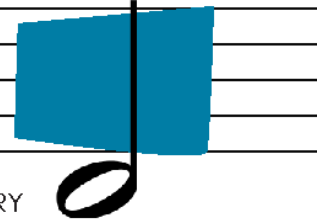




Half Notes



SPECIAL EDITION CELEBRATING MFMC'S 100th ANNIVERSARY

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Official Call
MFMC's 100th Anniversary Celebration – July 20th & 21st, 2022 – Lakeville, MN

The Minnesota Federation of Music Clubs is proud to celebrate its 100th Anniversary! This special Half Notes edition will provide all the information regarding this amazing event on the following pages 2-11. All the information will also be posted on the MFMC web site.

Let's all gather to celebrate our history, shared friendships, and love of music!

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MFMC President's Message – Nancy's Notes



President, Nancy Fisher

In August of 2017, there was a great deal of excitement about a solar event that occurs about every 100 years – a total eclipse of the sun. Our family waited with anticipation as August 21st approached. We met at the outdoor patio of a Warroad restaurant to view the first total eclipse in the United States since 1918, but unfortunately, the sky was cloudy, and we never did get a glimpse of the sun during the entire 90-minute window. My oldest son's family did more planning, expended more effort, and had a much better outcome. They drove from their home in Sioux Falls, SD to Lincoln, NE, which was reported to be the best location to view the event. When the clouds began to move in over Lincoln about an hour before the eclipse, Jay and his family started driving to find the sun. Driving west, the skies cleared after about 40 miles, and they found a campground, parked next to a car with

a Hawaii license plate, and joined a crowd of people on a hillside. They had a spectacular view of the entire total eclipse of the sun!

Your Minnesota Federation of Music Clubs is celebrating a once-in-a-lifetime event this summer and I do not want anyone to miss it! I encourage you to start planning now and make every effort to attend the 100th Anniversary Celebration of MFMC. We have some extraordinary events planned for our two days together. A concert by the Ellis Piano Duo, the premiere of a piece Melody Bober wrote just for this occasion, and a recital with songs, historical narration, and costumes by mezzo-soprano, Audrey Johnson commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Women's Suffrage movement are just some of the exciting events that will be happening over our two-day convention. You can read all about them in this special Convention Issue of Half Notes. Would it not be amazing if the majority of our members were able to attend MFMC's 100th Anniversary Celebration?

Much has happened since we last met face-to-face at our convention in Duluth in July of 2019. The members of MFMC have always had a lot in common because of our shared goals of teaching and promoting music and the arts in our communities. With all that we have been through and the experiences we have had these past three years, I think the members of the MFMC have grown even closer. I know I feel more connected to you, thankful for you, and encouraged by you and I am so looking forward to coming together in July to celebrate us!

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

- 11:00am Registration
- 12:00 – 2:00pm Celebration Luncheon Honoring Past MFMC Presidents, Welcome from National Guests, Premier of Melody Bober’s MFMC 100th Anniversary Composition
- 2:30 – 4:00pm Student Showcase Recital representing MFMC Senior Clubs, Presentation by National Guests, Reception Following
- 5:30pm 100th Anniversary Banquet
- 7:00pm NFMC Duo Pianists Young Artist Concert – Ellis Duo Award Winners Reception Following

Thursday, July 21, 2022

- 7:00am Registration
- 8:00am Classic Breakfast Buffet
- 9:00am Memorial Service honoring MFMC members that have passed away over the past three years
- 9:30am MFMC State Business Meeting
- 11:00am Multi-Talented MFMC Member Ensembles Recital
- 12:00pm Lunch
Presentation by National Guests
- 1:00pm “You’ve Come a Long Way, Ladies!” Finale program presented by Audrey Johnson, Vocalist and Sarah Lockwood, Pianist
- 2:00pm Closing

Hotel Information

The Minnesota Federation of Music Clubs 100th Anniversary will be held at the Lakeville Holiday Inn in Lakeville, MN on July 20th and 21st 2022.



Hotel Information:

Lakeville Holiday Inn
20800 Kenrick Ave.
Lakeville, MN - 55044
Phone: 952-469-1134

Guests can call the hotel directly for reservations, 952-469-1134, and mention that they are with the Minnesota Federation of Music Clubs Block, or they can go online to www.hilakeville.com using the group code MFM.

One month prior any rooms that have not been booked will be released.

Below are the discounted rates:

1 King Bed	\$ 109 + tax
2 Queen Beds	\$ 109 + tax
2 Queen Beds Poolside	\$ 149 + tax
Suites starting at:	\$ 159 + tax



Registration Form - Printable and on the MFMC Web Site at www.mfmc.net

**Celebrating MFMC's 100th Anniversary
July 20-21, 2022, at the Lakeville Holiday Inn in Lakeville, Minnesota**

Advance Registration (deadline July 1, 2022)

Full Two-Day Registration: \$140

Includes registration fee, access to all events, meals, receptions, concert tickets, program.

Wednesday Only Registration: \$110

Includes registration fee, access to all events, luncheon, dinner, receptions, concert tickets.

Thursday Only Registration: \$75

Includes registration fee, access to all events, breakfast buffet, box lunch, program.

Registration at the Door:

\$155 (for both days) \$125 Wednesday \$90 Thursday

For Hotel Accommodations, see information on page 4 in this edition of Half Notes and on the MFMC web site. If you have any questions, please email or call Julie Gutzmer: jagutzmer@gmail.com (507) 356-4800.

Name _____ Check Enclosed For: _____ Full Two Days
Club _____ _____ Wednesday Only _____ Thursday Only
Email _____
Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Wednesday Luncheon Choice: ___ Strawberry Chicken Salad OR ___ Chicken Caesar Salad
Wednesday Evening Dinner Choice: ___ Grilled Chicken OR ___ Grilled Salmon OR ___ Sirloin Steak
Thursday Morning Breakfast is a Buffet
Thursday Lunch (Choice of Sandwich, Wrap, or Salad)
Sandwich - Choose 1: ___ Ham/Swiss ___ Turkey/Cheddar ___ Roast Beef/Cheddar
Wrap - Choose 1: ___ Club Wrap OR ___ Chicken Chipotle Wrap OR ___ Chicken Caesar Wrap
Salad - Choose 1: ___ Cobb Salad OR ___ Chicken Caesar Salad OR ___ Cranberry Chopped Salad
(Sandwich and Wrap options include chips, pickle, cookie. Salad option includes a cookie.)

___ Vegetarian Option Available Upon Request

Make checks payable to MN Federation of Music Clubs. Mail check and this form to:

Julie Gutzmer, 564 5th St SW, Pine Island MN 55963

Special Events

Wednesday, July 20th, 2022:

Student Showcase Recital:

Each MFMC Senior Club is asked to invite a student representing their club to perform at the Student Showcase Recital. This can include grand and presidents cup winners, student audition winners, composition state or national winners, for example, with variety performances of piano, voice, strings, flute, etc. welcome.

Each student performing will get a free ticket to the Young Artist Concert on Wednesday evening. It is highly encouraged that each senior club fund expenses, such as mileage, for their student representative to attend.

MFMC Historical Display – All Day

Thursday, July 21st, 2022:

Memorial Service:

We will remember members who have died over the past three years since we last met in person. Clubs are asked to submit names of these members and MFMC involvement for the memorial service. Please email this information to Nancy Fisher at nancylynnfshr@gmail.com. by July 13, 2022.

Multi-Talented MFMC Member Ensemble Recital:

Members from each MFMC Senior club are asked to share a performance at the recital! Ensembles are encouraged including keyboard, vocal or instrumental offerings. Two grand pianos will be available for use.

MFMC Historical Display – All Day

NFMC National Guests – Ouida and George Keck



George and Ouida Keck

Our National Guests from the National Federation of Music Clubs are Ouida and George Keck. We are pleased to have them join our 100th Anniversary Celebration!

Both George and Ouida have been dedicated to volunteering for NFMC. Ouida is a Past National President, and both continue as chair of many committees.

Please take time to visit with George and Ouida. They also have a special presentation to share with us!!

NFMC Young Artists – Sylvia Hong and Michael Rector



Sylvia Hong and Michael Rector

Duo pianists, Sylvia Hong and Michael Rector, are the 2021 – 2023 National Federation of Music Clubs Young Artists and designated winners of the Ellis Duo Award.

They will perform a concert at our anniversary celebration on Wednesday evening. This concert is open to the public! Tickets are \$15.00 and available at the door.

Concert tickets are included with convention registration for attendees.

You've Come a Long Way, Ladies! – Program by Audrey Johnson



Audrey Johnson

“You've Come a Long Way, Ladies!: A Centennial Celebration of the 19th Amendment Through Song.” This special program will be presented for our anniversary celebration on Thursday by Audrey Johnson, Mezzo-Soprano.

Celebrating the 100th anniversary of American women's right to vote, this program educates and entertains while recognizing the struggle and sacrifices of the Women's Suffrage featuring selections of all these types of songs.

Don't miss this informative and entertaining program!

Commissioned Composer - Melody Bober



Melody Bober

Melody Bober has been commissioned to compose a piano composition in honor of the Minnesota Federation of Music Clubs Anniversary celebration.

The debut of this commissioned piece will be performed at the celebration during the luncheon on Wednesday.

Melody will give us insight into her composition process regarding this special piano composition.



Senior Club President Reports

Senior Club Presidents are reminded to email a report regarding their club's activities to Nancy Fisher at nancylynnfshr@gmail.com no later than July 1, 2022.

MFMC Web Site

MFMC's 100th Anniversary Celebration information is also be posted on our website at www.mfmc.net. Special Link on the Home Page or Events/Meetings Information.

Thank you!!

Thank you to the MFMC's 100th Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee of Nancy Fisher, Mary Wescott, Karen Erickson and Cheryl Schmidt. Special thanks to our registrar, Julie Gutzmer.

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See you there!!

MFMC's Officers and Chairs

*Thank you to everyone in leadership roles for their dedicated work for MFMC!
Members, please acknowledge their hard work that benefits you and your students!*

CONTACT INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE MFMC WEB SITE: WWW.MFMC.NET



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