

**Report to FSMTA Executive Board Meeting  
Vice-President for FSMTA Competitive Events, Mary Seal  
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FSMTA's Competitive Events Day 2011 was held on Saturday May 14 at Florida State University in Tallahassee. Competitions held were the State Concerto Competition, in the categories of Piano, Strings, and Voice, the Byrd Piano Ensemble Competition (both pre-college and collegiate levels), and the Gray Perry Young Collegiate Piano Competition. The recital halls and the pianos at FSU were first rate, enabling students to perform their best. Tremendous thanks and praise go to site coordinator Leonard Mastrogiacomo who helped secure and facilitate everything needed on the campus. Events chairmen Kyung-ae Gibson (Concerto) and Norma Mastrogiacomo (Gray Perry and Byrd) assisted with countless details before, during, and after the events, and I am grateful to both for once again organizing their competitions so successfully. I also want to thank many of the local teachers, including Janet Ray (hospitality), Martha Stubbs, (certificates), Ruben Malan, Karen Larbalestier, Mark Repasky, and FSMTA President Marc Hebda. The execution of these competitions requires the help of so many people, and I'm very happy to report there was great local support from Tallahassee MTA.

Judges were Michael Baron, Read Gainsford, and Joshua Pifer (Piano Concerto)  
Seth Beckman, Hedi Salanki-Rubardt, and Gary Smart (Gray Perry and Byrd Piano Ensemble)

David Leung, Evan Jones, and Simon Shiao (String Concerto)

Carla Connors, David Okerlund, Marcia Porter (Voice).

The winners' names, pictures and bios have now been posted in the Announcements section on the FSMTA website, and the three winners of the Senior Concerto Competitions will be performing with the Stetson University Orchestra at the FSMTA state conference in Daytona Beach on Friday, November 4 at 8pm in the Bethune-Cookman College Auditorium.

This was the first year that the FSMTA Competitive Events went to an online application submission process, and it could not have happened without the patient help and support of FSMTA webmaster, Amy Turon, or the cooperation of the District Competition Chairmen. Many hours were spent to create this new procedure, and I believe that next year will be easier for all concerned. I think questions and concerns about application rules and procedures could best be addressed at a meeting with the District Competition Chairmen, and I recommend that some time be allotted for this discussion during the Student Activities meeting at the November conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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