Festivals	Angie Greer	Sep 1, 2006
American Music Junior Clubs	Angie Greer	May 1, 2006
American Women Composers Programs	Odee Maier	Jun 1, 2006

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"If music doesn't communicate, it has no chance of survival.
The need for beautiful music is stronger now than ever."

David Diamond, Composer
SAI National Arts Associate

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