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President's Prose

Dear Members,

Hopefully, many of you are now enjoying our Southeastern Regional Cookbooks that are for sale from your Club President at the cost of \$20.00. This cookbook is different from other cookbooks. Recipes have been submitted by NFMC Members from the 13 Southern States. They have been compiled into menus for your convenience. These Cookbooks make wonderful gifts and all the proceeds go to support scholarships for regional students attending Summer Music Camps. Each club has been asked to sell 5 and I would like to congratulate Portsmouth Music Club for being the first to reach their goal!

At this time, I would like to thank all of the VFMC Committee Chairmen for working with me during the past 2 years. I appreciate their continuing service during the next 2 years. There are 69 Committees within the 9 divisions of VFMC. This does not include the VFMC Officers, 10 Area Festival Chairmen and 10 Area Cup Chairmen or the 20 Club Presidents. As you can see, it takes a lot of members to run the Virginia Federation of Music Clubs. All of these Committees were formed to be of service to you. Please take time to look over the list of committees and the chairmen on the VFMC web site and review the committee forms which can be found in the VFMC Handbook (under *Club President's Information*). If any of the VFMC Chairmen are members of your club, be sure to thank them for their continuing service to VFMC. For those of you who are Teachers, the Junior Counselors' handbook can be found on the web under *Teacher Info*. This handbook has just been updated. Scholarship Applications and information for your students is located in this important handbook.

I would like to encourage all of you to get involved with your federation on several levels. Try something different each year and challenge yourself. Don't coast thru your club meetings or activities allowing others to do the work. Be an active part of your federation. "The human body was designed to walk, run or stop; it wasn't built for coasting." This is just as relevant for the human mind and spirit.

I enjoyed seeing many of you at the three District Meetings in October and I look forward to the VFMC Annual Convention May 14 - 17, 2014 at the Holiday Inn in Dumfries, VA. Our National Guest will be Elaine Knight, the newly elected Southeastern Region Vice President. A current NFMC

Young Artist Winner, Tavi Ungerleider (cellist), will perform for us on Friday night. Many of our VFMC members attending the 2013 NFMC Convention in Greenville, SC heard Tavi perform and unanimously voted to have him perform for us again at the VFMC Convention. We are very lucky to have such beautiful talent available to us.

I was very pleased to be invited to attend a concert sponsored by Thursday Morning Music Club on Sunday, October 12. Young Artist Winner Olga Karyterman, pianist, was the performer. I hope more clubs take advantage of the current Young Artists available to present wonderful programs. More information about the current Young Artists and how to secure a performance can be found on the NFMC Web site at www.nfmc-music.org.

Don't forget to celebrate American Music Month in November. Be sure to let Shirley Barker, VFMC American Music Chairman, know the various activities of your members and clubs.

Have a wonderful fall season and enjoy the beautiful colors of nature.

Sincerely,
Marcia B. Chaplin, President
Virginia Federation of Music Clubs



2014 VFMC Convention

If you attended the 2013 VFMC convention in Norfolk you know that next year the VFMC convention will be in Dumfries, VA. Who has ever heard of Dumfries? Actually Dumfries is the oldest continuously-chartered town in Virginia being established in 1749. The King's Highway (now Main Street) runs right through town. There are three remaining colonial structures in town. One of them is the Williams Ordinary built in 1765. It now houses the Prince William County Historic Preservation Division and is open to the public. More about this historic building and the town of Dumfries will follow in future newsletters.

Make plans to attend the convention on May 14 - 17, 2014.



Junior Composers Contest

The NFMC and the VFMC recognizes junior composers and all music students studying composition are encouraged to participate in this event.

There are a few changes in the rules this year:

CD's are now required for ALL compositions in ALL classes and should be clearly marked with title, composer's name, age and class.

The total entry fee is now \$10.00. This includes NFMC and VFMC fees.

Checks payable to VFMC

The new point system for earning gold cups *applies to ALL four classes:*

Superior: 8 points for a composition with 2 instruments or more

Superior: 7 points for a composition with one instrument

Excellent: 6 points

Satisfactory: 5 points

Fair: 3 points

Deadline: All entries must reach the State Chairman by January 25, 2014

The contest entry forms, rules and other info will be posted on the VFMC website.
(www.vfmc-music.org)

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Student Scholarships

Please let any students (age 19-26) who are majoring in music know about the NFMC Scholarships. Or if you contact me, I'll send them the information they need.

Student Scholarships: nfmc-music.org, **NFMC Publications.** Anything with an **ST** prefix is for Students. There is a detailed listing at www.nfmc-music.org. Choose "navigate our site", then "competitions and awards" to find out some of the competitions and scholarships available from the nfmc -- there are many!

Nancy Turner



Stillman Kelley Competition & Thelma Byrum Award

Are you teaching any talented young instrumentalists who will not have reached their 19th birthday by March 1, 2013? If yes, do consider the Stillman Kelly competition.

At the VFMC Fall Board meeting in Charlottesville in August we voted to give an award of \$250 to the first place winner of this competition in the state of Virginia. That entry (on CD) will then go on to the national judging with some very nice monetary prizes:

First Place: National Level: \$1,000

Second Place: National Level: \$500

Thelma Byrum Piano Award: National Level: \$300

Briefly: the entrant makes a CD of the program of 15 - 20 minute duration on his or her selected solo instrument performed entirely from memory. The application forms and CD must reach the state chairman by *February 1, 2014*. There is no entry fee.

For a complete set of rules, guidelines for repertoire and application forms go to the NFMC website www.nfmc-music.org or contact the national chairman.

What a wonderful opportunity for our juniors!

Nathalie Steinbach
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The Lana M Bailey Annual Piano Concerto Award

We have good news for 2014 graduating high school seniors who are entering college, university or conservatory as a music major. A new piano concerto award in the amount of \$750. will be given annually to one worthy recipient. This award is made in honor of Past-National NFMC President Lana M. Bailey from funds that are endowed for that purpose. Check out the website: nfmc-music.org; click on Publications and see JR 20-1 and JR 20-2 for detailed information and application form. If you are learning a concerto for festival or other performance venues, please enter. Questions will gladly be answered by Dee Blaser at: dblaser@sunflower.com.

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New Festival Bulletin - 2014-2016

For those entering students in festival this year, please make sure you read ALL of the bulletin that applies to your students. Many questions that festival chairmen are hearing are questions that can be answered by reading the bulletin.

There is an adjustments list to the new bulletin at the national website at www.NFMC-Music.org. It's on the home page and lists corrections to the bulletin, the status on publishing of a few of the pieces, and the status on the new online management system. It is in alpha testing this year, next year will be in beta testing, then will be available the following year for roll out to all the festivals. Make sure you start collecting your students' birthdates in preparation for this. It will be in the following format: year.month.date. Example: 2013.01.31. (Adults' birthdates will be needed also.)

Some of the advantages of the new online management system will be: all tracking done electronically, teachers entering students will select the songs from a pull-down list to eliminate selecting a song from the wrong level, it will create an electronic database for your festival, all reports will be generated from the database, and much more!



Club Notes

Portsmouth Music Club

Portsmouth Music Club will begin the musical year in September with a program featuring International Music. The performers are Russian singers and dancers in costume. In October, PMC club members will perform in a program that has come a tradition, which we call "Getting to Know You." We will observe Parade of American Music in November with music from the hammered dulcimer. We look forward to Christmas songs by college student music majors in December. January will bring the NFMC Founder's Day Observance with guest speaker, Rose Fay Thomas, who will tell us the exciting story of how the NFMC was born. A gospel trio will entertain also. An American Woman Composer will play her piano compositions for PMC in February. In March, we will celebrate Irish music with a harpist. Opera will be featured in April with guest performers from the Lyric Opera Company of VA. On May 4, PMC will observe National Music Week with a concert given annually for the community. Also in May, we will end the musical year with a Scholarship Recital by college students who are recent A.J. Lancaster scholarship winners from Portsmouth Music Club.

We look forward to an exciting and varied program line-up for this coming musical season. Portsmouth Music Club will continue to be Advocates for the Arts in our communities by offering free monthly concerts, open to the public, promoting and attending the community concert series, operas, stageplays and many other arts activities available in the Tidewater area. Club members also participate in many volunteer choirs and vocal groups that entertain throughout the year in many nursing homes, assisted living homes, Senior Citizen groups, etc. to give the gift of music to those who cannot participate but still love music.

Susan Cross
President, Portsmouth Music Club

Rappahannock Music Society

On October 7, we will start off with the annual *FESTIVAL INFORMATION* meeting with Mary Beran. On October 27 we will hold our very popular *FOR BOYS ONLY RECITAL* for our junior male students.

On November 4, our teachers are having a "play-in" featuring selected pieces from the new festival bulletin so we can become more familiar with the new music. Also our 14th annual *JAZZ, RAGS AND BLUES FESTIVAL* will be held at the University of Mary Washington in November. Last year we had over 300 students participate and we expect to have a good turn out this year.

Our annual Christmas luncheon will be held on December 9 with a program on *The Adventures of Ivan*. Teachers in our club have volunteered to play various selections. This will be followed the next week with our student ensemble recital we call *THE MORE THE MERRIER*.

We will hold our 18th annual *SONATA/SONATINA FESTIVAL* on March 8, 2014 at the University of Mary Washington. Last year we had over 200 students participate in this event. Our Scholarship Competition and Honors Recital will be held also be held in March. Last year we gave \$2,200 in scholarships to our students.

We have our annual *GOLD CUP RECITAL* on March 30, 2014 honoring students who received a gold cup this year. The First meeting in April on the 7th will be on Music Therapy with Kana Zink, a local music therapist. The University of Mary Washington Music Department will present our April Noon Concert on the 21st.

National Music Week has always been a big event for our club. Our poster and song display is so popular the library has asked us to leave it up for the entire month of May. We will also have a National Music Week student's recital and a luncheon for our members. We are looking forward to a productive, pleasant and musical year in Fredericksburg.

Nathalie Steinbach
President, Rappahannock Music Society

Tazewell Music Club

Tazewell Music Club opened their year with a fundraiser held at "Between Friends" gift shop in Tazewell. Over 40 local vendors, artists and artisans participated, all generously pledging 15% of proceeds to Tazewell Music Club scholarship fund. Music for the event was provided by Dr. Joseph Trivette and students from Southwest Virginia Community College and by traditional musicians, Jim Bevins and the Tower Street Band.

Two community outreach concerts are planned this fall. In October, the Bluestone Chamber Singers, Randy Farley and James Bartlett, directing, will come to Tazewell from the Wythville area. They will be performing a program of sacred choral works. In November pianist, Harold Brown, will present a recital at Tazewell Main Street United Methodist Church. Mr. Brown is a Tazewell native, and actively performs and teaches throughout the country.

We will celebrate "Parade of American Music" in November, with the local high school chorus, directed by Randy Cordle, performing a program of patriotic music. Additional programs planned this year include a Christmas luncheon with entertainment by Suzuki Strings of Appalachia; attendance as a club at the SWCC Festival of the Arts, and a program on music therapy and hospice care, by club member Jim Moorhead, and harpist, Wilma Hatcher.

We look forward to a busy and rewarding year!

Jan McClure
President, Tazewell Music Club

Scherzo Music Club

Scherzo is looking forward to an exciting season of musical programs and events. Scherzo will be hosting the District 3 annual meeting in October, and we look forward to having our state president, Marcia Chaplin, with us. We hope to have a good attendance from all District 3 clubs and a delicious lunch will be served following the program. Our regular meeting in Oct. will feature Mary Marshall, professor of philosophy and ballet choreographer. We will celebrate Parade of American Music in November with Dr. John Toomey, chairman of the music department at ODU and celebrated jazz pianist. The public is invited as this is our fund raiser and scholarship luncheon. Several of our programs throughout the year will feature our own members with cello, voice, piano and handbells. Founders Day in January will be highlighted by our own scholarship student, Destiny Kooiman, who is graduating this spring in piano pedagogy. Scholarship auditions will be held in the spring and we look forward to hearing from many dedicated and talented students.

Rebecca Whitson
President, Scherzo Music Club

Richmond Music Study Group

RMSC is off to a great start for the 2013-2014 year! Here is a list of planned events for our club!

- 1) **SUMMER SHOWCASE - AUGUST 2, 2013** We enjoyed each other's company, ate a delicious catered lunch, and browsed selections from the new festival bulletin. Kim Peachy offered her sight reading skills and played 81 pieces for us, just so we could become familiar with some of the new pieces in each level.
- 2) **ADULT RECITAL - OCTOBER 27, 2013** We plan to gather at Bon Air United Methodist Church to hear adult students of club members perform. This is also an opportunity to reach out to other adult musicians in the area and give them an opportunity to share their musical skills in performance.
- 3) **FESTIVAL – MARCH 1ST AND 8TH FOR PIANO AND VOICE/INSTRUMENTAL RESPECTIVELY**
- 4) **RMSC SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION FOLLOWED BY HONOR'S RECITAL** – dates to be determined
- 5) **END OF THE YEAR MEETING** – business discussion first followed by fellowship and cup distribution to teachers – date to be announced, but usually in May

Amanda Cousins
President, Richmond Music Study Group

Sunshine Corner

Edward Boley, 81, died Monday, September 9, 2013. He was born in Tennessee, and taught in the schools there before moving to Virginia. He obtained his Master's at William & Mary. He and wife Carolyn came to Roanoke in 1970, where he served as Principal of Patrick Henry High School. He loved to sing, was a member of his church choir, and a charter member of Agnes & the Rinky Dinks. He served as President of Thursday Morning Music Club 1999-2001, and served as Finance Chair for VFMC 2001-2003. He served his church, clubs, and community in many capacities and will be greatly missed.
- Agnes Downie

