

Competition Chairmen:

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

Jacksonville University was the site for the 2010 Florida State Music Teachers Association's Competitive Events Day, which was held on May 15. We received wonderful cooperation in the planning and execution of this event from the music department at JU, in particular from piano faculty professor Scott Watkins, who helped facilitate and coordinate all the site details, and also from staff accompanist, Bonita Wyke, who was indispensable. Thanks also to Lydia Sanchez (hospitality), local District IV members Sue Holder, Paulette Kilts, and Liz Kiebler, and the JU students who assisted with monitoring, certificate preparation, and other essential tasks. Each of the individual events chairmen also deserves praise for their time and efforts in organizing their competitions successfully, and I also thank FSMTA President Marc Hebda for his help and support with these events.

Judges were Heidi Williams, Kevin Orr, and Erin Bennett (Piano Concerto, Byrd Piano Ensemble)
Rita Fandrich, Gavin Taylor, and Ileana Fernandez (Gray Perry)
Marguerite Richardson, Simon Schiao, and Reiko Niiya-Chow (String Concerto) and
Cara Tascher (Voice).

I was particularly pleased to see that we had entrants this year in the Pre-College Chamber Music Competition, and strong participation in the Piano and String Concerto and Gray Perry Young Collegiate Piano Competitions. In an effort to clarify and expedite the application for the district and state concerto competitions, an ad hoc committee has been formed to review the rules and procedures of the District Concerto Competition.

The award winners names, pictures and bios have now been posted on the FSMTA website on the Competitive Events page. Congratulations to all of them! Winners of the Senior Concerto Competitions will perform at the FSMTA state conference in Sarasota on Thursday, November 4.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Griffin Seal,
VP for FSMTA Competitive Events