

Half Notes

Newsletter for the Minnesota Federation of Music Clubs

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MFMC 2016 Festival

Thanks to everyone who helped make the 2016 Festival season a success!

Please visit the MFMC web site for the 2016 Festival Report to view results. Remember that the 2017 Festival will require the use of a new bulletin. It is extremely important that all teachers review the bulletin and keep informed of changes and updates. Updates are posted on the National Federation of Music Clubs web site. Questions can be directed to our State Festival Chair,



All Member State Meeting held July 23, 2016

Thank you to members who attended the All Member State Meeting! The MFMC executive committee is grateful for the support and approval of the dues and fee increases that were necessitated by the increases from the National Federation Of Music Clubs to support MFMC's expenses and to provide Scholarship and Award opportunities for students and teachers. A special thank you to everyone who presented/performed Festival bulletin music!

Upcoming meeting dates:

April 22nd, 2017: Executive Meeting

May 6th, 2017: All Member State Meeting

2016 INTERNATIONAL MUSIC CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS RECIPIENTS



KATRINA JOHNSON



Katrina attended the Piano session on July 10—16. Katrina shares: I am so grateful for the opportunity to attend the International Music Camp. The camp really encouraged students to create new friendships while learning about the one passion that all campers at IMC have in common: music. IMC helped me grow immensely as a musician, not only because of the wonderful experiences that the camp offers, but because of the supportive staff and new friends that I had met. I learned so much about music history, sharing music with the world, and how to be the best musician that I can possibly be. At the end of the week, I found it hard to get on the train home because I felt like I had really bonded with other students because of our same love for music. Having a chance to be a part of the camp was a life changing experience that I will always be thankful for.

Katrina Johnson received a Superior in Piano Solo at the 2016 Festival . In high school, she participated in indoor drumline, marching band, jazz band, pit orchestra.

Katrina is from Cedar, MN and her teacher is Jennifer Thurman.

KAITLYN WEST

Kaitlyn attended the Voice/Choral session on July 10-16. Kaitlyn West received her eighth consecutive Superior in Vocal Performance in the 2016 Festival held in Duluth. She has used her love of music to overcome many obstacles many young people wouldn't have to experience. Music has been an outlet for her and a source of great joy which she wants to share with others. She is the lead soprano in a vocal performing group and her dream is to become a professional vocalist

Kaitlyn is from Proctor, MN and her teacher is Dana Copiskey.

Thank you to Karen Erickson, International Music Camp Scholarship Chair

NEW STATEWIDE ALL-MEMBERS EMAIL GROUP

Beginning this fall, we will have a statewide all-members email group. This will enable any member to send a message to ALL members with email, all at once. The primary function of the email group will be to allow the leadership team to make announcements quickly and easily. But it's something that all members will be able to use.

For now, the group will include all teaching members of senior clubs. Adult and junior students will not be included. So if you are a teaching member of a senior club, and you have email, you should be seeing a message in a few weeks in your inbox with more details.

Please note:

- We will be using Google Groups -- a proven system with a track record of virtually no spam or technical issues.
- Some clubs are already doing this very successfully at the local level. It hasn't caused an increase in the amount of emails they get from each other; rather, it has simply ensured that folks don't miss important messages.
- Group members will have the ability to opt out of receiving emails, and to request that messages be sent to a different address, or an additional one.
- Ideally the email group would only be used for the business of our organization, and if folks begin using the group for other purposes (such as gig or recital announcements, venting about the organization, inappropriate messages, etc.) not only will they be shut down by the moderators of the group, but sometimes Google intervenes and flags messages before everyone gets them.

COMPOSITION

Junior Composers Contest



Joey Schilling	State: Class 1 - 1st	Region: 2nd
Iggy Rosado	State: Class 1 - 2nd	Region: Honorable Mention
Kolton Graf	State: Class 2 - 1st	Region: Honorable Mention
Kirsten Stuber	State: Class 2 - 2nd	Region: 2nd National: Honorable Mention
Ronon Armstrong	State: Class 3 - 1st	
Sam Hanson	State: Class 3- 2nd	Region: 2nd National: Honorable Mention
Louisa Byron	State: Class 4 - 1st	Region: 3rd National: 1st, Outstanding String Comp.
James Harley	State: Class 4 - 2nd	

Junior Composers Summer Programs: Ronan, Sam, Louisa and James all accepted scholarships that were offered to them for this past summer and attended JCSP (Junior Composers Summer Programs)

Thank you to Sharon Kaplan, Junior Composers Chair

The Minnesota Federation of Music Clubs

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