

Competition Chairmen:

Concerto	Kyung-Ae Gibson
Gray Perry	Norma Mastrogiacomo
Byrd Piano Ensemble	Norma Mastrogiacomo
Pre-College Chamber Music	Liz Kiebler
Classical Guitar Competition	Mary McOwen

The annual Florida State Music Teachers Association Competitive Events Day was held May 9, 2009 at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. Permission to hold the events and to use the music facilities at FAU was secured through Director of Music, Dr. Heather Coltman, who also helped as site coordinator. A tremendous thank you goes to each of the individual events chairmen who organized their competitions thoroughly and professionally, with help from local teachers and many FAU music students who assisted with monitoring, certificate preparation, and other essential tasks.

Judges were Paul Posnak, Marc Hebda, Heather Coltman (Piano Concerto)  
Lisa Leonard, Leonid Treer, and Judith Burganger (Gray Perry and Byrd Piano Ensemble)  
Aaron Krosnick, Rebecca Lautar, Bogdan Chruszcz, Ana Soto (String Concerto and Guitar competition), and Diane McWhorter and Stacie Gossman, Vocal Concerto.

I am pleased to report that the new Classical Guitar Competition, which was approved by the board last fall, did take place with three students participating in the pre-college category. I am asking District Competition Chairmen to publicize this event in their districts, in the hope that we may gain some new FSMTA guitar teachers in our membership. For the second year in a row there were no entries in the Pre-College Chamber Music Competition, and small numbers in the Byrd Piano Ensemble Competition. I will try to build more support for these events again through the District competition chairmen.

The award winners have been posted on the FSMTA web-site on the Competitive Events page. Winners of the Senior Concerto Competitions, the Gray Perry Young Collegiate Piano Competition, the Byrd Piano Ensemble Competition, and the FSMTA Classical Guitar Competition have been invited to perform at this conference on a Winners Recital which will be held Thursday evening, June 11 at 8pm in Dohnanyi Hall at FSU.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Griffin Seal,  
VP for FSMTA Competitive Events