

Meet MFMC President Nancy Fisher

When I think about the journey that brought me to the Minnesota Federation of Music Clubs, I realize that my love of music, my profession, and my aspirations for my students all intersect within this organization.

I have loved music from my earliest memories of singing in Sunday School, listening to my Grandpa play violin, performing with my sisters, and taking my first piano lessons using the red John Thompson books. This love of music continued and eventually became my profession. I teach piano, voice, and flute lessons at the very top of our fine state in Warroad, situated on the shores of Lake of the Woods on the Canadian border. I started teaching over 25 years ago in my home studio, but for the past six years I have been teaching full-time at the Warroad High School as a Community Education Instructor.

I first heard about MFMC when our oldest son was taking violin lessons and his teacher told us about something called “Festival.” Eventually, I became a member of Encore Music Club in Warroad, and started entering a few students in Festival myself. I was asked if I could attend the state meeting when none of the other teachers could go (and went) since attending a meeting was a requirement for our club to hold Festival. Little by little as I attended state meetings, I recognized familiar faces and began to understand more and more about Festival and all the opportunities it provided students and teachers in MFMC.

My students are the heart of my involvement in MFMC. Because of MFMC, I have received Tuition Assistance Grants to help two struggling families pay for lessons, my students have attended the International Music Camp and Junior Composers, I have pushed my students to compete in Concerto Events, I have had my vocal students venture out from Musical Theater to compete in Art Songs in a foreign language, I have hosted NFMC Young Artist winner Nick Susi to perform in Warroad. As I work with my students, I realize that I have not even scratched the surface of all that is available because we are a part of MFMC!

MFMC is first — a group of music lovers and enthusiasts. Many of our members teach music and want to give our students the best possible experiences. I encourage you to find out more about the Minnesota Federation of Music Clubs. Along with all the amazing opportunities and possibilities, I hope you will discover in MFMC as I have, a group of friends who encourage and support one another as we go about our busy musical days.

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