

Report to FSMTA Executive Board Meeting #6
Vice-President of FSMTA Competitive Events, Mary Seal
June 18, 2008

Competition Chairmen:

Concerto	Kyung-Ae Gibson
Gray Perry	Norma Mastrogiacomo
Byrd Piano Ensemble	Norma Mastrogiacomo
Pre-College Chamber Music	Liz Kiebler

The annual Florida State Music Teachers Association Competitive Events were held May 9 and 10, 2008 at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. Permission to hold the events and to use the music buildings at UCF was secured through Professor Laurent Boukobza, Keyboard Studies Chairman. A tremendous thank you goes to each of the individual events chairmen who organized their competitions thoroughly and professionally, and to Nancy Shackelford, President of District V, who helped to provide local teacher volunteers and who also worked tirelessly throughout the event.

Judges were Leonard Mastrogiacomo, Kevin Orr, Duncan MacMillan (Piano Concerto) Charles Turon, Gary Wolf, Jacques Linder (Gray Perry and Byrd Piano Ensemble) Aaron Krosnick, Ayako Yonetani, Janita Hauk (String Concerto)

All of the 1st, 2nd place, and honorable mention award winners have been posted on the FSMTA web-site on the Competitive Events page. The winners of the Senior Concerto Competition, the Gray Perry Young Collegiate Piano Competition, and the Byrd Piano Ensemble Competition have been invited to perform at this conference on a Winners Recital which will be held Thursday evening, June 19 at 7:30 in the University Auditorium at UF.

Continuing the practice that was re-instated in 2007, the concerto students were not permitted to have their own teacher as accompanist. Most of the concerto students brought their own accompanist with them, however some students hired one we were able to recommend through the University. In the interest of impartiality I suggest that we maintain this practice in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Griffin Seal,
VP for FSMTA Competitive Events