



The Florida State Music Teacher

affiliated with Music Teachers National Association April/May 2008



President's Message

by Paulette Kilts

What an exciting event the Southern Division level of the MTNA performance competitions was on Jan 19-21, 2008 at Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina! I had the privilege of meeting and hearing our Florida entrants, assisting as a monitor for various events, attending the Southern Division evening dinner meetings and even seeing some snowflakes fall from the sky. Congratulations to all Florida entrants and their teachers on fine performances and special congratulations to those who placed or were declared winners! I look forward to hearing our winners perform in the last segment of the competition at the MTNA National Conference.

JUNIOR STRINGS:

Winner, **Lisa Fujita**,
student of Sonnhild Kitts

SENIOR PIANO DUET:

Winners, **Lydia Shen** and **Jacqueline Shen**,
students of Zalina Gurevich

SENIOR PIANO:

Honorable Mention – **Christopher Ohanian**,
student of Judith Burganger

YOUNG ARTIST PIANO:

Winner, **Matthew Cataldi**,
student of Read Gainsford

YOUNG ARTIST STRINGS:

Honorable Mention, **Alexandru Briscaru**,
student of Ralph Fielding
YOUNG ARTIST WOODWINDS:
Winner, **Amanda Sparfeld**,
student of Jenny Robinson

The FSMTA and FSMTF Executive Boards met in Gainesville at the Cabot Lodge on Feb 1-2, 2008. You can read the minutes from these meetings by going to the website (www.fmta.org) in the secured Membership area.

I have accepted resignations from two Board members. FSMTA members thank Cynthia Kessler for her years as Certification Chair and Jeanie Blaszczyk for serving as Taxation and Licensing Chair.

The new Taxation/Licensing Chair is Tanya Brooks. Some of you may know Tanya who has served in a number of positions including at present as Provisional Membership Chair. Recently I learned from MTNA that 10 of our Local Associations have gained 501c3 status under their umbrella. If you have questions about this issue or others relating to it, please contact Tanya at 850-769-5612 or brooksmusic@hotmail.com.

Before I write to you again, our last two major state events will be held

for this fiscal year. I look forward to hearing the fine student performances at our State Student Events Competitive Day on May 10, 2008. We appreciate having the University of Central Florida, Orlando serve as our host for this event. I appreciate the work done by District Concerto chairmen and Vice-President for FSMTA Competitive Student Events Mary Seal and her competitive events chairmen. Watch for current information about the event on the website.

And of course, don't forget our first June State Conference to be held June 18-21, 2008 in Gainesville at the Paramount Plaza Hotel and Conference Center with evening concerts at the University of Florida. I want to thank, in advance, the 2008 Conference co-chairs Denise Homsley and Jo Plunkett for their work and the dedication of the committee members to make this event educational and enjoyable for all of us! Learn about plans for the Foundation Gala in the article by Foundation President Millicent Callobre in this newsletter.

To those of you who will be unable to be with us in June, I wish you a great summer, perhaps even with some time for rest and renewal!

New Certification Chairman

by Cindy Kessler, FSCTM, NCTM - Certification Chair

After serving as the FSMTA State Certification Chair for five years, I am now stepping down from that position. President Paulette Kilts has appointed Helen Dingus, FSCTM, NCTM, of Ft. Walton Beach to serve as the new FSMTA State Certification Chair. I am pleased that Helen has agreed to accept this position. Helen has served as Chair of District 1 for many years and will do a fine job as State Chair. Contact information: Helen Dingus, (850) 862-2731 or ddingus@cox.net.

I want to thank the members of the Certification Credentials Committee-Jan Mason FSCTM, NCTM; Susan Daughtrey, FSCTM; and Helen Niedung, FSCTM- and all the District Chairs for their support and assistance in the certification program. I would also like to thank all the members of the Executive Board for their support and encouragement during my years of service.

I plan to continue to serve as the State Chair until the June Conference at which time a transfer of the certification files will be completed.

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2008 June Conference Concert

Featured Concert Artist: Joseph Banowetz

Program

Organ Prelude in G Minor.....Bach-Siloti
 Allegretto in C Minor, D. 915..... Schubert
 32 Variations in C MinorBeethoven
 Sonata No. 2 in B-Flat Minor, Op. 35..... Chopin
 Grave - Doppio movimento
 Scherzo
 Marche funebre
 Finale: Presto

Intermission

Dumka, Op. 59..... Tchaikovsky
 Two Polish Songs..... Chopin-Liszt
 "My Joys"
 "The Return Home"
 Hungarian Rhapsody No. 3.....Liszt
 Hungarian Rhapsody No. 19..... Liszt-Busoni

Foundation Gala

When: Wednesday, June 18, 2008
Where: Paramount Plaza Hotel Ballroom
Time: Cocktails from 6:00 p.m. on-- Cash Bar
 Dinner 6:30 till 9:00 - Southern Country Buffet
 Entertainment 7:30-8:30 - The Gainesville English Country Dancers and Baroque Musicians

Also: Kickoff of New fundraising Campaign

Dress Dressy Casual
 Wear your dancing shoes!! We will all get into the act with the dancers.
 Cost: \$50 Donation to FSMTF included. All are encouraged to attend this fun event – bring your friends. Sign up with your Conference Registration in the space provided for the Foundation Gala. If you did not include the Gala with your Conference Registration and wish to still do so, or if you wish to add more reservations contact me with your Reservation Check of \$50

Send to: Millicent Callobre, 13398 Journeys End, Ft. Myers, FL 33905

Newsletter Deadline

August/September issue - July 10

The directory and membership lists on the website are being updated monthly. Please refer to the website for the latest membership additions and corrections.

Membership Update

by Becky Barlar, Vice President of Membership

The membership directory on the FSMTA website is updated regularly, so the most accurate contact information for all members is available on-line at www.fmta.org. To protect your privacy, this information is password-protected, so you will need your MTNA member number to attain access.

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

Local	Name
RMTA	Wendy S. Carl
MIMTA	Esther S. Diaz-Alejo
TALLMTA	Leigh Marie Felten
MSMTA	Danielle M. Joiner
RMTA	Joel Monaco
TCMTA	Robert Navarro
TAMMTA	Patricia S. Ockert
BCMTA	Eleanor Rose Rotondo
MSMTA	Janine M. Truesdell

The following people were previously members of FSMTA who have

reinstated their membership:

PBCMTA	Pedro Hernandez
BCMTA	Barbara Lieber

Please send any address or contact information changes to Becky Barlar, Vice-President for Membership, at 11406 West Queensway Drive, Temple Terrace, FL 33617 or e-mail her at barlarb@floridacollege.edu. If you are willing to save the association money by viewing your newsletter on-line, e-mail this request to Becky Barlar at the e-mail address above.

Outstanding Florida Music Teachers

Congratulations to Tanya Brooks of Panama City for being awarded the MTNA-Piano Technicians Guild Scholarship! She will be presented with the award at the national conference in Denver later this month. The Piano Technicians Guild Foundation Award is a financial-assistance grant presented to a nationally Certified MTNA member to provide advance study opportunities related to piano. She will use the scholarship to get training for the Recreational Music Making Program which she plans to initiate this summer at retirement homes and senior centers in Panama City.

Tanya was browsing the MTNA site one evening when she came across the link to a You-tube video about the Recreational Music Making (RMM) program for mature adults. The 10-minute video piqued her interest, especially as a way to enhance summer income, which can be quite scanty for private music teachers. In her own words, "RMM is an innovative program that reaches adult learners through group-based music-making activities. It is student centered rather than teacher centered. It is for fun and personal fulfillment held in a stress free environment. Students receive exceptional support and encouragement from their peers."

Descriptions of and applications for this award and many others can be found on the MTNA website. Click on Programs, then Awards.

We applaud Tanya for her initiative and wish her success with the program.

DISTRICT STUDENT DAY REMINDER TO ALL CHAIRPERSONS

by Tim Murphy, FSMTA

Non-Competitive Events chair

This is just a reminder that NO MORE than 1 week AFTER your DSD event to PLEASE make every effort to get your 2008 tally report, leftover items report, and certificates check to BETSY RANDOLPH. Please mark on the bottom right hand corner of the tally report as to how many State Honors medals you need (this should be the total number of State Recommendations from the last column on the right side of the report).

Reminder to send all new Apprentice Judging Sheets to Carmen Cuenca, PO Box 440672, Miami, FL 33144 by May 1, 2008.

CONFERENCE DEADLINES

It's not too early to register for the June 2008 FSMTA Conference. May 1 is the early registration deadline!

To reserve in the FSMTA room block at the Paramount Plaza, you must do so before May 25, 2008. In order to book your room in the block for the "Florida State Music Teachers Association" you must place a phone reservation. YOU MAY NOT BOOK online. You may phone toll free 1-877-992-9229.



One form per registrant, please print.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Circle any that apply: Certification- FSMTA MTNA

SCHEDULE OF FEES All fees are non-refundable

Full Registration: Includes all workshops, programs, banquet, and concerts. You must purchase any desired luncheons or Gala below.

		Rec'd on/before 5/1/08	After 5/1/08	Amount
Member	circle membership(s): MTNA NATS NFMC ASTA MENC AGO	\$155	\$180	\$ _____
Non-Member		\$175	\$200	\$ _____
Spouse (name: _____)		\$75	\$80	\$ _____

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Student Registration: Circle day(s) attending Includes workshops and programs only. Concerts, Gala, luncheons, and banquet must be purchased separately below.	\$15	free	\$15	\$ _____

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
One-day registration: (member or non-member) Circle day(s) attending. Includes workshops and programs only. Concerts, Gala, luncheons, and banquet must be purchased separately below	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$ _____

Events: Fill in quantity and amount for desired purchase(s):	Fee	Quantity	Amount
Gala Dinner Wed, June 18	\$50	_____	\$ _____
FSMTA Competitive Events Winners Concert Thurs, June 19	\$10	_____	\$ _____
Continental breakfast/ coffee break circle desired day(s): THURS FRI SAT		_____	\$ FREE
Conference Artist Concert and dessert reception Fri, June 20	\$15	_____	\$ _____
District/Local President's Luncheon circle desired entrée: Salmon / Vegetarian Fri, June 20	\$22	_____	\$ _____
Lunch buffet circle desired day(s): THURS FRI	\$22	_____	\$ _____
Banquet circle desired entree: Chicken Wellington / London Broil / vegetarian Fri, June 20	\$40	_____	\$ _____

Total Fees Enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to **FSMTA Conference 2008**. Mail check and form to Lorraine Eaton, 2717 Ilene Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32216. Refer questions to Lorraine at jaxpeach13@yahoo.com or 904-730-5143.

2008 State Conference June 18-21, 2008
Hotel reservation information

Paramount Plaza Hotel & Conference Center
2900 Southwest 13th Street
Gainesville, FL 32608
1-877-992-9229 or local 352-377-4000

The Paramount Plaza features a 24 hour state of the art fitness center, lakeside swimming pool, Starbucks Coffee Bar, full service Restaurant and Lounge, and AVIS Auto Rental.

The Paramount Plaza is also proud to offer high speed wireless internet access throughout the hotel, complimentary shuttle service to the University of Florida and the airport, complimentary local and toll free calls, and complimentary business center usage.

Our newly renovated guest rooms feature deluxe pillow top mattresses and down feather pillows as well as private walk out balconies overlooking Bivens Arm Lake and a tranquil Nature Preserve.

The Conference room rate for a King or 2 Double bed guest room is \$92.00 per night (plus all applicable taxes and a \$2.50 amenity fee per night) with free parking. This room rate applies for Wednesday, June 18 through Friday, June 20, 2008. A portion of the room rate per night will be used to offset the costs of the Conference event.

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Conference Exhibitor Showcases

Frederick Harris Music Introducing "Celebration Series Perspectives"

Celebration Series Perspectives is a comprehensive and progressive series presenting a kaleidoscopic view of keyboard music from the Baroque era to the present day. Join us for the launch of this outstanding new series!

Since 1904, Frederick Harris Music has published educational print music materials designed to suit the specific needs of studio teachers and their students. Publications include the NEW Celebration Series Perspectives, Celebrate Piano!, Christopher Norton Connections for Piano, Sound Advice Theory and Ear Training, Four Star Sight Reading and Ear Tests, Comprehensive Ear Training, and Composer Editions.

Alfred Publishing Clinicians: Martha Mier and Victoria McArthur

Alfred Publishing, the leader in music education products since 1922, has more than 45,000 active publications including piano methods, original collections, pop arrangements, master-work editions and studio resources.

2008 FSMTA Conference Workshops

Dr. Gary Smart, Commissioned Composer
"American Beauty – A Ragtime Bouquet"

Dr. Sandra Stewart and Denise Homsley
"Summer Camps, Summer Fun"

Liz Kiebler - *"A Celebration of American Music"*

Heidi Williams
"Groundbreaking Piano Music in the 21st Century: Traces by Augusta Reed Thomas"

Dr. Kevin Or
"Approaches for Better Listening"

Mary Lou and Aaron Krosnick
"Neglected Works for Violin and Piano"

Harold Brown
"A Centenary Celebration of Oliver Messiaen (1908- 1992): The Man and His Music"

Laura Fitts - *"The 46 Miniatures of Leopold Godowsky"*

Marilyn Smart - *"The Influence of Language On Music"*

Valentine M. Bogdan - *"Piano for the Busy Adult"*

Megan Walsh
"Looking for Ways to Make Music Theory Interesting and Exciting? Here Are Some Ways to Liven-Up Your Classes!"

Cassandra Rondinelli and Diana Limbers
"Rhythm Fun For Everyone: Learning Through Eurhythmics"

Lori Werner
"Teaching Students to Build Their Improvisational Tool Boxes"

Sandra Greenland and Peggy Gallagher
"Preparing Students for Student Day"

Dr. Nick Curry - *"Principals of Sound on the Cello"*

Amy Ziegler
"The Music of Dame Ethel Smith (1858-1944): The Woman and her Piano Music"



FSMTA Website Update

by Amy Turon, Webmaster

If you haven't visited fsmta.org lately, you might be surprised at the new face-lift there. The website has undergone a complete overhaul. Of note:

There is an "Announcement" link which notifies members of urgent/important news. Check this link frequently for important information to the members.

Forms for all state competitive events have been updated and are available for download directly from the website.

"Conference" link gives all the details for the upcoming conference, including hotel information, registration form, commissioned composer, and guest artist information. Complete conference information will be posted as it becomes available.

"Upcoming Events" link will quickly give you all the deadline dates for upcoming events, as well as links to more information and registration forms.

"College Council" link is now avail-

able and lists all the FSMTA members who are college faculty.

"Executive Board" link has been added under the "Membership" tab. At the Winter Board Meeting, the Executive Board voted to post the Board meeting minutes on line. At this link you will find the minutes and reports from the latest Board meeting.

"Map of Districts" link has been added under the "About" tab. This is a convenient map of the state which shows each district by number, as well as the local associations for each district. On this page there is also a listing of the district rotation for Conference Hosting.

Local Association affiliation for each member of FSMTA is now posted in the online FSMTA Directory.

Quickly write an email to those in leadership by using the Email links for all FSMTA Officers, Standing Committees, and District /Local Association Presidents posted on the "Contacting Us" tab.

"Internet Links" gives you quick access to all Local Association websites, as well as MTNA.

Official Copy of the FSMTA Directory: At the Winter Board meeting, the Executive Board voted that the Official Copy of the FSMTA Directory will be the current Directory which is posted on line. The online Directory is being updated monthly, with the date of the most current update being posted on the Directory Link. Please remember to regularly download the latest version of the FSMTA Directory.

Hint: To quickly find a member in the Directory, use the "Find" feature. Press "Control + F" then type in the last name of the member you are looking for. Press "Enter" and the document will go directly to that member's name and highlight it. If you need to look further for that name, press the "Find Next" arrow at the top of the page to go to the next listing of that name.

Arts Awareness and Advocacy

by Sonja Rozier, Arts & Advocacy Chairman

A huge CONGRATULATIONS to the Volusia County Music Teachers Association members. Recently they became aware of the financial needs of a local middle school music program. This program's total funding for chorus and band was \$375.00 a year.

VCMTA voted to give \$100 to the program and really started the ball rolling. Individual VCMTA members, individuals from the Stetson University Music School and the local SAI chapter increased this gift to \$1,000.00. Now, through kindness and awareness of a program in need, this school is able to repair instruments, purchase reeds and music.

What about your community? Why not call a school and donate the instrument to the music program for use by a needy student? Also, mentors are always needed. Share your love of music with a needy student. You can make a difference in a child's life.

The 2008 Legislative Session is starting and it will be a battle for funding programs. Schools, like many other services, are expected to lose millions in funding. Local representatives and senators have been requested to support the following:

- Protect the dedicated fine arts credit for high school graduation
- Oppose efforts to require 225 minutes per week for physical education in grades 6-8
- The need to have a middle school fine arts course requirement
- Include the fine arts in any revision of the Sunshine State Standards or World Class Standards

I will be sending out Legislative Alerts to our local associations. Please respond to these alerts by e-mailing or calling in your support of Fine Arts Education.

FSMTA Competitive Events

by Mary Griffin Seal

FSMTA Vice President of Competitive Events

Please note.... The annual FSMTA Competitive Events will take place Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10, 2008 at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. The events will include the Byrd Piano Ensemble Event, the Gray Perry Young Collegiate Artist Award, the Pre-College Chamber Music Competition, and, of course, the Concerto Competition. These are open auditions, and I want to encourage all members and interested listeners to come and hear the fine performances of our wonderful students from all around the state of Florida. In April, the schedule of individual competitions will be posted on the FSMTA web-site, along with directions to the campus and hotel information. For questions or further information you may contact me at maryseal@gmail.com. Hope to see you there,

Focus on Collegiate Chapters: Manatee Community College

By Beth Bowling, President, MCC Chapter of MTNA

The Manatee Community College Collegiate Chapter of MTNA has been established for four years. Our membership has been steadily growing through the years. Members have participated in both national and state conferences, service projects at the college and in the community, and campus events such as Club Rush.

Members of the MCC chapter agree that state and national conferences are extremely beneficial and enjoyable. Each conference has had numerous educational experiences. We find the conferences a great way to network with teachers, upper-level schools that we may want to transfer to, and soon-to-be fellow colleagues in the music education world. The various workshops and seminars offer many insights as to what to expect in our careers and we've learned so much by going to the conferences--such as working with upcoming new technology, what is being looked for in auditions, how to run your personal studio and so much more.

The last two years the MTNA chapter has gone to a local Boys and Girls Club to offer free lessons for any children who were interested. All members of the chapter performed their principal instrument to give the children an idea of what we have to offer. Afterwards we let them sign up on the instruments that they wanted to learn. This year we did something different and have offered written and aural theory tutoring to our fellow students at MCC. It gives us an idea of what it's like to teach and a way to explore methods of explaining theory concepts. We've had good response from fellow students and we're glad we can help.

Lastly, we participate in campus events that help promote MCC clubs. We bring flyers about our ensembles, lessons, and music appreciation classes to make the students at our campus aware of what's musically available. Being at a community college people sometimes don't realize all the music classes we have. This is a good way to promote the music department and music in general.

Bylaws Revision

by Maria Santilli, FSMTA Constitution and By-laws Revision Chairman

At the Winter Board Meeting, the Executive Board has proposed the following revision to the by-laws:

FSMTA By-laws, Article XIII, Section 4.d. regarding the Nominating Committee.

Present: The slate shall be published in the September issue of the official publication of FSMTA.

Proposed Change: The slate shall be published in the issue of the official publication of FSMTA that immediately precedes the state conference.

The Executive Boards recommends the change so that time-specific by-laws are changed to reflect general time frames. This will reduce the number of future by-laws changes resulting from any change in the schedule for state meetings.

Dates & Deadlines

March 29
Deadline for applications for all FSMTA competitions

March 29-April 2
MTNA National Conference
Denver

March 31
Deadline for applications for Teacher Awards*

April 1
County Winners for Community Service Awards due to State Chairman

May 1
Early registration deadline for State Conference*

May 9-10
FSMTA Competitive Events
UCF, Orlando*

May 25
Conference Room
Registration for FSMTA
Block Deadline*

May 31
Deadline Judging
Applications

June 18-21
State Conference
Gainesville

*See article in this issue

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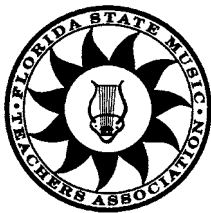
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