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Notes from NDFMC State President Alpha Roeszler

One State Board meeting completed! Whew! Yes, it was a good meeting with 16 attending. We met right on time at 12:00 noon and were done by 4:00. The weather was good but it should be in September. Our Spring Board meeting was set for Saturday, April 25, 2020 at the same time

and place so put it on your calendar and hopefully we will have another good attendance and good weather.

We also discussed the Biennial NDFMC Convention for 2021 to be held in Fargo and set a tentative date for April 22 - 24 in 2021. We are planning to ask the Two-piano Young Artist winners for the April 23rd concert and hold it at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Fargo. This is where our local club holds our monthly meetings and is where we have the two Steinway pianos that our club owns. There is a lot of room for our meetings as well, and meals will probably be catered. All plans are tentative at this time.

Our board meeting also had some important announcements regarding Junior Festivals as Bonnie Stromme informed us in the changes in how Gold Cups will be ordered and we also had a discussion on changes for the Umbrella policy within the Junior Clubs. See details inside this issue.

Other dates announced were the Federation Day at IMC set for July 24, 2020 but unfortunately the NCR meeting will also be on the same date in Minneapolis. The Bismarck Mandan Music Club will be the hosts at IMC meaning their members may have difficulty in attending NCR. There is not much we can do to change that.

Another part of the board meeting was discussing the roster that is now complete and a short workshop that I conducted on filling out reports for the National level.

I plan to give reminders in the spring on date deadlines for reports to be sent in and these will be sent to those that volunteered to be a chair and to club presidents. Let's report all the ways we accomplish these music events!

Speaking of music events, I have looked through the Yearbooks given to me by several clubs and there are some

terrific programs coming up. I hope you have many attend these events and invite the public to share in your musical talents. Have a good year. See you in the spring!

Musically yours, Alpha Roeszler, NDFMC State President

Reports from Pat Grantier

NFMC Competitions and Awards:

Download NEW pdf Chart or browse online

www.NFMC-music.org/?s=competitions+awards

You'll find awards for teachers, clubs, students, adults, schools. I dare you to look through the whole listing and not find an award that applies to you. When you've found an award that piques your interest, search for it by name for the entry process. Your membership in NDFMC holds so many treasures that most members are not using. Be one of the first to begin competing on the national level.

Has your club had a program in November focused on American Music? If so, report your program to North Central Region's Karen Bourne, who is now national chairman of American Music. Her information is on the Parade of American Music form AM1-1. *Brag a little.*

Also, many of the awards are listed in the Music Magazine and Jr. Keynotes. Please make it your personal responsibility to alert people you know who are eligible to apply for these awards. For example, we should certainly have students applying for the essay contest. A \$75 prize is involved but North Dakota has not had one student enter in recent years.

Can you believe it? Deadline January 10. A student in each state is awarded one, but only if students apply!!

Early NFMC Award Application Deadlines	
Annual Junior Awards (Up to age 19)	
January 10	Music Week Essay Contest
February 01	Stillman Kelly Instrumental/Piano <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Angie Greer Music in Poetry Wendell Irish Viola
March 01	Martha Marks Mack Piano <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary Alice Cox cello or Double bass Marilyn Caldwell Piano Joyce Walsh disability awards Benzinger/Valentin Music for the Blind
Annual Student Collegiate Awards: (Age 19-25)	
March 01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beyer Composition (many classes) Meyer/Morgan Music Education Scholarship Dann Bullock Music Therapy Scholarship Carey Wilson Music Therapy Scholarship Oscar Valentin Violin Award Oscar Valentin Violin Award Ernest Bluhm Flute Award

Early NDFMC Award Application Deadlines - continued

Annual Senior Division Awards (Age Varies – See Criteria)

February 01	• Vivian Menees Nelson Award for Disabled/Visually Handicapped
March 01	• Virginia Allison Collaborative (Accompaniment)
March 15	• Martha Marcks Mack Sr. Vocal Award

Prairie Rose Notes Spring, 2020 Edition

We need your club's information to put together a good newsletter. Please take pictures at your meetings and send them to me at patg@bis.midco.net

- Deadline for next issue will be March 15.
- Please submit using Word or a like program.
- Pictures should be clear jpegs.

Evelyn Sampson Award Winner Calum Sommer

The Evelyn Sampson award of \$600 is given to the student of a NDFMC teacher who is attending the Junior Composers Institute at the U of MN. Students can only receive the Sampson award one time, therefore last year's winner, Liza Miller, was ineligible to receive it although she attended JCI again this year. No other students of NDFMC teachers applied. Therefore, the student of an North Central Region teacher was eligible to apply for the award.

Calum Sommer, 13, presently lives in Bettendorf, Iowa; however, since his dad is in the military, Calum has moved many times in his life. His first piano teacher was his mother who instructed him from age 5 to 10.

Calum has composed a number of pieces. His Rondo received 2nd place in the Iowa Junior Composers Contest, Level III. He has participated in festival as well, and accompanies his siblings in recitals, and plays piano in the school jazz band. He also plays French horn and is beginning to play mellophone in the marching band.

For more information about the Sampson award, contact Pat Grantier at patg@bis.midco.net

Reports from Kris Brugamyer NDFMC State Treasurer

IMC Scholarships are available from the NDFMC

For the third year in a row, the NDFMC is offering up to \$2000 in supplemental scholarships to NDFMC junior members registering to attend the International Music Camp (IMC) in the summer. These scholarships will cover up to 75% of the IMC's Early Bird registration fee and are available to any music student who is either: 1) a member of a Junior Club that belongs to a music instructor who is a senior member of the NDFMC; or 2) an individual junior member (not part of a Junior Club) who studies under a music instructor who is a senior member of the NDFMC. (Annual membership dues for individual junior membership is \$13 and includes a subscription to *Junior Keynotes* for the student.)

There is good news for students who will be receiving a partial camp scholarship from another source. If they meet the requirements listed above, they may still apply for the NDFMC's supplemental scholarship. In such cases, the

NDFMC's scholarship will be added to the other scholarship aid the student is receiving, but in no case will the total amount of aid exceed 75% of the IMC's Early Bird registration fee. The IMC, not the NDFMC, will make the final determination of the amount awarded to each eligible student who applies. The decision will be made shortly after the application's deadline of May 8, 2020.

The 2020 application form will be available to access on the IMC's website in the future. Until it is posted on the IMC's web site, you can still view the 2019 application form. Go to <http://internationalmusiccamp.com> and click on "Registration Info." From there, click on "Scholarships" in the red side banner. Look for "2019 NDFMC Scholarship" in the list.

For questions or more information, please contact state treasurer Kris Brugamyer at ndfmc@brugamyer.com or the IMC.

Umbrella Policy to Change to Mentorship Policy in 2020-2021

• The Current Umbrella Policy

For many years the NDFMC has had a policy known as the Umbrella Policy. It was meant to help out NDFMC teachers who had only a few students, by allowing those students to have junior membership through another teacher's junior club, usually for the purpose of being eligible to participate in one of the festivals held in North Dakota.

Each year, a few teachers umbrella more students than are in many of our junior clubs. This is not fair to the teachers who continue to renew their junior clubs with as few as 2 or 3 students in them.

To remedy this, an ad hoc committee was appointed last spring to review the NDFMC's umbrella policy and to bring a report and recommendation back to the board in the fall. The committee brought a motion to the state board in September, seeking to turn the umbrella policy into a mentoring policy. After discussion and a little amending to the original motion, the new policy was unanimously approved by the NDFMC board.

• The New Mentorship Policy

Beginning next year (during the 2020-2021 membership season), the umbrella policy will be replaced with the new mentorship policy. ***The mentorship policy will be available ONLY to teachers who are NEW to the festival program. Under this policy, they will be able to add their students to the junior club of an experienced teacher (the mentor), and in return, the mentor will guide the new teacher through the process of preparing and entering their students in the festival.*** There will be no limit as to how many students each new teacher may add to their mentor's junior club in a year, but there will be a limit of two years for using the mentorship policy. This means that after two years, the teacher being mentored will need to either: 1) form a junior club of their own; or 2) have their students become individual junior members of the NDFMC.

The cost to be mentored will be \$14.00/year, payable to the NDFMC. This amount will include payment for a year's

subscription to *Junior Keynotes* for the teacher being mentored. As was true with the umbrella policy, the teacher being mentored will also be responsible to pay any additional junior dues required if the total junior club membership of their mentor's junior club exceeds 16 students after adding in their students.

- ***Two Options for Teachers who will not qualify to be Mentored***

Beginning next membership season, teachers who have umbrella-ed in the past will no longer qualify to do so, because the umbrella policy will be replaced by the new mentorship policy, and it will apply only to teachers *new* to the festival program. Therefore, to keep students' junior membership active, teachers who do not qualify to be mentored will need to choose one of two junior membership options for their students: 1) form a junior club; or 2) have the students become individual junior members of the NDFMC.

- ***Rates for Individual Junior Membership Dues and for Junior Club Dues***

Currently, junior club dues are \$30.00 and will cover up to 16 students in the junior club. Individual junior membership dues are \$13.00/student and include a year's subscription to *Junior Keynotes* for the student. Individual junior membership may be a more desirable option, if a teacher has only one or two students. Both types of junior dues are payable to the NDFMC and are to be sent to the state treasurer in the fall.

Questions? Please contact state treasurer Kris Brugamy at ndfmc@brugamy.com.

The Fargo Moorhead Area Music Club Celebrates 125 Year Anniversary

The Fargo Moorhead Area Music Club celebrated its 125th anniversary during the program on September 9, 2019 at First Presbyterian Church in Fargo, ND. This festive event required many months of preparation. Over the summer a booklet entitled *1994 to 2019 *** Another 25 Years of Music! (A Supplement to "A Century of Music! 1894 to 1994")* was produced with Ruth Discher as the editor and help from many of the board members. The booklet had updates on our new programs, our new scholarships, lists of all of our scholarship winners in the last 25 years, and other pertinent articles for members and prospective members. After doing some research we discovered that the club had awarded over \$60,000 in music scholarships since 1998! Extra publicity for our program brought in many community members to enjoy the celebration.

The marvelous program was presented by the Lyra Trio, an ensemble of talented string players affiliated with the three local college and universities as well as the Fargo Moorhead Symphony. The trio members, Jane Capistran (violin), Elise Buffat Nelson (cello), and Amy Mercer (piano), performed beautiful music primarily composed by women. Two of the composers even had local ties. The club's women's chorus, The Noteables, also presented a song entitled "The Awakening" by Joseph Martin about the importance of music in all of our lives. Treats were served following the program, and all who came enjoyed this wonderful celebration. We now look

forward to the next 25 years as champions of music and musicians in our community.



Fargo Moorhead past presidents left to right - Susan Clambey, Alpha Roeszler, Jill Post, Carolyn Nelson, Marjorie Johnson, Em Laskey, Jan Stoffel, Isabelle Weaver



Lyra Trio - left to right - Elise Buffat Nelson (cello), Amy Mercer (piano) and Jane Capistran (violin)



The Noteables

Bismarck-Mandan Thursday Music Club Fall News

By Denise W. Anderson, President

Thursday, September 12, 2019, the Bismarck-Mandan Thursday Music Club gathered at the Veteran's Memorial Library for our annual "Bach's Lunch" social with the theme, "Let the Sunshine In!" Director Teri Fay led the Rhapsody Choir in singing songs reminiscent of the 60's: a medley of *Sugar, Sugar, Lollipop, and Candyman*; and *Aguarius/Let the Sunshine In*.

Following the performance and lunch, NDFMC President Alpha Roeszler installed the new officers for the 2019-2021 biennium.



Pictured from right to left: Alpha Roeszler, State President; BMTMC Officers - President, Denise Anderson; Vice President, Cheryl Knudson; Secretary Bonnie Stromme; Treasurer, Mary Hoberg; and Historian, Iris Giedd.



BMTMC – Rhapsody Choir

The Rhapsody Choir also performed at our scholarship concert, *Make a Joyful Noise!* Sunday, October 13, at the Faith Lutheran Church. Selections included *You Are My Music* with text by S. Teasdale/Z. Akins and music by Laura Farnell, *Ave Maria* arranged by Patrick Liebergen with Marnie Kraft on flute, and *The Mouse Madrigal* arranged by Steven Proter.



Mary Leaf Schneider and Julie Schwarz

The audience was delighted by a piano duet with Mary Leaf Schneider and Julie Schwarz performing *Double Down* by

Junior Composer Institute Director, Dr. Seth Custer; and C.S. *Theme and Variations* by Randall Compton.



Maren Schettler and Marnie Kraft

Marnie Kraft, Thursday Music Club Scholarship Chairman spoke of our scholarship program for the International Music Camp and encouraged donations prior to performing with her student, Maren Schettler on the flute with Julie Schwartz as accompanist. They performed a beautiful rendition of *Sheep May Safely Graze* by J. S. Bach, arranged by Sidney Lawton, and *Adagio and Presto from Sonata in E Minor* by Johann Christian Schultze.



Harvey and Diane Schilling

The program finale was Harvey and Diane Schilling on keyboard and accordion with the audience singing and clapping old favorites *Let the Sun Shine In*, *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*, and *When the Saints Go Marching In*. Refreshments and fellowship were enjoyed by all.

Welcome to the 2020 North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs Junior Composers Contest

By Sharon Wesbrook,
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This year there are major changes to the way the NFMC Junior Composers Contest is being administered. This is all part of a general centralization of festivals and should make the complex jobs of this very large organization, run mainly by volunteers, easier to run. But I want you to know that I am still here for you, to help you

through the process, either answer your questions or find answers to your questions. (It's new to me also.)

There are links to forms on the NFMC site. The completed registration forms, your pdf compositions and mp3 recordings will all be sent to national headquarters, and payment information will be on the form. Instructions are on the forms which you can download from the NFMC site. Once all of the required materials and the registration money have been received, NFMC will notify me, then I will download it onto my computer. Try to "beat the deadline." I have been told that all state deadlines and fees will be on the national form, but in case they aren't **the state deadline is February 1st**.

Class I – 9 years and under	\$15 (\$10 State Fee + \$5 National Fee)
Class II - 10-12 years old	\$17.00 (\$12 State fee + \$5 National Fee)
Class III - 13-15 years old	\$20.00 (\$15 State fee+ \$5 National Fee)
Class IV - 16-18 years old	\$20.00 (\$15 State fee+ \$5 National Fee)

All State & National fees are to be paid to the NFMC directly

Everything then will proceed as usual: I will send the information to the judges and return the completed ratings sheets to you when sent to me by the judge. All composers will receive the judge's comments and a score of points ranging from 50-100. In addition, the judge will select two "winning" compositions from each age class to advance to Regional judging. **The Class 3 and 4 State Winners will be first to be offered scholarships to attend Junior Composers Summer Programs in July, but everyone who has sent in a composition will qualify.** Compositions at the regional level will receive a rating but no comments: highest rating will advance to the national level. Some cash prizes are offered at these two levels. Regional and national winners will be asked to submit social security numbers. You will be contacted if this is needed.

At each level, I will have the immense pleasure of being able to communicate the good news to everyone.

Please note that all news is good news even though some news will make you happier than others. You all do a tremendous job by just participating. But we are not musical geniuses like Mozart and have to "learn" our way to the top. On the way teachers and judges sometimes have to make difficult choices between very good students. So-compose; compose for the enjoyment of composing; keep smiling; keep trying; don't give up.

Teachers who are encouraging students to take the musical risks required in composing, we thank you. You are giving your students a magical gift. I look forward to hearing the results of your efforts.

MORE CLUB NEWS

The Schumann Music Guild of Minot hosted a presentation by Briana Schwan, teacher of Functional Piano at Minot State University, in November. In December, the program will include kindergarten students of Deb Eraas performing at a

nursing home. Piano Festival February 15 and a March supper before the symphony concert are also planned according to President, Arnola Leverson.

The Williston Thursday Musical Chapter's goals for the year include fundraising for IMC scholarships, recital, Veterans Day salute, Strings in December, piano festival in March and members performances throughout the year with selections illustrating the four major periods in their lives. Ann DeLorme Holmen, President reports that Thursday Musical concludes the year by giving music educators a thank you gift bag during National Music Week.

2019 – 2020 Junior Festival Dates

Effie S. Carr – Junior Festival State Chairman

Date(s)	District/City	Festival Chairman
Nov 16, 2019 – Music	South-South Central <i>Linton</i>	Sylvia Weisser - sylvia.weisser@k12.nd.us
Feb 6, 7 & 8, 2020 Music	South Central <i>Bismarck</i>	Effie Carr - ecarr@midco.net
Mar 20 & 21, 2020 Concerti & Make-up		
Feb 7 & 8, 2020 Music	Lake <i>Devils Lake</i>	Kitty Overbo - koverbo@gmail.com
Feb 8, 2020 Dance		Diane Gunderson – dianne.gunderson@lrsc.edu
Feb 13, 2020 Make-up	North Central <i>Minot</i>	Arnola Leverson dal2246@srt.com
Feb 15, 2020 Music		
Feb 15, 2020 Music	Northeast <i>Grand Forks</i>	Mavis Ness - mavisness2463@midco.net
Feb 18, 2020 Make-up		
Feb 22, 2020 Music	East Central <i>Thompson</i>	Julie Brorby - jbrorby60@hotmail.com
Feb 29, 2020 Music	Southeast Central <i>Valley City</i>	Eileen Geske - dgске@drtel.net
Mar 14, 2020 Music	Southwest <i>Dickinson</i>	Sharon Gегelman - n0vs@yahoo.com
Mar 14, 2020 Music - Concerti	Southeast <i>Fargo</i>	Karen Okerlund – jackgam@midco.net
Mar 28, 2020 Music - Concerti	Northwest <i>Williston</i>	Ann DeLorme-Holmen - aholmen@nemont.net

Merry Christmas!

***And a Happy, Music-Filled New Year
to All***

From Pat and Effie

