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President's Message

Hello! I am honored by the convention's vote to elect me as president and I look forward to working together with you to build up the Ohio Federation of Music clubs.

After teaching and directing bands, choirs and orchestras in the public schools in PA and Ohio for nine years, I settled in Ashland as Coordinator of Music Ministries at Trinity Lutheran Church, where I have been for the last 38 years. The church has four regular worship services each weekend and about a dozen choirs to keep me busy.

I was production and personnel manager for the Ashland Symphony Orchestra and continue to play cello in a string quartet and teach private lessons.

I suspect that my journey in the OFMC has been similar to many of yours. I joined Ashland Musical Club in 1983 because I was invited to join. After a while, I was approached to judge at a Junior festival. Then I served as the state chaplain and was appointed treasurer for the OFMC Foundation for the Advancement of Music. Each time I learned the many aspects of OFMC, an organization which is more than just a local group of friends and musicians.

I certainly want to thank those who have preceded me in the OFMC for their work, efforts and personal friendship, especially past presidents Christy Smith, Donna Gerber and Jeannine Morris. I have their phone numbers!

What the OFMC "does" is astounding. Meetings, performances, festivals, scholarships, awards – we will talk about them all in the next few years.

Understanding what the OFMC "is" is the best place to start the discussion. "Music builds community" is the first part of my theme because OFMC is a community of music lovers who appreciate the role that music plays in their lives and have built relationships with others to experience, strengthen and share that love. Who is in your music community?

OFMC Officers

President: Ron Marenchin

Vice President: Jason Volovar

Recording Secretary: Julie Riegle

Treasurers: Gwen Brubaker

Jr. Div. Treasurer: Diane Larochelle

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Convention Synopsis by Christy Smith

The 90th State Convention of the Ohio Federation of Music Club was held on October 18-20 in Ashland, OH. The array of musical entertainment was totally out of this world. I was awe struck by the incredible talents of our scholarship winners. The executive committee passed the newly revised OFMC Bylaws unanimously. The revision took two years to complete. Thanks to the Bylaws committee, Parliamentarian Jack Pottmeyer, Karl Morris, representing the collegiate student's division, Donna Gerber, representing the senior division and Sally Christman, representing the junior division. President Christy Smith presented the list of new board members which the committee approved. The selection of Dr. Ron and Linda Sprunger as the Musical Family of the Year and Posthumous Presidential Citation to be presented to the family of past president Sophie Albrecht were also approved. The meeting of the board of directors followed with reports of various chairs. A dinner was served, followed by a wonderful concert presented by the Kroc Center Dixieland Band, led by Neil Ebert. Singer Melanie Miller was featured. The band played fun New Orleans style jazz which included songs such as *When You're Smiling*, *Alexander's Ragtime Band*, *When the Saints Go Marching In* and *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*. The concert filled the room with excitement.



The Ashland High Schools Chorus presented a marvelous program directed by Kim Wolbert to kick off the convention on Friday.

Ashland Mayor Matt Miller and Trinity Lutheran Church Pastor Rev. Dr. Eric Riesen welcomed us.

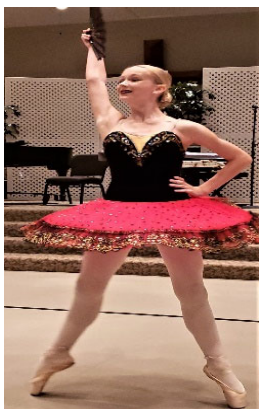
The General Business meeting: Senior and Collegiate Treasurer Gwen Brubaker, Junior Division Treasurer Diane Larochelle and Finance chairman Marjorie Poorman reported that OFMC finances are in good shape. Donna Gerber, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the new slate of officers. There were no other nominees from the floor. All nominees (listed on page 1) were elected by unanimous vote. The newly revised bylaws, and the election of Christy Smith as Ohio representative to NFMC also passed unanimously.



Carol Bernhardt presented a workshop in Community Involvement featuring Jim Froelich on viola and Sharon Grimes on piano. Froelich and Grimes are

members of Mansfield Chamber Music Players.





The morning musical interlude included 13-year-old ballet dancer Riley Sharp of District III. Riley was the 2018 NFMFC Ballet competition winner.



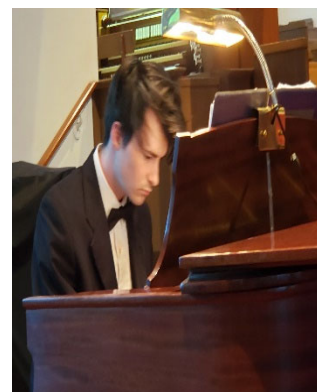
Moira Levant, 3rd place winner in the OFMC Adult Composition contest, performed "Curious Coincidences", her winning composition.



Violist Gabriel Napoli, recipient of the Helen Curtis Webster Scholarship also performed. Gabriel is a student at Capital University Conservatory of Music.



Vocalist Anna Fox, Agnes Fowler Scholarship winner from Wittenberg University



Paul Royce, 1st place winner of the collegiate composition contest, performed "Synopsis Connections"



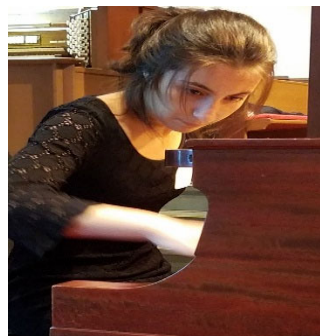
The afternoon events included a piano and organ recital featuring Mark Koehler and Mary Louise Metcalf on the organ and Susan Gregg on the piano.

Foundation Treasurer Ron Marenchin discussed "Where does the Foundation Money Go" and presented the Scholarship and award winners in a Recital.

1st place winner in the adult composition, Jane Hergo performed her winning composition, "Snow Swirls"



Benjamin Gittens, winner of the Collaborative Piano Competition, performed "Nightmare Fantasy Rag" by William Albright



Pianist Asya Akkus, 1st place winner of the Piano Concerto Competition performed the 3rd movement of Piano Concerto #1 Op.10 by Prokofiev

The highlight of the convention was the banquet, a formal affair. It was held in the lobby of the Archer Auditorium at Ashland High School on Friday evening. After a short tour of the State-of-the-art auditorium, district and club presidents lined up for the Parade of Presidents accompanied by the Ashland Symphony String Quartet., who also performed during the predinner.



Front L-R: Marjorie Poorman, Ednita Vaflor, Pat Brooks, Christy Smith. Back L-R: Jeannine Morris, Christina Dorinsky, Gretchen Germann and Jason Volovar



Outgoing president Christy Smith pinned her President's pin on newly elected president Ron Marenchin and congratulated each other.

The evening program included the presentation of the posthumous President's Citation for Past president Sophie Albrecht



Left to right: Marion Music Club President Ednita Vaflor, Past President Ann Derugen, and Bud Vaflor of Marion Music Club

from district IV were in hand to receive a \$70 Award for having the Best Parade of American Music Program. Thanks to the members of Marion Music Club for

providing food and drinks during the post-concert reception and during Juniors Day Competition.

New officers were installed by NFMC Vice President in charge of Northeast region Jeannine Morris. Ron Marenchin, president, Jason Volovar, VP, Jule Riegle, secretary and Gwen Brubaker, treasurer.



L-R: Gwen Brubaker, Jason Volovar, Julie Riegle, Ron Marenchin, and Jeannine Morris

President Christy Smith presented several club awards.



Warren Music Club of district 1, Jeannine Morris, president, received the Achievement record book award and the most active club in the small club category. The club received two checks totaling \$270. Congratulations!



The Dayton Music Club of district 3, Gretchen Germann, president, received the \$200 award for being the most active in the larger club category and the most innovative club

Three other clubs received \$70 awards:

The Saturday Music Club of district 2 for their Music Outreach Program having performed almost all their performances in assisted living and nursing homes; **Tuesday Musical Association** for their scholarship program; **Dayton Guitar Society** of District 3 for their efforts in promoting National Music Week and for giving a community concert at the local library to celebrate NMW.



2017 Young Artist competition winner in the piano category Kevin Ahfat wowed his audience as he performed on a Steinway Grand piano series S after the banquet. His repertoire included *Danzas Argentinas* by Ginastera, Schumann's *Kinderzenen*,

opus 15, *Pictures at an Exhibition* by Mussorgsky, *25 Variations and Fugue on a Theme by Handel* and *Intermezzo in A minor*, both by Brahms.

Jeannine Morris pinned Christy Smith with NFMC past president pin. As the immediate past president, She will represent Ohio in NFMC.



Musical Family of the year, Dr. Ron and Linda Sprunger received a plaque and a gift after giving a short program on the piano and organ.

Our Key Speaker Tom McNaul currently serves on the



Ashland Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors, where he chairs the marketing committee. He is a long supporter and advocate for the Ashland City Schools, recruited, mentored and helped elect many school board members as well as several city government officials.

Newly appointed Board of Directors

Senior Club Reporting Chair: Linda Rice of New Philadelphia Fortnightly, district 1

State Opera Chairman: David Sievers of the University of Dayton, district 3

NFMC Collegiate Student Audition Chairman: Tianshu Wang of Capital University, district 2

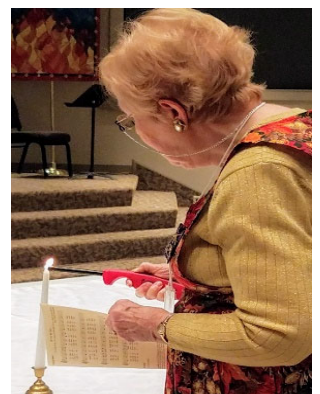
Corresponding Secretary: Janice West of the Dayton Music Club, district 3

Chaplain: Lorelei Heineman, Marion Music Club, district 4



Music in Poetry **Chairman Jack Pottmeyer** made a presentation on his poetry. He encourages all clubs to participate in Poetry in Music. Please send your Music in Poetry report to Jack.

Lighting of the candle is a part of the Memorial Service, to memorialize those who have passed on in 2017 and 2018. The names were announced, and a candle is lit for each district. Pictured on the right is Jeannine Morris, District 1 president, lighting a candle.



Chaplain Ron Marenchin led the Memorial Service with **Randal Boquist** on the piano. Both are members of Ashland Musical Club.

Senior Club News

Marion Music Club presented a program on American Music on November 18 at the Prospect Street United Methodist Church in Marion. President Ednita Vaflor organized a program titled *America, the Beautiful from Sea to Shining Sea* in music and poetry. Their program featured songs and poems of different states from five major regions of the nation: the Midwest, Northeast, Southeast, Southwest and West regions. Poems were read by: Betty Anderson - Beautiful Nebraska and Missouri; Marianne Allen - Pennsylvania and Grand Canyon; Anne Marie Bailey - West Virginia; Norma Fredericks - Arizona; Lee Ann Derugen - Alaska. Lorelei Heineman sang- A Real Nice Clambake; Jim Anderson - Sunflower; Gabriel Vaflor - Oklahoma; and Jo Ann Zimmerman - Blue Hawaii/Hukilau Hula with baritone ukulele accompaniment. Instrumentalists featured pianist Jim Besch - Maple Leaf Rag; autoharp player Phoebe House - Lumberjack; pianist Gary Flach - Beautiful Ohio/Carmen Ohio. Ensemble groups included Seniors in Song - America the Beautiful/Star Spangled Banner and Lullaby of Broadway; the Riego/Vaflor Quartet - This Land Is My Land; Seniors in Song Men - Yellow Rose of Texas. The audience was encouraged to sing along with songs such as Home on the Range, Country Road, and I Left My Heart in San Francisco. The program ended with the singing of God Bless America.

Attention All Adult Composers: The adult composition contest entry deadline is fast approaching. Deadline for submission is **January 15** to Sally Christman. Please contact Sally Christman at kscdchristman@aol.com for more information



In Memoriam Life time member and past OFMC treasurer Norma Disinger passed away on November 8 at OSU hospital. She was 88 years old. Norma earned her BS and MA in Music Education at Crane School of Music, SUNY at Potsdam, NY. She taught Music for many years in several New York School Systems where she met her husband John. After moving to the Columbus area in 1971, Norma gave private music lessons to many students in the Northland area. She was a member and past president of the Clintonville Woman's Club. She was also a member of Women in Music, Columbus. As well as a member of the OSU Women's Club and Delta Omicron National Music Fraternity. She was a member of Indianola Presbyterian church where she sang in the chorus. Contributions in her memory may be made to OFMC Summer Band Camp Scholarship.

Norma's Family requests that a donation be made to the **Norma Disinger Summer Band Scholarship**. The winner of this scholarship does not have to be a member of OFMC.

Donation Form to OFMC Foundation for the Advancement of Music

Please fill out this form and mail it along with your donation

I wish to contribute in memory of _____

Donor's Name: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip code: _____

Please send check issued to OFMC Foundation to: Foundation Treasurer

David Roepke, P.O. 174, Hayesville, OH 44838

Collegiate Student News



Jared Joseph was the recipient of the Master's degree Scholarship. Jared has served as the Vocal Music Director at Washington High School in Washington Court House, OH for six years. At WHS, he teaches five choirs, Adaptive Music, Modern Musician (music tech), and directs, music directs, and conducts the pit for the annual musical. Jared is a proud alumnus of Otterbein University, where he earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree. This past summer 2018, Jared began the Master of Music in Music Education program at Capital University, and he is incredibly thankful for OFMC's generosity through this scholarship. Jared frequently performs as a baritone soloist and chorus member in Fayette County. He has a passion for creating unique, collaborative concerts, such as Hope for Recovery, a concert from last school year dedicated to drug awareness and prevention that directly impacted the lives of students and families in Fayette County. Jared

is a member of Chorus America, American Choral Directors Association, National Association for Music Education, National Education Association, and the Organization for American Kodály Educators



The \$1400 PhD scholarship was awarded to Elizabeth Petersen, a PhD candidate in Music Education at the Ohio State University. She is a native of Washington. She has taught elementary and secondary orchestra and General Music for school districts near Seattle and Vancouver. She has a private studio teaching cello. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Washington and her master's degree at the University of Michigan. Her research includes music practice, engaging students and string pedagogy.

Attention Music Majors: NFMFC is conducting a Student Audition Competitions. There will be scholarship awards in different instrumental categories. Please check it out from NFMFC website. The deadline for your audio recorded entry and fee is January 15. Please contact the state chairman Dr. Tianshu Wang at twang@capital.edu.

Junior Division News

Attention Junior Composers! From Junior Composition Chairman Christina Sidaras... Hello, Ohio Music Teachers! I hope you have been enjoying composing with your students and have found some inspiration in the change of seasons. We are slowly approaching the Donald Babcock Junior Composer Competition Deadline, January 15, 2019, just after all the holiday festivities. Now is a great time to begin finalizing student pieces, recording your mp3, and making sure all your digital files are legible and uploaded as a pdf. If you have any trouble submitting your pieces or completing the application, please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to assist. Have a Happy Holidays!



2018 State and Regional winner of the Stillman Kelley Competition **Olivia Gittens** performed with such passion.

Four winners of the Junior Composition contest performed their winning composition during Juniors Day. From left to right: **Rilo Oberg** (Homework Lament), **Anika Sharma** (Winter), **Enli Kao** (My Pretty Rose) and **Caleb Ashley** (The Mind untamed)



The Juniors Day and competition was held during the OFMC convention in Ashland. There were 51 young musicians representing 31 Junior clubs who competed in three competitions. The three competitions were awe inspiring. The students and their teachers deserve the highest praise.
By *Linda Rinderknecht*



The winners in the Elizabeth Gerber Young Musicians :1st place winner Henry Shao (R) performed Rapsodia Nusantara No. 6 by Sukarlan. 2nd place winner Elena Ziegler of district 1 played Song Without Words by Mendelssohn on her cello. 3rd place winner Mila Gelbart (L) of district 3 played Sonatina Op.39, No. 1 by Lynes.

The article on the right was published in Jakarta after the recording of Henry Shao's performance of Rhapsodia Nusantra was sent to Indonesian pianist and composer Ananda Sukarlan. Henry Shao's performance of the piece earned him 1st place. Congrats, Henry!



Marilyn Walter Young Musicians Competition had three winners: 1st place winner Ari Webb played the first movement of Concerto in D minor by Lalo. Ari is from District 3. 2nd place winner Katia Jacoby, piano, of district 2 played Sonata No. 16, Op 31 No. 1 by Beethoven. 3rd place winner Marina Ziegler, a violinist played Violin Concerto in D major, Op 35 by Tchaikovsky. Marina is from district 1.



Participants in the Charlotte and W. Alfred Gray Competition



Winners of the Charlotte and W. Alfred Competition: 1st. place winner **Jamie Xu** performed Waldesraushen by Liszt. She is pictured on the right. 2nd place winner **Celia Craig**, a violinist from district 1, performed Hungarian No. 5 by Brahms. 3rd place winner **Cecilia Han** of district 3 played the first movement of Sonata in F, Hov.XVI: 23 by Haydn. She is pictured on the left.

OFMC Outstanding Juniors



16-year-old **Timothy Dang** of district 1 is in 11th grade at Hawken. At his age, he has already amassed so many awards. He was a participant in the Gerber competition in 2012 and 2013. He also participated in the 2018 Venetia Hall Piano Concerto Competition. In 2015, he placed second in the Music Teachers Association's Graves Competition. In 2016, he won 1st place in the Great Composers Competition-Art of Chamber playing. In 2017, he won three awards: 2nd place in Northern European Composers Category, and 2nd place in American Music category. He also won the Northeast Ohio Music Teachers Association Buckeye. Last July, he performed in the American Protégé winners recital at Carnegie Hall. In August, he won 3rd place in the Best Debussy Performance category. Recently, he was awarded third place in the Washington National Youth Competition in duet.

Timothy Dang was nominated by his Piano teacher Esther Chu.



13-year-old **Andrew Huang** is in 8th grade at the Lee Burneson Middle School where he plays trumpet in Concert Band. He has been participating in the junior Festivals since kindergarten in district 1-A. and has achieved 6 consecutive superiors . Andrew won 2nd place in the Gerber Competition in 2016. That same year, he performed in the American Protégé winners Recital at Carnegie Hall as an Honorable mention in the American Protégé International Piano and Strings Competition. He also earned 3rd place in the 2016 Great Composer Competition. In 2017 and 2018, he was awarded 3rd place winner in the Best Chopin Performance Competition and was second place winner in the Great Composer's competition in American Music category. Andrew was nominated by his proud teacher Shulamite Konopinski

Attention Juniors: If you like writing poetry in Music, start writing now so you can enter in the Angie Greer Music in Poetry contest. This is a NFMC contest. Winners will be published in the Junior Keynotes. Please send your entry no later than February 1. Go to NFMC website, under publication, click JR 12-1 for the requirements. All entries and fees must be submitted electronically.

Essay Contest

To our talented juniors who like to write essays and are in Grades 7-12, the National Music Week Essay contest entry deadline is January 10 .The title for 2019 essay is **"Music, A Magic Key"**. There will be a winner in each state . All winning entries will be published in the JKN. For more information, go to the NFMC website and click under publication, JR 13-1.

The Thirteen Junior Festivals is the largest project of OFMC. Each festival site requires many helpers. I encourage everyone to consider contributing your time during the festival in your area. Please call or email your festival chairman now if you can volunteer to help. Please review the schedule below and decide where you can volunteer. Your help is very much needed. **Teachers:** Please be mindful of your deadline. Scheduling students especially those who enter in several events or have other siblings is a very complicated and time-consuming job. Please don't make it any more difficult. **Thank you for your cooperation.**

Requests by: *State Junior Counselor Christy Smith*

2019 Festival Schedule

DISTRICT	DATE	LOCATION	CHAIRMAN	GOLD CUP
District I-A	January 19 March 16	Cleveland State University	Cindy McAdams 801-766-1789 ofmcfestival1a@yahoo.com	Karen Spisak 440-543-1400 dkmsba06@yahoo.com Co-Chair: Rozina Aamir
District I-B	February 1 March 16	Youngstown State University	Elena Mavar 330-207-6885 emavar@ymail.com	Cindy Cleeland 330-792-9274 Cindynotes2@zoominternet.net
District I-C	January 23 March 23	Kent State University	Sue Hassler 330-868-1285 dhassler@kent.edu	Mack Hassler 330-673-9164 dhassler@kent.edu
District I-D	January 6 March 9	Baldwin Wallace College	Coren Mino 440-773-6341 ofmc1d@gmail.com Co-chair: Ashley Fair	Kathy Savinell 330-686-1285 ksavinell@gmail.com
District II	January 11 March 9 January 18 March 16	Ohio State University Capital University	Marie Nichols 740-787-9846 nmusiccenter@mail.com	Marie Nichols 740-787-9846 nmusiccenter@mail.com
District III-A	February 7 March 23	Miami University Oxford	Irene Sakelos 513-738-5221 jamminmelody@aol.com	Irene Sakelos 513-738-5221 jamminmelody@aol.com
District III-C	January 1 February 23	Cedarville University	Leah Estes 937-258-8188 leah.c.estes@gmail.com	Debbie Dustin 937-399-3679 deb@kincaidmusic.com
District III-D	December 15 March 8 & 9	College of Mount St. Joseph	Anne Schummer 513-661-2424 piano@fuse.net	Marcia Lucas 513-385-9263 mslucas@zoomtown.com
District III-E	January 2 March 2	University of Dayton	Daira Skriblis 937-312-0134 daira.skriblis@gmail.com	Igors Skriblis 937-312-0134 igors.v.skriblis@gmail.com
District III-F	January 30 March 23	Miami University Oxford	Dennis Wein 937-548-1435 dwein@woh.rr.com	Judy Bohne 513-895-3079 rjbohne@msn.com
District III-G	December 22 March 9	Wright State University	Kimberly Ritzinger 937-367-6732 ofmc.district3g@gmail.com	Jennifer Shoup 937-426-6920 pianoprepschool@yahoo.com
District IV-A	November 1 March 2	Heidelberg University	Denise Eikum 419-261-1477 deniseeikum@gmail.com	Susan Zacharias 567-694-3037 suza@embargmail.com Co-Chair: Kevin Eikum

Dates to Remember

January 10: Essay Competition entry deadline, send entry to the northeast regional chair
January 15: NFMCC Student Audition entry and fees due to Tianshu Wang 7234 Optimara Dr. Pickerington, OH 43147
January 15: Deadline for Junior Composition Contest. Send entry and fees issued to OFMC to Christina Sidaras
January 15: Deadline for Adult Composition Contest. Send to Sally Christman
January 30: Deadline for Stillman Kelley Competition. Send your recording to Donna Gerber. Go to NFMCC Website for rules and other more information
February 28: Entry deadline to the Marjorie Neville Collaborative Piano due to Dr. Jackson Leung
March 1: Deadline for Student/Collegiate Composition contest. Send entry to Sally Christman
March 1: Deadline for the NFMCC Collegiate Composition Contest. Email Jim McCutcheon at jim@mccutcheon.biz for more information
March 21: Marjorie Neville Collaborative Piano Competition at Wright State University
April 6: District 1 Conference hosted by Lisbon Music Club. Contact Jeannine Morris
April 27: District Conference at Otterbein Senior Center. Contact Patricia Brooks
May 4: District 2 and 4 (combined) Conference. Hosted by Marion Music Club. Contact Marjorie Poorman

Friday Luncheon



*May your Christmas be Merry and Bright
And may the New Year bring you good Health and Prosperity*

Love

Peace

and

Joy



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