



President's Message

by Millicent Callobre

The summer seems to have just arrived, so it's hard to believe that it is time to get cranked up again for the new school term, whether we have stopped teaching for the summer or have taught in a reduced capacity.

Since this is our first issue since May, I want to express how impressed I was with the caliber of talent I witnessed at our FSMTA Competitions in Gainesville. My CONGRATULATIONS to the three winners who will play not one concert with the Tampa Symphony, but three in late October. The winners and their teachers are Emily Thebaut, student of Dr. Mary Margaret Andrew, Nelson Hsieh, student of Lev Guerelick, and Eric Wu, student of Kenneth Hanks. And I was glad to see so many students entered in the Junior and Intermediate categories. Everyone who participated, representing our nine Districts, was presented a certificate at the awards assembly.

We had a very well attended and progressive Executive Board meeting in June in Gainesville. In continuing the forward pattern of new ideas set by the Board each year, one of which

was the implementation of using the services of a conference planner for this year's hotel negotiations, this summer our Board has taken another step forward in voting in favor of hiring an Administrative Assistant. This person will work for us on a part-time basis and on an hourly salary. The Ad Hoc Committee of Zelda Jensen, Joan Mank, Al Rozier, Charles Turon, and Mary Seal are working hard as they begin the hiring process. I have recommended that we use the \$1,000 presented to us from MTNA as seed

money for this project.

Another recommendation that the Board voted on in June was to schedule our 2008 Conference for the second weekend in June. Many thanks to Paulette Kilts and her ad hoc committee for the research done.

As we begin our new teaching year, let's all keep the word "professionalism" in our self-esteem, in our words, our actions and in our day-to-day teaching.

"Good music resembles something. It resembles the composer." — Cocteau

Tampa Music Teacher Honored as MTNA Fifty-Year Member

CINCINNATI (April 12, 2006)—Music Teachers National Association recently honored Elba Sanchez Ruilova, of Tampa, Florida, as a 50-Year Member at the 2006 MTNA National Conference in Austin, Texas.

Ruilova, who has resided in Tampa her entire life, has been teaching piano to children and adults in the area for more than 76 years. She is one of the few music teachers in Florida certified in the solfège method, and she has given many workshops on it and other innovative music teaching techniques. Throughout her career, she has been active in the Tampa Music Teachers Association, the Florida State Music Teachers Association, Friday Morning Musicale and MTNA.

NEWS

from District VI

Student Day 2006:

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievements!

Stephanie Cooper finished Level 12 with honors in all 3 tests. Her teacher is Mary Ann Rothschild.

Cathy Ng completed the highest level (12) of Student Day testing. Her teacher is Conchita Betancourt.

New Student Day Judges

by *Carmen Cuenca*,
Apprentice Judging Chairman

Congratulations to new judges from Student Day 2006 season:

Suzanne H. Jarvis, Piano & Vocal
Robert Jones, Piano
Sandra Baran, Piano
Robert Glover, Piano

Bylaw Change

Please note the following bylaw change to be voted upon at the 2nd General Session of our 2006 State Conference:

Article XV - Conferences. Section 4

“The person designated to be the Conference Guest Artist shall be approved by the Executive Board.”

to be changed to:

“The **persons** designated to be the Conference Guest Artists **and the Commissioned Composer** shall be approved by the Executive Board.”

Arts Advocacy and Awareness

By *Sonja Rozier*, *Chairman of Arts Advocacy and Awareness*

A sincere thank you to all FSMTA members who answered the Legislative Alert to save the required one hour Arts credit needed to graduate from Florida high schools. Your phone calls and e-mails made the Legislature listen and they voted to retain the arts credit. Your concern and prompt action saved the arts for our high school students.

I hope that each of you will take the time to become knowledgeable about the arts in your community. Arts Awareness and Advocacy is not only a matter for public education. As funding is being slashed by the Federal and State government, our communities are being forced to close arts programs. Your local Arts and Humanities office can lead you to some great programs that need your support. You do make a difference in the future of the arts.

On the education front, the A++ Legislation (www.fldoe.org/APlusPlus) will bring new innovated programs to our middle and high schools. You will be hearing or reading about “career and professional academies” which will enable students to choose how to use their required 16 cores credits and 8 major credits for related career studies. Students will declare a major and receive classes that will support a successful entrance into college or a career. This may be very exciting for our music students. Since the A++ program is just now being developed and implemented, there will be much more information to come at a later date.

2006 MTNA COMPETITIONS

By *Liz Kiebler*, *Vice-President for MTNA Competitions*

The 2006 MTNA Competitions will be held on October 27, 2006 at St. Petersburg College, St. Petersburg, Florida. The Competition guidelines can be found on page 38 of the April/May “Music Teacher” magazine. The application deadline for all states is September 12, 2006. All applications must be submitted online by midnight, September 12, 2006. The individual chairmen for these events are as follows: Junior Performance, Bill Dawson; Senior Performance, Mary Lou Krosnick, Young Artist, Rebecca Micha; Chamber Music Performance, Aaron Krosnick; and Composition, Carol Payne. All Chairmen are current members of FSMTA and can be located in the current FSMTA directory. Information regarding hotels and scheduling will be given after all applications are in. There is a La Quinta Inn very close to the college and will have special rates for people involved in these competitions. We are very grateful to Luis Sanchez and Lynda Phillips, as well as the administration of St. Pete College for all they have done to help us with hosting this event. If there are any general questions regarding these events, you may contact Liz Kiebler at lizkiebler@att.net. You may also call her at (904) 278-9781. We encourage as many students as possible to participate. We hope to see as many of you as possible in October at the Competitions.

Newsletter Deadlines for 2006

October/November issue - September 10
Also be sure to watch our website fnta.org for additional news!

FSMTA Sales Tax Exemption Certificate Can't be used by local or district chapters

As you know the Florida State Legislature has placed into law that all non-profit organizations register with the Department of Consumer Services.

Several years ago local and district MTA's were able to use the sales tax-exemption license that was issued to FSMTE, however that is no longer the case. The Florida Department of Revenue does not allow local and district chapters of FSMTA to use the FSMTE's sales tax exemption certificate. Each local and district must have their own sales tax exemption certificate and they can only receive that exemption after they are registered with the Department of Consumer Services and have a SOC license.

It is up to your local or district members to decide if they want the state sales tax exemption certificate but it is mandatory that each local and district have a SOC license.

The FSMTA executive board would like to encourage each local and district chapter to get your SOC license.

The Solicitation of Contributions Act, (SOC license) is to protect the private sector from fraud and to help prevent illegal organizations from operating in the state.

Our music teachers associations, both district and local, are required to register with the State as official non-profit chapters under the State of Florida's Music Teachers Association.

You can contact the Department of Consumer Services and the Florida Department of Revenue by calling the following toll free numbers.

Florida Dept. Consumer Services: 800-HELP-FLA (435-7352)

In Florida: 800-352-3671

If you have any questions or concerns you can contact Bill Jennings, Marc Hebda or Al Rozier.

MTNA Foundation

By Paulette Kilts, President-Elect and MTNA Foundation Representative

The final quarterly report from the MTNA Foundation (October 1 - December 31, 2005) shows that the following Florida State members sent in contributions: Betty Najarian, Corella Stahl, and Yu Chung Wang. Thank you for your contributions which help to continue the awards, fellowships and enrichment grants, matching grants, and studio teacher fellowships which are given yearly by the MTNA Foundation.

The organization Mission Statement reads as follows: The MTNA Foundation serves as an advocate of, and provider for, the growth of America's musical future. The Foundation supports programs that nurture the creation, performance, study, and teaching of music in cooperation with the Music Teachers National Association. MTNA Foundation grants and awards enable artists, teachers, and students to bring their work before their communities and the world, thus enhancing the public's understanding of the music profession. The MTNA Foundation continues to seek new sources of funding that will further advance this vision.

In an attempt to provide more Florida Funds to the MTNA Foundation, we will be holding a drawing for one or more prizes at the State Conference in October. Watch for an MTNA table in the exhibit area which will display information about the Foundation and the opportunity for you to participate in the drawing.



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Membership Update

by Becky Barlar, Vice President of Membership

Since the previous newsletter, FSMTA is very pleased to welcome the following new members.

Local	Name	Address	Telephone/E-mail
SWFMTA	Baron, Dr. Michael	20046 Serre Drive, Estero, FL 33928	mbaron70@hotmail.com
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TALLMTA	Gibson, Kyung-Ae	8835 Winged Foot Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32312	850-894-1887/dgibsonjr@comcast.net
MIMTA	Harragin, James A.	440 NE 51st St., Miami, FL 33137	305-758-8127/jharragi@mdc.edu
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CFMTA	Kalugina, Natalie	303 E. Highland St., Altamonte Springs 32701	407-682-4202/Bezyezka@aol.com
PBCMTA	Leonard, Lisa	4000 NW 4th St., Coconut Creek, FL 33066	954-975-2996/leonard@lynn.edu
MIMTA	Martin, Iliana C.	1426 Robbia Ave., Coral Gables, FL 33146	305-667-1109/ilimartin@bellsouth.net
TALLMTA	Newdome, Beth	412 Margaret Court, Tallahassee, FL 32301	850-402-0507/bnewdom@mailf.fsu.edu
UPMTA	Pav, Melanie	11444 93rd St. N., Largo, FL 33773	727-398-4064
CFMTA	Possas, Helen	12745 Sophiamarie Loop, Orlando, FL 32828	407-729-0720/helen_possas@yahoo.com
CFMTA	Slawsky, Melissa M.	4024 Lake Underhill Rd. #E, Orlando, FL 32803	407-895-3078/mmaccarelli@hotmail.com
MCMTA	Strite, Steven	5731 Spanish Pt. Ct., Palmetto, FL 34221	941-729-0140/steve@bradentoncrc.org
PSMTA	Testin, Renee	1666 Spalding Circle, Pensacola, FL 32514	850-478-5489
JMTA	Tidwell, Tyrone D.	9313 Bruntsfield Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32244	904-772-9808/keanureaves37@hotmail.com
MIMTA	Vassilev, Mia	11 Farrey Lane, Miami Beach, FL 33139	305-776-7062/mia@miavassilev.com
BCMTA	Yalim, Erol	3000 E.Sunrise Blvd. #12F, Ft. Lauderdale 33304	954-630-9519/playpianomaster@aol.com

The following new members are StAR award recipients:

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BCMTA	Ward, Andrea	22096 Boca Place Dr., #1212, Boca Raton 33433	561-703-2653/solie58@hotmail.com

The following people were previously members of FSMTA who have reinstated their membership in 2006:

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BCMTA	Faust, Betty Ann	1311 Pullen Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32216	954-796-9559
JMTA	Homsley, Denise L.	13294 Stone Pond Dr., Jacksonville FL 32224	904-619-5233/Dh88redrose@comcast.net
BCMTA	Hutcherson, Rita J.	940 SW 14th Dr., Boca Raton, FL 33486	561-395-5014
CFMTA	LeRoy, Dr. Edmund	557 Finchley Rd., Maitland, FL 32751	407-622-8862/eleroy@rollins.edu
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JMTA	McGee, Wanda K.	5904 Sumner Ct., Jacksonville, FL 32216	904-739-7558
GVMTA	Mutschlecner, Timothy	2035 NW 18th Ln., Gainesville, FL 32605	323-377-0695/stmutschlecner@excite.net
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Important Notice about dues renewals

If you plan to enter students in MTNA competitive events, your dues must be recorded and shown paid by MTNA before September 1. If you plan to enter students in FSMTA events, your dues must be received and credited before October 1.

Byrd Piano Ensemble and Gray Perry Young Collegiate Piano Awards

By Norma Mastrogiacomo, Chairman

The annual Byrd Piano Ensemble and Gray Perry Young Collegiate Piano Award competitions were held on Saturday, May 20th and Sunday, May 21st as part of the FSMTA Competitive Events. They were held at the University of Florida School of Music in Gainesville. We had excellent representation for both events, and the performances were of very high quality. There were winners in every category.

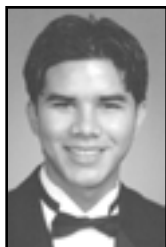
Winners of the pre-college Byrd were **Lydia and Jacqueline Shen**.



Lydia, age 16, is entering the eleventh grade and has been home schooled since the first grade. She was also a member of the Concert Choir group of the Orlando Children's Choir for 5 years. Besides being an avid reader, she also enjoys activities such as, swimming, playing tennis and cooking. Jacqueline, age 14, is entering the ninth grade and has been home schooled since kindergarten. She was also a member of the Orlando Children's Choir and enjoys reading and outdoor activities. Lydia and Jacqueline both began studying piano with Zalina Gurevich at age seven. They started playing piano duos and duets about six months ago. Their close relationship and complementary skills have given them great pleasure in playing together, and they are looking forward to continuing their per-

formances as a duo in the future.

Winners of the College Byrd were **Julian Toha and Nikolas Bauchat**.



Julian Toha grew up in the Ft. Lauderdale area of South Florida and graduated from Piper High School in 2005. This past summer he participated in the Asolo Music Festival located in Northern Italy. He began studying piano at the age of thirteen with Valerie Harper and later studied with Sue Colvert. He is a piano performance major at Florida State University. Julian is currently entering his second year at the university where he studies with Professor Leonard Mastrogiacomo.

Nikolas William Bauchat is a second-year piano performance major at Florida State University studying under Leonard and Norma Mastrogiacomo.



Nikolas began taking lessons at the age of 13 in Albany, Georgia. He moved to Atlanta in 2002 and studied with Inna Saturnovsky. As a student at Fayette County High School, Nikolas won numerous competitions and earned Outstanding Performer at the GMEA state finals for three consecutive years. He has attended the Shorter College Piano Camp, Florida State

University Honors Piano Camp and Brevard Music Camp. Nikolas also served as first-chair tenor saxophone in the Atlanta Youth Wind Symphony and the Georgia All-State Wind Ensemble. He has played under the direction of Eric Whitacre, Frank Techelli, James Barnes and Scott Stewart. Nikolas plans to become a concert pianist.

Noel Jenkin Davies was the winner of the Gray Perry Young Collegiate Artist Award. A recipient of

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THE BYRD PIANO ENSEMBLE AWARD

Pre-college Winners:

Lydia Shen and Jacqueline Shen
Students of Zalina Gurevich

Second Place:

Tiffany Goff and Lior Willinger
Students of Ruo Balko

Honorable Mention:

Alexandra Richter and Jae Elkind
Students of Ruo Balko

Certificate of Achievement:

Philip Sanchez and Iona Sanchez
Students of Ruo Balko

College Winners:

Nikolas Bauchat and Julian Toha
Coached by Norma Mastrogiacomo

GRAY PERRY YOUNG COLLEGIATE PIANO AWARD

Winner: **Noel Jenkin Davies**
Student of Kevin Orr

Second Place: **Julian Toha**

Student of Leonard Mastrogiacomo

First Honorable Mention:

Nikolas Bauchat
Student of Leonard Mastrogiacomo

Second Honorable Mention:

Mark Pitasi
Student of Kevin Orr

FSMTA Competitive Events Winners

Kevin Orr, FSMTA Competitive Events Chairman
Hee Jung Kang, FSMTA State Concerto Chairman

The 2006 FSMTA Competitive Events weekend was held May 20-21, 2006 at the University of Florida. Comments by judges praised the exceptional quality of performers seen throughout the day. Winners of string, voice and piano concerto categories are listed below with teachers' names in parentheses. Senior winners in each category will perform with the Tampa Bay Symphony during the 2006 FSMTA conference weekend.

STRING

Junior Winner: **Michael Ferri**
 (Lev Gurevich)



Michael P. Ferri was born in Treviglio, Italy in 1995. At the age of three, he and his family moved to Madison, Wisconsin. It is there that Michael started studying Suzuki violin with Gail Shoemaker. When he was 8, the family moved to Orlando, at which time he started studying violin with Lev Gurevich.

Michael is home schooled and his favorite subjects are Science and History. He enjoys being in the Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra, and in his free time he likes to listen to classical music and cook.

2nd: **Benjamin Derrico**

(Sonnhild Kitts)

Honorable Mention: **Jake Benitez**

(Leana Strouse)

Intermediate String Winner:

Jimmy Wong (Dr. Janna Lower)

Jimmy Wong is from Gainesville, Florida. He is a sophomore at Buch-



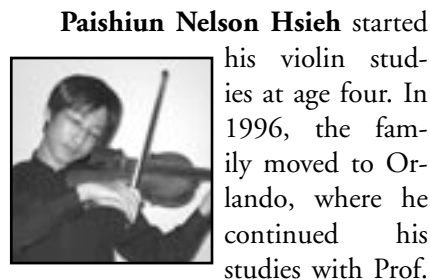
holz High School. Jimmy has studied violin since age four, and currently studies under Dr. Janna Lower. He has been a member of the Alachua County Youth Orchestra since 2000 and has participated in the All-State Orchestra. He was the State Winner of the MTNA Competition in the junior strings division in 2004, and achieved Honorable Mention in the Southern Division Competition in 2005. Jimmy was a finalist at the 2005 Lynn University Conservatory of Music Young Musicians Competition for Strings. He attended the Suwannee Summer Music Festival at the University of the South in 2003, and has played in various chamber ensembles.

2nd: **Jacob Keith** (Yan Lu)

Honorable Mention: **Alice Wang**
 (Leana Strouse)

Senior String Winner:

Paishuini Hsieh (Sergiu Schwartz)



Paishuini Nelson Hsieh started his violin studies at age four. In 1996, the family moved to Orlando, where he continued his studies with Prof. Lev Gurevich. Despite his young age, Nelson is already a seasoned performer and prizewinner in numerous competitions, including FSMTA, where he placed first in consecutive years (1999-2002), both at regional and state levels. As concertmaster of the Florida Youth Artist's Orchestra, he won the Concerto Competition in 2000, 2001, and 2002. Between 1998 and 2002, Nelson performed several times in the Concert Series of Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church.

In 2003, Nelson continued his studies with Prof. Sergiu Schwartz. He became a national finalist and the Southern Division Winner of the 2003 and 2004, MTNA Junior Performance Competition and won the third place in 2004 national competition. In 2002 and 2004, he was a finalist and prizewinner in the Young Artist Competition of the Bach Festival Society of Winter Park. He also won the prestigious Irene Muir

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Collegiate Piano Awards continued



the Friends of Music Award, Noel is currently pursuing his Bachelor of Music Degree in the Honors Program at the University of Florida. He recently finished his second year of studies with Dr. Kevin Orr. During high school, he studied with Dr. Roberta Rust and was first prize winner of the Fort Myers Music Teachers Assn. competition. Noel has participated in several international conferences, festivals, and master classes. In May 2007, he plans to travel to the Sichuan Conservatory of Music in Chengdu, China as a student at the first annual Chinese-American International Piano Institute.

The judges were very enthusiastic about the high level of all the presentations. I would like to congratulate our fine teachers and students for the excellent performances for our competitions.

FSMTA Winners continued

Award, in the 2003, Florida Federation of Music Clubs Junior Convention and the 2004 Stillman-Kelly Competition at the state level, and will soon be representing Florida at the national level. Most recently, he won the New World Symphony's Senior High Concerto Competition.

2nd: **David Derrico**

(Sonnhild Kitts)

Honorable Mention:

Ching-Ching Chen

(Svetlana Gubnitskaya)

VOICE

Junior Winner: **Sarah Prager**

(Dr. Mary Margaret Andrew)



Sarah Prager

is 11 years old and lives in Gainesville, FL, where she is a first-year student of Dr. Mary Margaret Andrew. She loves

both music and theater. Sarah first started singing at age 3, and began piano lessons at age four. She has participated in the Gainesville Youth Chorus, and in theatrical productions at the Crosstown Repertory Theater, the Hippodrome Summer Drama Camp, and the Star Center Youth Theater, as well as drama and music programs at her school. In addition to singing, Sarah enjoys drawing manga art, playing piano, and playing with her kitten.

Intermediate Voice Winner:

Hanna Peterson

(Dr. Mary Margaret Andrew)

2nd: **Melanie Matthews**

(Deborah Ross)

Honorable Mention:

Sarah Schermer (Nina Kor)

Senior Voice Winner:

Emily Thebaut

(Dr. Mary Margaret Andrew)

Emily Thebaut completed her



junior year at Oak Hall School in Gainesville in spring, 2006 and will be attending Interlochen Arts Academy as a voice

major in the 2006-07 academic year. She has been studying voice with Dr. Mary Margaret Andrew for six years and participated as a member of the Oak Hall Talons vocal ensemble for five years (under the direction of Ms. Joy Green-Byron). Emily has competed in numerous vocal competitions throughout Florida, including FFMC Festivals, NATS auditions, and FSMTA concerto competitions. She was the 2006 FSMTA district and state senior voice concerto competition winner. Emily's primary interest is in classical voice and opera. In the summer of 2006, she studied and performed opera as a member of the Operafestival di Roma troupe in Rome, Italy.

2nd: **Sara Hood** (Julia Hood)

Honorable Mention: **Sarah Doria**

(Deborah Ross)

PIANO

Junior Winner: **Mark Mayea**

(Dr. Irena kofman)



Mark Mayea was

born in Fort Lauderdale in 1993. At the present time he lives in Boca Raton. He is attending the Omni Middle School in Boca Raton.

Mark started to play the keyboard at the age of 7 at ASM Music School in Cooper City, Florida, where his growth as a musician was initiated. While attending ASM, Mark played keyboard with the Reality Youth Ensemble (directed by Richard Chap-

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Travel In Mozart's Footsteps?

In May of this year my husband and I led a group of 46 Florida College students, alumni and friends on an EF Educational tour to Salzburg, Prague and Vienna in honor of the 250th birthday of Mozart. This was a wonderful experience! It was so exciting to be in the places where so much great music was created. We began thinking how much fun it would be to return to this area with a group of music teachers. If there is enough interest, we would like to lead another tour ?In Mozart's Footsteps? next July.

For a tentative tour itinerary and cost information please contact me, Barlarb@floridacollege.edu. If you are interested in joining us on this tour, please let me know as soon as possible. We must decide whether or not to proceed with these plans by August 30. The prices are locked in for everyone who registers by October 1, 2006. A \$95 non-refundable Lifetime Membership Fee is due at the time of registration. \$400 more is due this fall, and the remainder of the program fee is due 99 days before departure. I will send you an application booklet upon request.

FSMTA Winners continued

man) in Hallandale, Florida. He left the ASM School in 2003 after playing at the student talent show at BOBB's Pianos and Organs.

After moving in 2003 to Boca Raton, Mark auditioned for the FAU TOPS program and joined his present teacher Dr. Irena Kofman under whose supervision he achieved many awards. They include the FAU TOPS Gold Scholarship, Lynn University Young Musician Show, and the Youth Pianist Concerto Competition (honorable mention). He also received many awards in 2005, such as the Pompano Competition (3rd place), the Michael and Madelyn Savarick Annual Music Competition (1st place), the Florida Federation of Music Clubs Competition at Jacksonville (2 honorable mentions), the Intermediate A Piano Competition (1st place), the Hollywood Philharmonic Orchestra Young Artists Competition (1st place couples to a performance with that orchestra), and the FAU TOPS Diamond scholarship. In 2006

he took 2nd place in the Pompano Beach Piano Competition along with the scholarship in amount of \$500 from the Steinway Gallery for the most outstanding performance. In addition to this extensive list, Mark has won many other awards and played at the "Pianists Save the Children" Tsunami Relief Benefit Concert at the Caldwell Theatre, in a studio of WXEL Classic Radio Station, and at the Steinway Gallery Young Talent Artist show.

2nd: **Anna Yu** (Mary Lou Krosnick)
 Honorable Mention: **Sonya Belaya** (Zalina Gurevich)



Intermediate Piano Winner:
Alan Clark
 (Dr. Hee Jung Kang)

2nd: **Philip Kwoka**
 (Dr. Robert Rust)
 Honorable Mention:

Jenny Zeng (Robert Sherwood)

Senior Piano Winner: **Eric Wu**
 (Kenneth Hanks)



Eric Wu is a senior in the International Baccalaureate program at King High School in Tampa during the 2006-2007 school year. He has studied piano since age six with Jennifer and Ken Hanks. Eric has received a number of local and state music awards. These include the first prize in the senior division of the Florida Orchestra Young Artists Competition, co-winner of the Tampa Bay Symphony Young Artists Competition, winner of FSMTA district piano concerto competitions at every level, the Vi Kinsman Memorial Award and Mary Elizabeth Land Award as well as twelve first place trophies from Florida Federation of Music Clubs Junior State Conventions. Eric has performed in many local events such as the 100th Birthday Celebration of the Friday Morning Musicales in 2002. In 2004, Eric performed Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 21 (Allegro) with the Tampa Bay Symphony and, two weeks later, Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue piano concerto at the FPMC Junior State Convention. Besides piano study, Eric was the 4th seed on King High School's Boys Tennis team in 2006 and won the district no. 4 singles and team championships. As a member of his school's math club and newspaper staff, he has won several math awards and awards for photography and writing from the Florida Scholastic Press Association. He regularly volunteers through Key Club.

2nd: **Stephanie Bova**
 (Hedi Salanki-Rubardt)

Honorable Mention: **Nina Yu**
 (Mary Lou Krosnick)

Certification News

*Cynthia H. Kessler, FSCTM, NCTM
 FSMTA Certification Chair*

Two candidates have successfully completed all requirements and received FSMTA Certification. Susan Mariscal, FSCTM, District 9, Largo, has been awarded a Certificate of Experience in Piano and [REDACTED] FSCTM, District 6, Miami, has been awarded a Certificate of Experience in Piano.

Congratulations to these FSMTA members for their excellence in teaching and their desire to demonstrate their utmost professionalism. They have earned the right to use the initials "FSCTM" after their names as an indication of their accomplishments.

Thank you to Victoria Williams for Agreeing to serve as Certification Chair for District 5. Also thank you to the current Credentials Board for their outstanding job: Susan Daughtrey, FSCTM, Jan Mason, FSCTM, and Helen Niedung, FSCTM.

For more information concerning FSMTA or MTNA Certification, please email cindyk88@bellsouth.net or call 772-221-8000, or write c/o the Stuart School of Music, 1608 So. Kanner Hwy., Stuart, FL 34994.

FSMTA Pre-College Chamber Ensemble Competitions, 2006

By Liz Kiebler, NCTM, Chairman, FSMTA Pre-College Chamber Music Competition

The 2006 Pre-College Chamber ensemble Competition was held at the University of Florida, May 21. The winning group was "Piano Trio". Lisa Fujita, violin is a 7th grader at Lincoln Middle School. She has been studying violin with Sonnhild Kitts for 6 years. She was also a member of All-State Orchestra in 2005-2006. She won the FSMTA Concerto Competition in 2004 and won various other awards for FMMC Junior Conventions. Congratulations, Lisa. Sunny La, cello is a 9th grader at Eastside High School. She started playing cello at age 6, and currently studies with Paul Fleury. In 2003-2005, she was a member of All-State Orchestra and was the principal cellist in Alachua County Youth Orchestra. Congratulations, Sunny. Lucy Zhong, piano, is an 8th grader at Lincoln Middle School. She began her piano studies with Suzanne Carpenter, and currently studies with Dr. Hee Jung Kang. She has participated in FMMC Junior Conventions for the last 7 years and won numerous prizes including the first prize in solo event 2005. Dr. Hee Jung Kang and Mr. Paul Fleury co-coached the Piano Trio. We are extremely proud of these ladies and look forward to hearing much beautiful music from them in the future.

Foundation Gala to Feature Former FSMTA Student Christopher Johnson

Charles Turon, President of FSMTF

The FSMTA Conference 2006 will once again kick off with a black-tie gala event to benefit the Florida State Music Teachers Foundation. This, the initial event of the Conference, will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 26 waterside at the Lewis House at Eckerd College. After light outdoor refreshments, a fine buffet dinner will be served with both indoor and outdoor seating. The evening will culminate with a full recital by the prominent concert pianist and Florida Featured Artist, Christopher Johnson.

Mr. Johnson, a former student of FSMTA member Angela Baptiste, went on to receive his Bachelor's degree at the Juilliard School of Music, where he studied with Abby Simon. His Masters and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees were earned from the Manhattan School of Music, where he studied with Byron Janis and Marc Silverman. He has won numerous awards, including the Kingsville International Young Performers Competition and the Isabel Scionti International Piano Solo Competition. Since his critically acclaimed debut at Carnegie Hall, Mr. Johnson has performed extensively throughout the United States, Canada, Central and South America. To view more details about Christopher Johnson visit the website at <http://www.plainfieldsymphony.org/cjohnson.html>.

The cost for the gala is \$50, which may be either included with payment for the Conference or separately. Direct payments should be made out to FSMTF and may be sent to Charles Turon, FSMTF President, 3908 Cape Vista Drive, Bradenton, FL 34209-6744. All proceeds will go to the FSMT Foundation for student awards and to help sponsor future recitals and concerts.

Dates & Deadlines

September 10
Newsletter Deadline

September 12
Application deadline for
MTNA Competitions*

September 15
Deadline for Early
Registration for State
Conference*

October 25
FSMTF Gala - Lewis House
Eckerd College*

October 27
MTNA Competitions
St. Petersburg College*

October 26 - 29
FSMTA 2006
State Conference
Eckerd College*

January 12
Winter Board Meeting
Tallahassee

January 12-15
Southern Division
Competitions
Tallahassee

March 23-27
MTNA National Conference
Toronto, Canada

*See article in this issue

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2006 FSMTA Conference

Programs/Workshops

By Tim Murphy, Chairman

We are pleased to have 2 guest clinicians from Alfred Publishing Company at this year's conference: E. L. Lancaster and Robert Vandall. Mr. Lancaster will be giving 2 workshops - "The Ears Have It: Teaching Piano Students to Listen" on Friday morning and "The Professional Piano Teacher in the 21st Century: How can I really keep up?" on Saturday morning. On Friday afternoon Mr. Vandall will be presenting "Composing Music for Students: The View from the Inside" as well as giving a showcase of his new compositions.

In addition, there will be 11 workshops/lecture recitals given on Friday and Saturday by members of FSMTA:

Ray Luck: Lecture - Recital on "Goyescas" by Granados

Laurent Boukobza: Twins: Mephisto Waltz (Liszt) & Scarbo (Ravel)

Barbara Kaskin: Teaching Contemporary Harmonization

Christine Arens: Creating a Level 3 Student Day Composer

Lori Werner: Teach smarter & earn more money using a sequencer in the studio lesson

Kevin Orr: On Pedaling

Megan Walsh: Developing Technical & Musicianship Abilities in Busy Intermediate Students

Dr. Irena Kofman: Great Teachers of the 20th Century in Russia - Alexander Goldenweiser

Dr. Sandra Stewart: Franz Schubert: A Life in Vienna

Dr. Bonnie Jacobi: Teaching Musical Artistry through Dalcroze Techniques

Tre Corde Trio (Victoria Williams, Charlaine Free, & Tim Murphy): A Piano Trio and So Much More!

Following the 2nd General Session on Saturday afternoon, Dr. Christopher Johnson will be presenting a special "FSMTA Florida Artist" recital. Dr. Johnson is a former student of FSMTA member Angela Baptiste and is a past state winner of the FSMTA Concerto Competition.

There will also be an organ concert sponsored by Eckerd College in Griffin Chapel on Friday at 12:10 PM.

Be sure to attend the FSMTA State Conference October 27-29!! You'll be glad that you did!

Remembering Ed Chumbley, FSMTA Past President

Robert Edward Lee Chumbley, a classical concert pianist, teacher and longtime Coral Gables resident has passed away. He was 79.

Chumbley was a former FSMTA president and board member of MTNA. He also served on the boards of the Miami Civic Music Association, the Chopin Foundation and the Miami and Florida philharmonics.

Although music was his passion, he earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Johns Hopkins University after serving stateside in the Army. He also studied at the Peabody Conservatory of Music, where he fell in love with and married fellow pianist Nannette Gibbons. They later moved to Miami.

"I would sit under the piano listening to them practice and rehearse everyday," said his son Robert Chumbley. The couple played Igor Stravinsky's two-piano concerto with the Miami Philharmonic Orchestra and a piano duet at the Dade County Auditorium.

Chumbley also taught piano at the Miami Conservatory of Music, and in 1958 opened a piano studio. One of his students was acclaimed concert pianist Horacio Gutierrez.

"As a teacher he was very supportive, a rock of stability and strength," said his son.



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Spanning Time and Place
2006 State Conference
October 26th – 29th, 2006
Eckerd College,
St. Petersburg, FL

LODGING INFORMATION

FSMTA Conference 2006 has reserved group rate accommodations at the following hotels:

Eckerd College Continuing Education Center Lodge

4200 54th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, Florida 33711

[ph] Toll-free: (800) 456-9009

Local: (727)-864-8313-(Joan Karins, group reservations)

Rate is \$55.00 per room. Information on amenities and links to online registration available at:
<http://www.eckerd.edu/confcenter/ceclodge.htm>

The lodge is adjacent to all on-campus meeting rooms and dining facility. Deadline for reservations is Oct. 12th. Rooms are very limited and contingent on availability.

Rooms are NOT available to MTNA Competition participants who are not fully registered for the Conference.

Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort - Marina Cove

6800 Sunshine Skyway Lane, St. Petersburg, Florida 33711

[ph] Toll-free: (800) HOLIDAY

Local: (727)-867-1151

Rate is \$99.00 per room. Information on amenities, online reservations, directions, available at:
<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/ss/1/en/hd/piemc>

The Holiday Inn is a short drive (less than 5 minutes) from Eckerd College. Deadline for reservations is Sept. 26th. Conference rate rooms are limited, so early registration is advised.

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La Quinta Inn

4999 34th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33714

[ph] Toll free: (800) 531 5900 (*mention reservation bloc #68445482*)

Local: (727) 527 8421

Rate is \$76.50 per room. Information on amenities, online reservations, directions, available at:
<http://www.lq.com/lq/properties/propertyProfile.do?ident=LQ684&propId=684>

La Quinta Inn, north of the college, is a 10 minute drive from Eckerd College and is the venue closest to MTNA Competitions at St. Petersburg College. Reservation deadline is Sept. 26th.

Rooms at La Quinta ARE AVAILABLE at the conference rate to MTNA Competitive Events participants.

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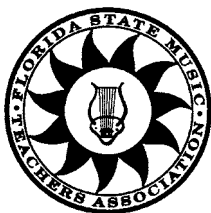
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