



# Louisiana Federation of Music Clubs



## Noteworthy News

*Summer 2013*  
*Joy Harvey, President*

As we are well into the second year of my term as LFMC president I would like to update you on some of the most important events and activities of the past year. Important information and deadlines for the coming year will also be included.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS DIVISION**

Good News! We are so excited to have a new LFMC Public Relations Division Chairman, Ken Nelson. He will be implementing our brand new LFMC email address: [LFMCnews@gmail.com](mailto:LFMCnews@gmail.com). Through his enthusiastic efforts, we hope to bring you up to the minute news and improve communication with each club and individual senior member. His first job will be to update each senior club *email* roster list! So, club presidents, be on the lookout to receive his communication soon, and then up to the minute news via email throughout the year. And remember, we have a great website, [www.LFMC-music.org](http://www.LFMC-music.org) where you can still access lots of important information regarding LFMC, like festival forms, awards, deadlines, and email addresses.

### **2013 FALL BOARD MEETING**

The Fall Board Meeting of the LFMC will be held Saturday, August 10, 2013 at 9:00 am, at Atonement Lutheran Church, 6500 Riverside Dr., Metairie, LA 70003. We will be planning the coming year and taking care of unfinished business from our last meeting during the spring convention. Among the topics for discussion are finances, festivals and awards. All club presidents are encouraged to attend. If you have any ideas or concerns, please contact me so that I can put it on the agenda. This is the time to make your voice heard!

### **INSURANCE**

All insurance requests for Federation events occurring September 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 must be submitted to our state chairman by August 10, 2013. Any events occurring January 1, 2014 through August 31, 2014 must be submitted by December 10, 2014. All insurance information, correspondence, certificates must go through our state chairman Marcia Colonius at [marcia.colonius@gmail.com](mailto:marcia.colonius@gmail.com). The charge is \$15 per event. This year NFMC is extending liability insurance coverage to teachers/jr counselors for any federation related activity like recitals for \$15 if anyone is interested.

### **JUNIOR FESTIVALS**

Junior Festivals continue to be strong in Louisiana with approximately 3500 students participating across the state. Our state chairman, Kay Hawthorne, has been implementing the changes that national has made. The most crucial one is the collection of birthdates and full names for each Festival participant. Our state is participating in the development of a national database. The identification for students will be their full name and birth dates. This past 2013 year we began the process of collecting this information. In 2014 our state will be part of the Beta testing for this online Festival management system so that by 2015 we will have a full scale operation of this new system.

## COMPETITIONS & AWARDS

Melanie Perez, our Competition and Awards Chairman announced recently that the LFMC awarded \$7000 to graduating high school students to study music on the college level. This includes the Past Presidents State College Award which was given to five students, each in the amount of \$1000. It also includes \$2000 to the winner of the Mildred Bevill State Piano Award. Look for complete details of the winners in an LFMC News email coming soon.

LFMC congratulates the following 2013-2013 LFMC Junior Composers Contest winners!

Junior Class I -- 1<sup>st</sup> Patrick Chu, 2<sup>nd</sup> Emily Wu  
Junior Class II -- 1<sup>st</sup> Rachel Bush, 2<sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth Aubert  
Junior Class III -- 1<sup>st</sup> Christopher Aubert, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joseph Aubert  
Junior Class IV -- 1<sup>st</sup> Theresa Aubert

The NFMC Regional Composition Contest winners are Theresa Aubert, Joseph Aubert and Patrick Chu.

## STUDENT/COLLEGIATE DIVISION

Our Student/Collegiate Division Chairman, Dr. M. Steele Moegle announced that in 2013 LFMC had one state winner in the Biennial Student/Collegiate Competition. The winner was Nicholas Foster, a saxophone player, qualifying in the Orchestral Woodwinds division. As a state winner, he was also eligible for and received the \$100 Edith Kilgore Kirkpatrick award for Student/Collegiate winners.

The LFMC Student/Collegiate State Composition Contest winner was Christina Borne. She was also successful in the regional competition and national competition. Her composition won her the Hatz Special Recognition Award in the amount of \$50 on the national level.

## JUNIOR CONVENTION

This is a new concept that the Florida Federation uses very successfully. It is a competition with monetary awards and would be open to all juniors making a superior in LFMC Festivals. Our members Irene Vile and Bonnie Knowles have had firsthand experience in the Florida Junior Convention. They and their committee have done extensive research on implementing this in Louisiana.

During the 2012 Fall Board of Directors meeting held last August, the following recommendation was made and approved.

**The Junior Convention Committee recommends that LFMC continue to pursue a convention held for juniors for the purpose of:**

- 1. Increased Junior participation and involvement**
- 2. Promoting musical excellence**
- 3. Developing an avenue for Competition**
- 4. Offering financial awards**

**This Convention would begin in the spring 2014. The rest of 2013 would be used to get new committee members interested in making this event work. They would have to fine tune all necessary details related to holding this convention and promoting it in all our clubs. This convention would be by invitation to all juniors making a superior in LFMC Festivals. Events offered would be limited to: Piano Solo, Piano Duet, Piano Concerto, Hymn Playing, Vocal Solo Art Song, Vocal Solo Musical Theater, and Violin Solo. Additional events added as participation warrants.**

To date the committee has contacted Dr. Carol Britt, and are currently in talks with Carol concerning the possibility of using Nicholls State University located in Thibodaux, for the first couple of years. Once established, the Convention could possibly rotate between the southern and the northern part of state, possibly using Louisiana Tech.

Other Federation states have been holding Junior Conventions for years, but this is something very new for LFMC. This will be a Competition with monetary awards. Seed money has been set aside, but we would ask that all LFMC Senior Clubs consider establishing an award in their Club name. Metairie Music Club has already approved an award. First Place trophies and Second place ribbons will be awarded in every event, i.e. Primary 1, 2, etc. Monetary awards will be given by Divisions: Primary I-IV, Elementary I-IV, Med- MD3. D 1-MA2. Judging will be by a 3 judge panel with open auditions. Applicants would play the required piece in which they received a superior at Festival. The date of this convention will be something between March 15<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Junior Convention committee is very excited about this new opportunity for our juniors. Please contact Irene Vile at [eyedine@cox.net](mailto:eyedine@cox.net) if anyone is interested in helping to get this up and running. It can have a huge impact in our state, so please support it in any way you can.

### **LFMC STATE CONVENTION - MARCH 22, 2013**

Our 85<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention was held in Shreveport this past spring. This convention is one of the two meetings that LFMC holds every year. My state theme was the theme used for the convention "Honoring the Past and Enriching the Future, Through Music Today". It was very appropriate because our archives are housed at Centenary College and attendees enjoyed viewing our archives. This is so important because the records of achievement and background history are vital to us as we plan our future. What we do today is the result of the hard work of those that have gone before us. Therefore, our efforts today are what will insure a healthy Federation in the future.

I would like to extend my thanks to Judy Brown and the Bossier City-Shreveport Music Club for hosting a lovely convention, and Linda Higginbotham and the Cane River Music Club for hosting an exciting Jr. Day. It is unfortunate that the convention was not well attended by the general membership across the state. Not only did members miss a lovely convention, but important decisions concerning issues like awards and festivals had to be made without input from you, our general board members. YOU are LFMC and I encourage you to make the most of it. The minutes from the convention are one of the attachments to the original email you received for this newsletter so you can keep updated on the current issues.

### **NFMC NATIONAL CONVENTION – JUNE 2013**

I represented LFMC along with other members from Louisiana at the recent National Convention in Greenville, SC this past June. Not only were all the meetings productive and informative but the performances were outstanding. Attendees also get a chance to hear the various NFMC award winners perform as they prove how important Federation is in promoting music and young musicians in our country.

As you know Melanie Perez serves as our national secretary and Kay Hawthorne is not only a board member-at-large but serves as Art Division Chairman. She attended along with her husband, Bob

Hawthorne. Both Melanie and Kay are very active on the national level and serve us well. This year our LFMC treasurer, Kim Harvey, attended the meeting along with his wife, Margarita, the Metairie Music Club president. He came away with a lot of pertinent information on finances, dues, investments, non-profits, etc. We hope to use this and other vital information to make LFMC a well run organization that makes the most of our assets to better serve our members.

### **AMERICAN MUSIC DIVISION**

As you know one of the main goals of NFMC is to promote American Music. We have lots of information that comes to us from national about American composers and similar topics for study and enjoyment in our local meetings. However, we are in need of a state chairman that can not only pass this on to our members but also promote American music on a state level. Please contact me if you or anyone you know may be interested in this position.

Our new monthly song book for music clubs has been published in a spiral bound book for your accompanist. Please order one for your club as it includes music selections for each month that honors our American composers. It can be ordered through our national website [www.nfmc-music.org](http://www.nfmc-music.org).

### **REMINDER**

I hope you have found this Newsletter helpful and informative. It is a pleasure to serve as your LFMC president. Please feel free to contact me by email [joyharve@bellsouth.net](mailto:joyharve@bellsouth.net) or phone 985-400-5151 or cell 985-630-7452 at any time with any questions, concerns or suggestions you may have.