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President's Message

Gordon Maier



Welcome to the first issue of the North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs newsletter, the "Prairie Rose Notes". This is Odee Maier's Dream Number One, presented and approved at the 2005 Biennial Convention last April. Many of you know Odee and know there was no doubt that we will have a newsletter before the Fall Board meeting. And there is no doubt this form of communication with the members will further the object of NDMFC: "to bring music clubs and other musical organizations and individuals directly or indirectly associated with musical activity into working relations with one another".

Another first is this, my first newsletter article. Some of you may wonder if another first might not be that you now have a man as NDMFC President. I cannot claim that distinction. In all the history of NDMFC there were two others that preceded me. I may have to settle for the possibility that I am the first President who is not a musician, at least until someone digs into the history and disproves that. Be assured that I am a music lover, and I do admit to playing the tonette in grade school, the sousaphone in high school, and singing a timid bass and a more timid tenor in several church choirs. So how did I end up in this position? I think it was because nobody else would take the job. It may also have to do with my hanging out with and supporting Odee, my bride of 50 some years, at many NDMFC, NDMFC and club functions, and eventually getting directly involved in NDMFC affairs. So, I am familiar from top to bottom with the workings of the Federation, and the amazing things that we do in support of music and musicians.

As a new state president I am now learning more about the workings of the Federation. So far this summer I have:

- Attended the NDMFC Biennial Convention (and got elected).
- Attended the NDMFC Board Meeting in Austin, Texas along with several North Dakotans and NCR friends. I was treated as a state president, but only because I was filling in for Past President Sharon Wesbrook who could not attend and celebrate her last hurrah.
- Attended the North Central Region meeting in Roseville, Minnesota representing NDMFC.
- Enjoyed my fourth Junior Composer Institute at the same time and place. The youngsters never cease to amaze me with their creative talents and accomplishments.
- Attended the International Music Camp, presented our annual contribution to the IMC endowment, presented our Gay King awards to ten Agnes Jardine Award winners, and helped the International Peace Garden celebrate its 50th Anniversary.
- Studied up on the NDMFC Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules.
- Worked my way through the NDMFC roster of officers and committee chairs, and learned about recruiting to fill empty slots.
- Learned about some of the things we need to work on to extend the influence of the Federation in our local and state music communities.
- Discovered the vast pool of leadership, talent and enthusiastic supporters in the North Dakota Federation of Music Clubs.

I am amazed at what we do in support of music.

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NORTH CENTRAL REGION NEWS

NFMC BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD IN BLOOMINGTON MN, AUGUST 1-7, 2006

I hope you will mark your calendar now and plan to attend all or part of the NFMC national board meeting next summer. Some of you attended the board meeting when it was held in Fargo back in the 70's (my sons' handbell choir performed at the event). There's lots of great talent showcased, many friends to meet and greet, and lots to learn at these meetings. I would strongly suggest that you at least try to attend the NC regional luncheon and the program by Garrison Keilor on Friday, August 4 and the president's banquet on Saturday, August 5. We don't get our national federation friends to this part of the county that often, so let's be great hosts and show them a give them a great North Central Region welcome!!

Welcome back to another year in NFMC. Many thanks go to Odee Maier for her leadership in the North Central Region (NCR) during the past 4 years. At the national convention in Austin, TX, I was elected to succeed Odee as NFMC Vice President for the North Central Region. I have set some lofty goals for the region during the next 2 years. I challenge North Dakota to lead the way.

NFMC-NCR GOALS:

- To promote music of our cultures
- To locate or compile a list of regional performers and composers
- To attain a 10% adult membership increase
- To federate regional colleges and universities
- To develop and advertise our websites
- To encourage junior composers
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There are programs in each of our towns that promote culture. A recent FM Communiversity program promoted cultural music. Please let me know of special programs in your community. If you would just write down performers, composers (or arrangers) in your own community and send their names and addresses to me we would have a lengthy list. Ten percent, that means about 40 new members in our state. How will your club help achieve that goal? There are certificates to all senior clubs in the region who increase their membership by 10%. Remember, we have a state motion that says that the state will pay the dues for student clubs in our state universities and colleges. The state website is under construction so there will be more on that later. We only had 2 junior composers attend JCI in 2005, let's do better next year – the state has up to 8 scholarships to give but juniors must enter the ND Junior Composer competition to qualify.

Congratulations to all the NDFMC members who now hold elected offices in NFMC. Deanna Qualley (Fargo) is the chairman for the western, north central and south central regions for the National Music Week Essay contest. Tom Wellin (Bismarck) is the new NFMC chairman for Crusade for Strings. Sharon Wesbrook (Detroit Lakes/Fargo) was elected Sacred Music chair. Odee Maier (Fargo) was elected chair of the American Women Composers and a member-at-large of the NFMC Board of Directors. Dawn Lawrence (Northwood) was reelected chair of the Gold Cup. Carole Flatau (Valley City) was reelected Folk Music Chairman and a member-at-large of the NFMC Board of Directors. Doris Lambie (Grand Forks) was reelected Public Relations chair. I chair the Arts Advocacy Committee. Your state president, Gordon Maier (Fargo) remains a member of the NFMC Investment Committee. We also have some regional chairmen: Vivian Acuff (Fargo), NCR opera chair; Eileen Jackson, NCR Poetry chair.

If you wish to receive the monthly NCR Notes, please drop me an email at cnelson@nelsonnotes.com. NCR-Notes is an electronic publication with current NFMC news, announcements and reminders.

Let's have a great 2005-2006 musical adventure!!

Carolyn Nelson, NFMC VP for North Central Region

JUNIOR COMPOSERS INSTITUTE

The 4th Junior Composers Institute was held on the campus of Northwestern College in St. Paul, MN on July 10th – 17th. This year there were 18 campers in attendance. The camp offers young musicians a chance to feel comfort, stimulation and encouragement to create music.

Young composers that attended the camp from North Dakota and received scholarships, were Emily Custer, piano student of Delores Loberg and Nathan Todhunter, piano student of Gloria Bethke both from Grand Forks. Nathan has been at the camp since it was founded in 2001 and this was Emily's third year in attendance.

On Thursday evening the campers held a recital and performed the composition that they had written and received a scholarship for. On Friday afternoon at an informal salon, they played and talked about the music they had composed during the week of camp. Much focus is given to learning instrumentation at the camp and all of the campers included several instruments in their compositions.

Seth Custer graduate of UND and presently working on his MA degree in Michigan, was the music technology and ear training clinician. Randall Davidson and Elizabeth Alexander both well known for their compositions and from the Minneapolis area, were part of the staff and added great support by teaching orchestration, composition and theory.

The seven states in the North Central Region offer scholarships to the students that are state and regional winners. For the past two years, MMTNA through the Schubert Club in St. Paul have also awarded scholarships to the Minnesota winners to attend our camp.

The dates for the 2006 Junior Composers Camp are July 9th – 15th. For information regarding the camp and a 2006 brochure, please contact any of the following:

Odee Maier, Camp Registrar at 701- 280-2437

Dawn Lawrence, Camp Director at 701-587-5330 or

Carolyn Nelson, NCR President at 701-235-5161

Junior Composer Institute 4 Photo



NEWS FROM THE STATE TREASURER.....

Both the NDFMC and the NFMC held conventions this past spring and summer, and both bodies made some important changes. Please read the following items to see if they affect you.

*** State Dues for Senior Club Members Increased**
It has been over 16 years since senior club dues to the state were raised to \$2.00/person. At the state convention last spring, after much discussion, the delegates unanimously approved to raise state dues for senior club members to \$3.00/person, beginning this fall. The national dues still remain at \$2.00/person, and the Founders' Day Pennies are still \$1.00/person. This means that now \$6.00 of each person's locally-paid senior club dues shall be forwarded to the state treasurer (instead of \$5.00/person, as was done before). This increase will be indicated on the senior club dues form that each senior club treasurer will receive this fall. The dues rates for all other categories remain unchanged.

*** State Festival Fees Increased**
Fees for NDFMC-sponsored festivals will now be \$10.00/entry instead of \$9.00/entry in an effort to keep up with the rising costs of running festivals and purchasing festival cups. The new \$10.00 entry fee will be split as follows: \$7.00 for festival expenses and \$3.00 for cup expenses.

*** All NDFMC Festival Judges Require Certification**
When the state began a certification process for its festival judges a few years ago, the intention was that only these certified people would serve as judges at NDFMC-sponsored festivals. In a few cases this has not been true, so the delegates at the state convention unanimously approved a policy of not reimbursing judges who are not certified by the NDFMC but still judge at a festival. ("NDFMC-certified" means the person paid the \$12.00 certification fee and either attended a judging workshop sponsored by the NDFMC or viewed a video equivalent of the workshop. Certification is valid until the next Festival Bulletin is issued – a maximum of 3 years). Both Arnola Levenson (the judges' workshop presenter) and Kris Brugamy (state treasurer) have a current list of certified judges, if in doubt.

*** Junior Key Notes a "Must Have" for All Teachers**
At its national convention, the NFMC approved a new requirement that ALL teachers who enter students in a federated-festival must also subscribe to the Junior Key Notes magazine. This magazine is the NFMC's means of passing information on to the music teachers of our Federation. The new change affects only those teachers who do not have their own junior club, but still enter students in a festival under another teacher's junior club. Such teachers must now subscribe to the Junior Key Notes each fall of the school year they enter students in a festival. The subscription rate is \$5.00/year and is payable to the NDFMC and sent to the state treasurer. Please include a current mailing address with the check. There is no change for teachers who sponsor a junior club, since they already receive this magazine as a part of their annual junior dues payment.

*** Pay Junior Dues in the Fall – Avoid the Late Fee**
It is important to pay junior club dues to the state treasurer in a timely manner. The requested deadline for payment is December 15, but there is a one-month grace period (until January 15) before a \$5.00 late fee is imposed. Junior club dues form can be gotten from any local Festival Chair. Remember, everyone needs to pay the minimum dues of \$20.00, so pay this now and avoid the late fee. If you need to add members at a later date (at \$1.00/member), you may do so at any time prior to the festival. The late fee does not apply to additional dues.



JUNIOR DIVISION NEWS

2005 Festivals

Carma Kulish, Dickinson, NDFMC Festival Chair, reports that there were 3010 participants in the 9 Festival sites. There were 5 in the Adult Festival; 3 piano solo, 1 concerto, and 1 hymn playing. Junior Festival entries included: 2,093 piano solo, 104 piano concerto, 222 piano duet, 325 hymn playing, 15 sight playing, 92 vocal-art song, 19 vocal-musical theatre, 3 vocal-American patriotic, 11 violin solo, 1 violoncello, 3 classical guitar solo, 1 accordion solo, 4 flute solo, 4 dance-ballet, 66 dance-theatre, and 42 musicianship theory. Total Junior clubs participating: 152.

Two students received their 12 consecutive Superior certificates, and one student received his 13 consecutive Superior certificate.

A list of Festival sites, dates, and chairmen is included in this newsletter.

Gold Cups

No report was available.

Junior Composers

Sharon Wesbrook, Detroit Lakes, MN, is the new chair. In 2005, there were winners in all Classes and the two top winners were sent to the NCR competition. The NCR competition had North Dakota entries Nicholas Bares and Kaden Ferch as winners in Level 1; no winners in Level 2; Emily Custer and Dylan Heuer in Level 3; and Nathan Todhunter (top) and Janelle Mueller in Level 4. These compositions, along with others from the NCR were sent to NFMC for judging. Emily Custer was the only National Composition winner—she received the John and Margaret Pierson Award. Emily is a student of Dolores Loberg of Grand Forks.

The 2006 Junior Composers Contest information is being mailed to all NDFMC music teachers. Compositions must be entered by January 23, 2006, and all entries must follow the rules as stated in Sharon's letter. Contact Sharon at sharonw@arvig.net

Music for the Blind and Walsh Handicapped Awards

Karen Knudsvig, Buxton, is the new chair of both these awards. Music for the Blind has two parts: awards for composition and awards for performance. The Joyce Walsh Junior Disability Awards are to provide financial assistance for the study of music to junior instrumentalists or vocalists who are mentally or physically disabled. Contact Karen at knotes@aol.com

Stillman-Kelley/Thelma Byrum Award

Odee Maier, Fargo, is the chair. This competition provides financial assistance for the continued musical education of exceptionally talented junior instrumentalists, and is conducted in our region in the odd years. More information on this competition will be printed in the spring newsletter.

National Music Week Essay

Carma Kulish, Dickinson, is the chair. The goal is to provide incentives for students in grades 7-12 to become knowledgeable of and more interested in music and National Music Week. "Music...A Great Joy in Life" is the theme for 2006; entries must be postmarked by February 1, 2006. There is a \$50.00 winner every year in every state. In 2005, our winner was Kourtney Heinrich from Rhame. Contact Carma at carma.kulish@sendit.nodak.edu

Other Competitions and Awards

Other Competitions and Awards are listed in the new NFMC Competitions and Awards Chart. Local club presidents and Festival chairs have copies—contact them for more information. Many of these competitions have few if any entries. Students from North Dakota have as much of a chance as anyone!

As our friends from Iowa said "you can't win the lottery if you don't enter!"

FESTIVAL	SITE	DATE	CHAIR	PHONE
Linton	Linton Public School	November 19	Sylvia Weisser	701-254-4440
Bismarck	Bismarck State College	February 10 & 11	Barb Roberts	701-258-4768
Dickinson	Dickinson State College	March 18	Pam Jangula	701-483-5343
Devils Lake Instrumental	St. Olaf Church	February 3 & 4	Jann Belanus	701-662-6348
Devils Lake Dance	Lake Region College	February 18	Jann Belanus	701-662.6348
Grand Forks	UND Fine Arts Building	February 11	Dolores Loberg	701-772-4538
Fargo	NDSU Music Building	March 11	Pat Sondrall	701-277-7210
Jamestown	Jamestown College	February 25	Jean Sorenson	701-952-1804
Mayville	No Festival this year			
Minot	Minot State College	February 25	Arnola Leverson	701 839-0930
Williston	LDS Church	February 25	Tara Morenski	701-572-1592

THIS AND THAT

SENIOR MEMBER COMPOSITION CONTEST

NFMC President, Elizabeth Paris, announced a Composition Contest for 2006 open to NFMC members. This is for a song for solo voice, male or female, which would be appropriate for a local, state or national meeting. The composer must be not younger than 25 or older than 90, and if the judges think the song is worthy, it will be sung at a national meeting. For more information, contact Carole Flatau at cflatau@hotmail.com

MUSIC TEACHERS

Don't throw away any of your used teaching tools. We have been in contact with our Mississippi Federation members about their music teacher's needs to restart their studios sometime later this year. When we identify the needs, we will contact the NDFMC Club Presidents and Festival Chairs with additional information.

INTERNATIONAL MUSIC RELATIONS

There is an annual NFMC award to local clubs for participation in international music promotion. This could be a program by a visiting international performer, or a program devoted to folk music and twentieth century composers from other countries. For more information about this contact Odee Maier ogmaier@worldnet.att.net
Remember that United Nations Day is October 24th.

BRING A FRIEND TO MUSIC CLUB

Carolyn Nelson, North Central Region Vice President, has challenged our state to increase our membership by 10%, or 45 members. That sounds like a big job, but by breaking it down into local clubs, each club will need to increase their membership by a net of about 5. It can be done. BRING A FRIEND TO MUSIC CLUB can be scheduled for any club meeting. Just remember to BRING the friend and be sure the program and food are delightful, have good information about our Federation available and have the treasurer ready to take the new dues.

From the Editor....

Well, not exactly the Editor—just a little mouse doing the job!

This has been much fun putting our newsletter together for the first time. I'm sure there are many things that need to be changed, but this is a first and your comments and corrections will be appreciated. We hope to publish three times each club year if there is enough news, otherwise in September and April.

A special thank you to Martha Olson and Mark Chamberlain from the Lake Agassiz Arts Council for their encouragement and help.

Some items from the NDFMC Fall Board meeting Saturday, September 24th:

A State Roster is planned and will be available sometime this winter. Contact Kris Brugamy, our Treasurer, ndfmc@brugamy.com if you would like a copy.

A committee is working on a NDFMC website. There will be more information in the next newsletter.

Bismarck will be the site of the Spring Board Meeting. The date, time and place will be listed in the next newsletter.

And Williston will host the spring 2007 Biennial Convention. More details later!

NDFMC OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Member-at-Large	Jan Stoffel	3102 3rd St N #102	Fargo, ND 58102	701-293-0244
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Historian	Eleanor Johnson	817 Belmont Road	Grand Forks, ND 58102	701-772-2055

SENIOR CLUB PRESIDENTS

Bismarck-Mandan Thursday Music Club	Darcy Lackman	2647 37th Ave. SW	Center, ND 58560	701-794-3484
Devils Lake Music Club	Kitty Overbo	2305 13th Ave. SW	Devils Lake, ND 58301	U/L
Fargo-Moorhead Area Music Club	Deanna Qualley	3320 River Drive	Fargo, ND 58104	701-237-6468
Minot Piano Teachers	Jane Kalmbach	503 1st ave. NE	Kenmare, ND 58746	701-385-4528
St. Cecilia Music Club	Margaret Marcussen	10930 33 M St. SW	Dickinson, ND 58601	701-227-0116
Southeast Central Music Club	Betty Carow	8453 69th St. SE	Edgeley, ND 58433	701-493-2842
Thursday Music Club	Barbara Larson	2918 Chestnut St.	Grand Forks, ND 58201	701-772-4961
Thursday Musical	Jackie Keck	703 W. 7th St.	Williston, ND 58801	701-572-7829
Valley Music Makers	Karen Knudsvig	310 Dunsmoore Ave	Buxton, ND 58218	701-847-2643

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NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK ESSAY	Carma Kulish	1431 1st St. W.	Dickinson, ND 58601	701-225-8617
PAST PRESIDENTS' ASSEMBLY	Sally Nordlie	162 Columbia Court	Grand Forks, ND 58203	701-772-5400
FESTIVAL CUP AWARDS	Lynda Pearson	9025 5th St NE	Devils Lake, ND 58301	701-662-8353
FESTIVAL CUP AWARDS	Jann Belanus	1521 Sweetwater Dr.	Devils Lake, ND 58301	701-662-6348
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JUNIOR COMPOSERS CONTEST	Sharon Wesbrook	16898 Longview Ln	Detroit Lakes, MN 56501	218-844-6009
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