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NORTH DAKOTA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS

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President's Message

Lila Gienger



The calendar says it is 2009, but I wonder what happened to 2008. The year went by so fast!

The biennial convention will be held in Grand Forks April 30, May 1st and 2nd. The formal Letter of Call will come out in March. We have scheduled a wonderful baritone singer, Jesse Blumberg, for the concert. Mr. Blumberg was the 2007 young artist winner. He comes with wonderful opera, concert and recital experience, so this should be a great program.

Try to encourage our young people ages 10 through 19 to consider entering the Music in Poetry contest. There will be an award of \$50 to the winner of the contest. Here are the general rules. The poems can be sent to the state chairman, Carole Flatau or to me by Feb. 18, 2009.

- The poem must be an original, unpublished creation of the entrant.
- The student must have reached the 10th birthday, but not the 19th

by March 1, the year of the contest.

- Any form of poetry is acceptable. The poem may be in traditional rhyming form, free verse, story in poetry form, etc.
- THE POEM SHOULD HAVE A MUSICAL THEME
- The poem should be no longer than 30 lines and no shorter than 8 lines.

Continue to encourage your friends and neighbors who are interested in music, or anything that has to do with music, to join a music club. Members of music clubs are not just professional musicians. We just have a great passion and love for music. There are a lot of people out there that love music as we do. Let's go out and encourage them to become a part of our organization. We are not just open to a select few musicians. We are open to everyone who has a love for music. Lets make 2009 a year to go out and spread our love for anything that has to do with music and the arts.

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Odee Maier, Editor

45th BIENNIAL CONVENTION

April 30 and May 1 and 2, 2009

Ramada Inn, Grand Forks

See page 2 for details

CAROLYN'S CORNER CAROLYN NELSON, NPMC FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

2009 – This is the year of our state convention in Grand Forks and the national convention in Orlando. I will also be national guest in Arkansas in April and Virginia in May.

One of my state jobs is Arts Advocacy. Gil is the regional chairman and vice-chairman of the national committee. The legislature starts on January 6 and there will be some items that affect our cultural life. It is important that the ND Council on the Arts receive funds to adequately bring artistic talents to all parts of North Dakota. Contact your legislators and encourage them to support an increase in the Arts Council budget. There is a bill to build an addition to the Heritage Center in Bismarck. This is a large request but all the former governors are on the steering committee and some of the request is in the Governor's budget. The addition will also require some private funding. You need to watch the high school graduation requirements being proposed – are arts included as a basic? And be sure to send in your local club report on your arts advocacy. Take a look at the report form in your manual or on line and send it to me by May 1.

Festival time is here and so is lousy weather. If your festival is postponed due to bad weather, please email me with the new date so I can make sure you have

NPMC liability coverage. I must know prior to the new date. Over 900 festivals, recitals, concerts, meetings and conventions were covered by NPMC liability insurance this year.

I serve on the governing board of Junior Composers Institute. We have had two meetings since JCI 7. The new brochures are available, a new website will soon be up and running and a new program for teachers will be held July 10-11. JCI received a \$1500 ASCAP grant to help with this new venture. JCI also received a gift from the Mary Ella Jerome Foundation to fund the artists in residence, Vocal Essence, during the regular JCI session. You can help too. It's time for our annual membership drive; charitable contributions help the NCR endowment. An annual membership is just \$25 and your participation will certainly be appreciated. Send your check to Sharon Wesbrook or me.

Congratulations to Carole Flatau, our wonderful Folk Music chairman. Carole has been elected to the Valley City State University Music Hall of Fame. Her big day is May 9 in Valley City. She joins the likes of James Ployhar and Merton Utgaard!!! Way to go Carole!

I'll be in Bismarck until the end of April but I'll see you at the state convention in Grand Forks.

2009 STATE CONVENTION Doris Lambie

These days it is becoming customary to send a "Save the Date" notice well in advance of an upcoming event. Thursday Music Club, with assistance from the Devils Lake Music Club, is planning an event--the 45th Biennial Convention of the North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs. Dates to save are April 30, May 1 and 2.

Convention headquarters are the Ramada Inn, 1205 43rd Street North, Grand Forks, (or the junction of I29 and Highway 2 West), with registration beginning at 1:00 p.m. April 30. There will be other registration opportunities as well.

Following the pre-convention board meeting there will be a complimentary dinner at Augustana Lutheran Church hosted by Thursday Music Club. We are planning a special evening of entertainment for you and people of the community,

The theme we have chosen is "Music-A Gift To Share". It is a long-standing tradition to have musicians from each club share their talents during the Friday or Saturday sessions. Please let us know who will be performing, the preferred time for performing and the selection names. We should like this information by April 1.

Our Memorial Service chairman, Eileen Jackson, will be sending a letter to each club president requesting the names of any club members who have passed away since the 2007 convention. We traditionally have

someone from that club read an obituary and perhaps share some personal recollections.

When you do your spring cleaning and find some unwanted treasures in your closets or cupboards, remember that we have a silent auction and we welcome your additions.

Now for the best news! We have just received a confirmation from Terry Blair, NPMC chairman of Young Artist Presentations, that Jesse Blumberg, baritone, 2007 Young Artist winner, will be our guest performer in concert Friday evening May 1. We hope many of you will be in attendance.

Carma Kulish will be arranging the Saturday noon event which will be followed by a number of this year's Gold Cup winners.

See you in the spring!



NOTES FROM THE NDFMC SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

A **Special Meeting** of the NDFMC membership was called at 9:15 am, September 27, 2008 at the Jamestown College Reiland Fine Arts Center to approve the following Bylaw changes:

- Article 3, Officers and Executive Committee
 - Section 2. Executive Committee. The Elected Officers shall constitute the Executive Committee together with the immediate past president. (We will no longer use 4 At Large members.)
- Article 12. National Board Member
 - Section 2. B. If the elected National Board Member is subsequently elected to a position of NFMC President, vice president, treasurer, or secretary, the board member's term limit will automatically be extended to match the end of the board member's time in that elected NFMC office, or until NFMC bylaws change the board member's status.
(Carolyn Nelson must be an NFMC Board Member to be re-elected in her progression to the Presidency, but her term as ND representative ends in June, 2009. This action will allow her to continue as NDFMC Board Member while serving as NFMC First Vice President and President.)
 - Section 2. C. An alternate National Board Member may be elected to service if NFMC bylaws allow for a second state representative. This will allow for immediate succession upon the election of a National Board member to the Office of NFMC President.
(This will allow NDFMC full representation, since the National President represents all of the national membership, not just the North Dakota members.)

Actions at the regularly scheduled NDFMC Fall **Board Meeting** in Jamestown include:

- Final figures for the 2008 Festivals:
 - 18 Events with 2564 actual participants,
 - 141 Junior Clubs and 1,999 Superior Ratings.
 - Average Cost per student; \$6.97 (not including Cups)
 - Total Cups: 537 including 5-60 point, 3-75 point, and 2-90 point cups.
 - Cup expenses were \$9,218.46
- 2009 Festival fees are raised \$1.00 nationally to fund a new NFMC Festival Computer program.
- NFMC will provide financial support for NFMC session only to the State President (or representative) and State Board Member in the amount of \$500 per session.
- Carolyn Nelson, Fargo, was elected the NDFMC representative to the NFMC Board for the 2009-2011 biennium.
- Carole Flatau, Valley City, and Odee Maier, Fargo, were nominated to run as NFMC Members At Large for the 2009-2011 biennium. Balloting for this at the Orlando convention.
- First place winners in the NDFMC Student Auditions will receive \$500 in each category.
- The Agnes Jardine Past National Scholarship Fund at IMC is being rapidly reduced.
 - NDFMC will give \$100 per year which will combine with the Jardine NFMC funds to provide 10 young people a \$100 scholarship.
 - **Note:** Due to action by NFMC/IMC this issue will be re-visited at the Spring Convention.
- Proposed language for the "Dissolution of a Senior Club" was proposed and accepted. Check with Kris Brugamy for details.
- The 2009-2011 Nominating Committee is Carma Kulish, Chair, Virginia Dohm, Avis Skinner, Darcy Lachman, and Jan Stoffel (alternate).
- The 2009 Budget Committee is Carolyn Nelson, Kris Brugamy, and Darcy Lachman.
- A committee was chosen to look into funding the Lana Bailey Past National Presidents Award.
 - Each state has been asked to donate \$1,000 by 2011.
 - Pat Grantier, Carolyn Nelson and Odee Maier will present suggestions at the Spring Convention.

FROM YOUR TREASURER – KRIS BRUGAMYER

Happy New Year! May 2009 be a wonderful year of music for you all. Many of you and your students will soon be participating in one of our various Festivals. I wish your students all the best as they show the judges what they've learned this past year and strive toward achieving a gold cup.

For Junior Clubs:

As of the close of 2008, I have heard from exactly 100 Junior Club advisors. Thank you for being so prompt in getting your junior dues to me. It makes the work on my end easier when I can get most of these dues processed before January begins. Thank you to all the teachers who remembered to include their student list with their dues, too. It saves me a lot of time to not have to contact so many teachers about this. (I still have to remind some, but I believe there were fewer this year who needed reminding.)

For those who still need to send me their junior dues, you have until January 15 (postmark date) to get them to me and avoid the \$5.00 late fee. There are still potentially about 40 more of you left to send me junior dues! Don't forget your student lists, too. (These are for festival purposes only. I do not send the names to anyone except your local festival chair.)

If you have any umbrella-ing teachers, please see that they have sent me \$5.00 for their Junior Keynotes



subscription. The national organization requires this. I am still missing a number of \$5.00 payments from teachers I've been told will be entering students in festivals under someone else's club.

Finally, I feel I need to apologize for the confusion regarding the price of the Junior Keynotes magazine this year. It is still just \$5.00 (and is included in the junior dues fee), but next year it will go up to \$6.00. I do not know how this increase this will affect the junior dues rate next year, but my guess is that it will only affect those who subscribe as individuals, like umbrella-ing teachers do.

For Senior Clubs:

As of the close of 2008, I have received Senior Club dues from only one Senior Club. Although there isn't a late fee for these dues, I do need to receive them from all the Senior Club treasurers by January 15 so that I can get my reports in to the national treasurer by the end of January.

For Everyone:

I am in Minnesota as I write this article, and I won't be back in Dickinson until January 15. When I do get home I am hoping that my mail pile will be full of envelopes containing dues I had yet to receive from both Junior and Senior Clubs when I left on my trip. Thank you!



RECORD COLLECTION AVAILABLE

Dear Editor:

I have a large collection of RCA custom 33 1/3 RPM records (about 5,000) which I got from my aunt 30 years ago and don't play any more because my stereo set needs a new needle and I have not been able to find one. I have tried to give them away locally, but no one wants them.

I hate to throw them away, but that is what it may come to. They take up so much storage room. I tried to sell a few of them on eBay but got no response. I would be willing to give them away if that person would come and get them.

They are mostly classical (piano, violin, vocal, orchestra). I tried Prairie Public Radio, but they don't accept them any more.

I also have *Etude Magazines* from 1901 to 1941 that belonged to my grandmother. If anyone wants those, they can have them. If not, I will probably throw them away, too.

Sincerely,
Myrna Patch

ED NOTE: Contact Myrna at 14772 NW 42nd St, Williston, ND 58801 Phone: 701-572-9059

FOLK MUSIC and POETRY FROM CAROLE FLATAU

Another fresh start: let's do it!

- sing "The Star Spangled Banner" at every opportunity
- for Poetry fulfillment at a meeting, read all four stanzas of our national anthem

Think **Lincoln**

Celebrate his bicentennial, beginning in February. His birth date: 02-12-09.

- Sing one of his favorite songs each month. *Suggestions:* Barbara Allen; Skip to My Lou; Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean; Go Down Moses; any Stephen Foster song; Battle Hymn of the Republic; Ride on King Jesus; Dixie Land; Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen.
- Listen to selections from his favorite operas: Martha; The Magic Flute.
(Let me know if you want more suggestions. Cf)
- Note our North Dakota events, including Lincoln Commemoration on 02-12-09 during joint session of ND Legislative Assembly, 12:45 p.m. at State Capitol Building. (Carolyn Nelson, state senator, has more information.)

Learn about **The Singing Revolution**, the amazing story of how singing saved Estonia. Estonia is one of the smallest countries in Europe but has one of the largest number of folk songs in the world. Every five years, Estonians gather for a massive folk song festival, with as many as 30,000 singers on stage. Long story short, Estonia had been invaded by the Germans early in World War II, then the Russians. "The Singing Revolution" tells how *singing* faced down tanks and won. The Fargo Theater showed the movie, a documentary with actual footage, an incredibly deeply-moving viewing experience.

The DVD will be available this month. I've placed my pre-publication order. I urge you to consider getting a DVD and getting a group together to watch it.

FESTIVAL NEWS CARMA KULISH, CHAIR

A reminder that Junior Club dues and Senior Club or Senior Individual dues are due by January 15, 2009, without paying a late fee. Please make all checks out to NDFMC and mail to Kris Brugamyer.

The Composition deadline is coming up. Please encourage your students or work with a public school English or music teacher with the National Federation Music Week essay contest. Maximum words for the essay are 500. Remember to use the theme for 2009, which is "Music—Poetry of the Heart." The deadline for this is February 1, 2009. The entry form was included in my mailing. Please remember it is one entry form per student. The essays should be sent to Cora Barr, 726 West 61st Street, Minneapolis, MN 55419, email corazbarr@msn.com.

Thank you for all the time and effort in preparing your students for the Federation Festivals.

Welcome to Mavis Ness, the new Grand Forks Festival chairperson.

NDFMC 2008-2009 FESTIVALS

DATE	SITE	CHAIR	PHONE
November 21-22	Linton Public School	Sylvia Weisser	701-254-4440 CT
February 6-7	Devils Lake - Piano St Olaf's Church	Jann Belanus	701-662-6348 CT
February 14	Grand Forks-Church & UND	Mavis Ness	701-775-9147 CT
February 20-21	Bismarck State College	Darcy Lachman	701-794-3484 CT
February 28	Fargo-ND SU	Marge Johnson	701-237-6163 CT
February 28	Valley City-VCSU	Sara Hagen	1-800-532-8641
March 7	Buxton Public School	Julie Broby	701-599-2268 CT
March 14	Devils Lake - Dance	Jann Belanus	701-662-6348 CT
March 14	Dickinson - DSU	Sandy Weisenburger	701-974-3910 MT
March 28	Minot State U	Arnola Leverson	701-839-0930 CT
March 28	Williston-Methodist Church	Ann DeLorme-Holmen	701-572-2314 CT

JUNIOR COMPOSERS INSTITUTE

NEWS Karen Bourne, Director

Junior Composers Institute announces VocalEssence residency for July 2008 Junior Composers Institute, a week-long intensive composition camp for students ages 14-19, and announces that Philip Brunelle and members of his professional chorus, VocalEssence, will be in residence the week the week of July 5-11, 2009 to read and perform new choral works by student composers. The Institute is hosted by Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

JCI was created in 2002 by members of the National Federation of Music Clubs as a program of the North Central Region. One of the remarkable activities of the Institute is each of the 30+ students will compose at least one new work during the week that is then performed by the other students. Musical styles range from pop to avant-garde, jazz to songs, string quartets to percussion ensembles.

There is a new look to the JCI website, which was launched in December. Check for updates to the exciting new programs at www.juniorcomposers.org. There will be a link on the new website to an organization called **iGive**. Here individuals will have opportunities to support JCI financially, quickly, and easily on line. We are excited to present the new and exciting look to our website and hope you will bookmark the page.

Thank you, and please contact me from our website with any questions you may have.

COMPOSITION CLINIC Randall Davidson

The Junior Composers Institute is inaugurating the Composition Clinic for music teachers this summer on the last day of JCI, July 11. We want our NCR members to see and hear the remarkable accomplishments of these young musicians during our Saturday Salon which will start at 9.30am. The Clinic will immediately follow, beginning with a luncheon and then workshops ending by 4.30pm.

At JCI, we get the opportunity to work with some of the most musically talented students in the region because they have been encouraged and trained by outstanding teachers. We believe there are many, many more folks who want to fire the imaginations of their students. This is why we have created the Composition Clinic.

Please contact me if you would like a copy of the Compositions Clinic brochure. If you or any of your colleagues have questions, please contact me at Davidson@boysartmusic.com or home 612-331-3168.

I look forward to hearing from you.



JUNIOR COMPOSERS CONTEST Sharon Wesbrook, Chairman

Dear Music Teachers of ND Federated Active Junior Clubs:

You may also find information on the new NDFMC website: www.ndfmc.org, or the NFMC website: www.nfmc-music.org.

Deadline Date - February 1st, 2009:

Composition and tapes, application forms and fees must be postmarked on or before this date and sent to Sharon Wesbrook. Make checks payable to NDFMC.

Age Classes:

Class I 9 years and under	\$10.00 State Fee + \$1.25 National Fee
Class II 10-12 years old	\$12.00 State Fee + \$1.25 National Fee
Class III 13-15 years old	\$15.00 State Fee + \$1.25 National Fee
Class IV 16-18 years old	\$15.00 State Fee + \$1.25 National Fee

Remember:

A copy of application JR7-2, the students composition and tape (see rules under eligibility) and the Junior Composers Fees must be postmarked on or before February 1st, 2009 and sent to:

Sharon Wesbrook, NDFMC Junior Composers Contest Chairman
16898 Longview Lane, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 Phone: 218-844-6009 Email: sharonw@arvig.net

NEWS FROM THE LOCAL CLUBS

ST. CECLIA MUSIC CLUB OF DICKINSON

Carma Kulish, President

The St. Cecelia Music Club will be holding its annual Serenade on Sunday, January 29, 2009. This event is our club's fundraiser for the International Music Camp scholarships that are given to the local junior high school and senior high school students. The Serenade will feature our 2008 IMC scholarship recipients, local talent, along with members of our club performing.

Our February program will be held at Park Avenue Villa, a local assisted living residence. The program will include a sing-a-long with the residents and a performance by one of our 2008 IMC scholarship recipients.

The March meeting will be held at Peace Lutheran Church and our program will be Dr. Corinne Brevig, a DSU science professor, whose topic will be science and music. The public is invited to attend, and it is free of charge. The last Sunday in March will be the Gold Cup Recital, featuring the area students who have earned a Gold Cup from their participation in the local Federation Festival held on Saturday, March 10, 2009, on the campus of Dickinson State University.

FARGO-MOORHEAD AREA MUSIC CLUB

Maxine Kallander, President

The Fargo-Moorhead Club will celebrate its 115th birthday at Founder's Day January 19th. Janet Miller will present a tribute to Professor E. A. Smith, our Founder, (rumor has it he may attend!) and a string program chaired by Benjamin Sung, FM Symphony Concert Master.

Other programs include in February a salute to Broadway Musicals by Lisa and Lanny Faleide and two NDSU Agnes Jardine Scholarship winners—Anthony Peterson and Jeffrey Van Oort. Dr. Simon Rose, MSU-Moorhead, will be the guest at our Jazz Month in March. April is Junior Composers Month and we will hear the Sue Simpson award winner—and the annual meeting.

Our May Luncheon during National Music Week—"Music-Poetry of the Heart" will be held at the Fargo Country Club. Area mayors are special guests and the Notables" will perform with their annual Spring concert.

Our Festival will be held once again at NDSU on February 28th

THURSDAY MUSIC CLUB OF GRAND FORKS

Mavis Ness, President

The Thursday Music Club of Grand Forks, chose for this year's program theme, "In music there is harmony; in harmony there is peace." We held our annual Membership Tea in September with two club members presenting the program: Susan Christianson played a handbell solo, accompanied by her sister Judy. October and November we enjoyed programs by the 14 International Music Camp and UND scholarship recipients. Founders Day was recognized in November, and our 85th annual Christmas Musicale was Dec. 7, with 33 club members forming the Thursday Music Chorus, plus other local musical groups. A free will offering was taken toward our scholarships.

We sing one or two folk songs at each general meeting, and include a poetry reading. We have 92 members as of December.

We look forward to the Northeast District Junior Music Festival Feb. 14th at the UND Hughes Fine Arts Center, and the North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs Convention here in Grand Forks April 30, May 1-2, at the Ramada Inn.

MINOT PIANO TEACHERS

Arnola Leverson, President

The members of the Minot Piano Teachers Club are in the process of picking musical selections for their Monster Concert, which will be held in April. Also, we will be reviewing applications for the International Music Camp. And, of course, we will continue to plan for our Festival, which will be held in March.

FROM THE EDITOR Odee Maier

This certainly has not been a user friendly winter, so far. Almost every day we hear of another North Dakota area "dumped on" again. Let's hope that January will be the only bad month, so that all the Festivals will go on as scheduled! Good luck to all the participants and committees.

Many of you know that I am the NFMC American Music Division Chair. My job is to promote American Music—all kinds of it—throughout the country. So, as this long winter goes on and on, please take some time and enjoy your favorite American music, musician, and moment. That's what the Federation is all about.

See you at the NDFMC Convention in Grand Forks on April 30-May 2nd.



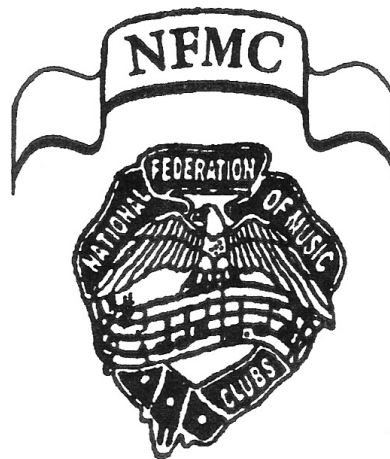
The NFMC Board of Directors at work in Jamestown

Intertainment by Carolyn, Carol and Sharon

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