



# The Florida State Music Teacher

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## President's Message

by Marc J. Hebda

MTNA will soon be embarking on the Year of Collaborative Music. The Year of Collaborative Music will be launched at the 2010 MTNA conference and continue through the 2011 MTNA conference. FSMTA has recently experienced a "Weekend of Collaborative Music" in Ybor City October 23rd-25th. Although the theme of the weekend was not "collaborative music" per se, there was an incredible amount of collaboration among musicians to "advance music in the state of Florida." Weekends like this afford me the opportunity, and pleasure, to brag on the members of FSMTA.

The first event of the weekend was the Executive Board meeting held Friday, October 23rd. I thank all of the EB members who took the time and expense to travel to Ybor City to collaborate on issues important to FSMTA and its members. Your board is a dedicated one with members from every corner of Florida, and I respect their commitment to FSMTA and its membership.

The main event of the weekend was a true collaboration orchestrated by Vice-President of MTNA Competitive Events, Denise Homsley. FSMTA extends its gratitude to Denise and the coordinators of the Florida MTNA competitions: Wanda Louie (Junior Coordinator), Mary Lou Krosnick (Senior Coordinator), Leonard Mastrogiacomio (Young Artist Coordinator) and Carol Payne (Student Composition Coordinator). Although we did not have any chamber music entrants, thanks go out to the Chamber Music

Coordinator, Jeanie Darnell, who was at the ready should any applications have come in. Without the expertise, focus and dedication to excellence of Denise and the Coordinators, this kind of recognition and acknowledgement for the participating musicians would never be possible. Thanks also go out to Ken Hanks of Hillsborough Community College in Ybor City who graciously extended an invitation to FSMTA to host this year's competitions for the second year. Ken and his staff were most accommodating and played an integral role in the collaboration between FSMTA and Hillsborough Community College in the success of the competitions.

Congratulations are in order to the following winners: Junior Piano Competition Winner Enoch Wong (student of Oleg Barsov), Alternate Anthony Coniglio (student of Roberta Rust) and Honorable Mentions Kira Schubot (student of Phillip Evans) and James Bao (student of Debora Sanchez); Junior String Competition

Winner Julia Hossain and Alternate Maria Kuge (both students of Julia Ruby); Senior Piano Competition Winner Jason Nong (student of Vladimir Khokhlov), Alternate Orlando Diaz (student of Kamila Shahtakhtinskaya) and Alternate Jake Tuttle (student of Mary Lout Krosnick); Senior String Competition Winner Alexandra Dreyfuss (student of Robert Davidovici), Alternate Kimberly Fang (student of Janna Lower) and Honorable Mention Austin Burket (student of Alvaro Gomez); Young Artist Brass Winner Patrick Jankowski (student of Michelle Stebleton), Alternate William Connell (student of Roy Pickering) and Honorable Mention Jordan Drayer (student of Michelle Stebleton); Young Artist Piano Competition Winner Andrew Focks (student of Read Gainsford), Alternate Hyae-jin Hwang and Honorable Mention Satoko Hayami (both students of Michael Baron); Young Artist String Winner Molly Hodges and Alternate Alexander

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### DATES AND DEADLINES

January 10  
January 15-18

March 20-24  
March 31  
May 14-15  
June 12  
November 3-6

Newsletter Deadline  
Southern Division Competitions –  
Samford University, Birmingham, AL  
MTNA National Conference – Albuquerque, NM  
Deadline for applications – FSMTA Competitive Events  
FSMTA Competitive Events – Jacksonville University  
Executive Board Meeting – Cabot Lodge, Gainesville  
2010 FSMTA Conference – Sarasota

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Sullivan (both students of Leonid Yanovskiy); Young Artist Woodwind Winner Eric Barreto-Maymi (student of Patrick Meighan), Alternate Nanci Belmont (student of Jeff Keeseecker), Third Place Ju Me Lee and Honorable Mention Dalia Chin (both students of Eva Amsler); Junior Composition Competition Winner Gabrielle Chou and Honorable Mention Jordan Maurodis (both students of Donald Waxman); Senior Composition Competition Winner Edward McCormack (student of Donald Waxman); and Young Artist Composition Competition Winner Sarah Gaskins (student of Kubik Ladislav) and Honorable Mention Andrew Boss (student of Donald Waxman).

The long-term "collaboration" between student and teacher resulted in a wonderful weekend of performances. FSMTA wishes our winners well as they compete in the Southern Division Competitions to be held January 15th-17th at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama.

Following the Florida MTNA competitions was the Collegiate Convocation. This event was organized by your College Council Chair, Charles Turon, and your Collegiate Chapter Chair, Megan Walsh. Charles's and Megan's enthusiasm was echoed by the collegiate students that attended and participated in the weekend's activities, including

monitoring of the competitions. The premier event of the Collegiate Convocation was the Collegiate Convocation Recital Saturday evening, October 24th. Here, the audience was treated to many collaborative performances including a guitar trio, guitar quartet, piano duet, voice and piano, and violin and piano. Congratulations to all performers for an inspiring recital demonstrating again the collaboration between student/teacher and student/student and the culmination of that collaboration on stage. Both the recital and the competitions were a testimony to the incredible talent in Florida, of which we should all be proud. The collegiate chapter presentations, workshop and Master Class Sunday morning were wonderful vehicles to get to know these students a little and to witness their enthusiasm and commitment to their universities, their craft, their goals and FSMTA.

As outlined in this article, there was much collaboration on many levels in Ybor City to advance music in the state of Florida. FSMTA knows its mission and has a very strong sense of identity in each membership group it serves. Today I stand in the shadow behind the FSMTA Executive Board, in admiration of their drive, intelligence and quest for making FSMTA an association driven by excellence.

## 2010 MTNA National Conference In Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 20–24

The 2010 Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) National Conference will take place in Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 20–24, at the Hyatt Regency and Albuquerque Convention Center.



The highlight of this year's conference will once again be the evening concert bill, as some of North America's finest classical musicians will perform on three separate nights. Immediately following the conference's Opening Session on Saturday, March 20, winners of the Canadian and United States Chopin Piano Competitions will perform in recital. On Sunday, March 21, the American Pianists Association Classical and Jazz Fellows, Stephen Beus, Spencer Myer and Dan Tepfer, will perform a diverse repertoire of jazz and classical music led by Artistic Director Joel Harrison. Then, on Tuesday, March 23, pianist Kevin Kenner and cellist William De Rosa will perform with mezzo-soprano Marta Wryk in a 19th-Century Salon Recital. MTNA expects more than 2,000 music teachers from across the country to converge on Albuquerque for this annual five-day event. Numerous professional workshops, sessions, industry showcases and master classes will take place, as well as the finals of the MTNA's national student competitions.

For more information about the 2010 MTNA National Conference, please contact MTNA national headquarters at (513) 421-1420, (888) 512-5278 or [mtnanet@mtna.org](mailto:mtnanet@mtna.org) or visit the website at [www.mtna.org](http://www.mtna.org).

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## MTNA Foundation News

by *President-Elect Adrienne LeBlanc*

Preparations are in progress for the 2010 National Conference in Albuquerque. It is a very exciting time as we make plans to represent our wonderful state of Florida. As in the past, there will be a Florida table at the MTNA Foundation Gala event. If you are attending the convention and are interested in sitting at the Florida table, please contact me and I will reserve a place for you.

### Foundation Fellow

When you make a contribution to the MTNA Foundation Fund, you are helping us work for a more musical tomorrow through programs that nurture the creation, performance, study and teaching of music. With that in mind, the Foundation Fellow is an honor that states can bestow upon one of their members who has distinguished himself in a very special way. To accomplish this, Florida needs to make a donation of \$1000 to the MTNA Foundation Fund. So, we need your help! Remember that a little from many adds up very quickly. We hope to have our candidate for the Foundation Fellow be a surprise announcement at the national Foundation Gala event. Donations of any size are very welcome and can be made out to MTNA Foundation Fund and mailed to Adrienne LeBlanc, 1001 Wildwood Drive, Melbourne, FL 32940. All donations are tax-deductible. Please note on the memo line on your check that it is a contribution to the Florida Fellow Fund. This will assure your donation goes to the Florida Fellow Fund rather than to the general Foundation fund. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## Florida State Music Teachers Foundation Report

by *Paulette Kilts, FSMTF President*

We give our thanks to the following new Foundation Friends, Barbara Kirby, Mark and Cynthia Repasky and Suzy Reiser.

Thanks are also due to the following Local Associations who donated \$10 on behalf of their President to the District/Local President's Fund which funds the Local and District Presidents Community Service Award for 9th graders. They are: Broward County MTA, Greater St. Petersburg MTA, Jacksonville MTA and Peace River MTA. All Districts and Locals are encouraged to donate \$10 to this Foundation fund.

A special word of thanks goes to the 2009 State Conference committee who made a donation from the conference funds of \$954.90 to the Foundation. Not only did they provide us with a very exciting "Diamond Anniversary" state conference but they continued their generosity through this donation.

The Foundation is pleased to announce that it is in the process of distributing \$2325 in awards to our 2009 Florida MTNA Performance competition winners and Florida MTNA Composition winners. Congratulations to these students!

During this time of giving and reflecting on the year 2009, it might be time for you to consider giving a far-reaching gift to the Foundation in lieu of other holiday gifts by making a donation to the Foundation. Or perhaps it is a time to remember someone special in your life - mentor, fellow teacher or family member - and give a Tribute donation in their honor. You can find the forms to do so at [www.fmta.org](http://www.fmta.org) by clicking on the left side quicklinks FSMT Foundation and then under Foundation the listing Opportunities for Giving. FSMTF Treasurer Susan Myrick is ready to receive your donations.

Thank you for your continued support of the FSMT Foundation.

## FSMTA Teacher Awards

FSMTA honors its outstanding local organizations and member teachers with two awards: Local Association of the Year and Excellence in Teaching. The awards are presented at the annual state conference and the winners are eligible for national recognition through MTNA. The applications can be viewed and downloaded from our website: [fmta.org](http://fmta.org). Click on Members, then on Annual Awards. The deadline for applications is July 31, 2010, but start thinking about it and collecting pertinent materials now so you will have documentation on hand when you go to assemble your portfolio. Any questions? Call Michelle Snow (850)926-7627 or email her at [jfmhms@sprynet.com](mailto:jfmhms@sprynet.com).

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# 2009 FSMTA/MTNA COMPETITIONS

by Denise Homsley, NCTM – Vice-President of MTNA Competitive Events

The 2009 MTNA Competitions took place in the beautiful Performing Arts Building at Hillsborough Community College-Ybor City on Saturday, October 24th. Thirty-eight talented solo performers from the state of Florida participated as contestants in this year's competition in piano, strings, woodwind and brass. Ten talented young composers participated in the Composition competition.

Special thanks go to Division Coordinators Wanda Louie (Junior), Mary Lou Krosnick (Senior), Leonard Mastrogiacomo (Young Artist) and Carol Payne (Composition), as well as faculty host Kenneth Hanks and Theater Manager, Kenneth Arsenault. Each of these organized and efficient leaders did a superb job in preparing for this very special event!

Below are the number of entries in each division and category:

		Total		
Junior:	Piano - 9	String - 2	Junior	11
Senior:	Piano - 7	String - 3	Senior	10
Young Artist:	Piano - 6	String - 2		
	Woodwind - 6	Brass - 3	Young Artist	17
	Chamber Music - 0		Chamber Music	0
Composition:	Elem. - 0	Junior - 5		
	Senior - 3	Young Artist - 2	Composition	10

## 2009 MTNA Entrants TOTAL 48

Applications for the 2009 MTNA Student Competitions were all processed online at [www.mtna.org](http://www.mtna.org) and the guidelines remained the same as in 2008 with the following exceptions:

1. Junior Brass competition has been discontinued.
2. The piano concerto requirement for Senior and Young Artist levels has been discontinued.
3. The state level is the preliminary round and the performance times have been altered to reflect this philosophy.
4. Accompanist fees have been altered since there will no longer be a major work option.

### Judges for the 2009 MTNA Competitions were as follows:

**Piano:** Rita Fandrigh, Leonidas Lipovetsky, Judith Burganger, Joan Mank, Lisa Leonard, and Duncan MacMillan

**Wind/Brass:** Aaron Hilbun, Paul Votapek, Todd Craven

**Strings:** Libor Ondras, Merrilee Walbrunn, Aaron Krosnick

**Composition:** Paul Richards, Reginald Bain, Sally Reid

### The winners of the 2009 competitions are:

#### Junior Piano

	Student	Teacher
Winner	Enoch Wong	Oleg Barsov
Alternate	Anthony Coniglio	Roberta Rust
Honorable Mention	Kira Schubot	Phillip Evans
	James Bao	Debora Sanchez

#### Junior Strings

	Student	Teacher
Winner	Julia Hossain	Julia Ruby
Alternate	Maria Kuge	Julia Ruby

#### Senior Piano

	Student	Teacher
Winner	Jason Nong	Vladimir Khokhlov
Alternate	Orlando Diaz	Kamila Shahtakhtinskaya
Honorable Mention	Jake Tuttle	Mary Lou Krosnick

#### Senior String

	Student	Teacher
Winner	Alexandra Dreyfuss	Robert Davidovici
Alternate	Kimberly Fang	Janna Lower
Honorable Mention	Austin Burket	Alvaro Gomez

#### Composition

	Student	Teacher	Composition	Level
Winner	Gabrielle Chou	Donald Waxman	Donald Waxman	Junior
Winner	Edward McCormack	Donald Waxman		Senior
Winner	Sarah Gaskins	Ladislav Kubik	Donald Waxman	Young Artist
		Andrew Boss		

#### Young Artist Piano

	Student	Teacher
Winner	Andrew Focks	Read Gainsford
Alternate	Hyaee-jin Hwang	Michael Baron
Honorable Mention	Satoko Hayami	Michael Baron

#### Young Artist String

	Student	Teacher
Winner	Molly Hodges	Leonid Yanovskiy
Alternate	Alexander Sullivan	Leonid Yanovskiy

#### Young Artist Brass

	Student	Teacher
Winner	Patrick Jankowski	Michelle Stebleton
Alternate	William Connell	Roy Pickering
Honorable Mention	Jordan Drayer	Michelle Stebleton

#### Young Artist Woodwind

	Student	Teacher
Winner	Eric Barreto-Maymi	Patrick Meighan
Alternate	Nanci Belmont	Jeff Keesecker
Third Place	Ju Me Lee	Eva Amsler
Honorable Mention	Dalia Chin	Eva Amsler



### **Enoch Wong**

Enoch Wong was born in Tampa, Florida, and currently lives in Orlando. At the age of 14, Enoch is fluent in English and Cantonese and also speaks some Mandarin as well. Enoch is enrolled in the AP program at Timber Creek High School where he recently finished his first quarter as a freshman. Enoch has played piano

for 9 years under the instruction of Zalina Guverich and Dr. Oleg Barsov. In the past year Enoch has won numerous piano competitions around Florida including the Irene Muir Competition at the Florida Federation of Music Clubs in May 2009. Enoch immensely enjoys playing the piano and the things he has learned from his experiences, and he continues to work extremely hard to progress. Enoch also serves in the worship team of Living Stone Community Church. Enoch's faith is very important to him and he loves God very much.



### **Julia Hossain**

Julia Hossain, age 11, is a fifth-grade student at Berkeley Preparatory school in Tampa. She started violin at the age of four and currently studies with Julia Ruby. Julia was the state winner of the FSMTA Concerto Competition Junior Strings Division in 2009. In the past three years, she has received numerous awards in FPMC Junior State Competitions for

violin and piano. She won the Junior Class IA Violin Concerto in 2007, Junior Class IB Violin Concerto in 2008, Junior Class II Violin Concerto and Medium Class III Violin Solo in 2009. Beside violin study, Julia enjoys piano, swimming and tennis.



### **Jason Nong**

Jason Nong is the MTNA Senior Piano winner for FSMTA and will be representing Florida at the Southern Division competition in 2010. Jason began playing piano at the age of five and is now fifteen. He attends the International Baccalaureate program at King High School in Tampa. In 2006, he attended the Chautauqua Music Festival in Chautauqua, New York,

studying under Rebecca Penneys of the Eastman School of Music. He won the performance award for the Best Chopin Etude in the competition there. In 2007 he won the Grand Prize of the senior division of The Florida Orchestra Young Artists Competition. In 2008, he won in the junior division of the Ocala Symphony Orchestra Young Artists Competition and performed with both the Ocala Symphony Orchestra and the Florida Orchestra. Last year he was a national finalist in the Junior Piano division of the MTNA competition and a semifinalist in the Furman University Daniel Piano Competition. He currently studies with Vladimir Khokhlov.



### **Alexandra Dreyfuss**

While waiting to be seven years old to begin piano lessons, Alexandra Dreyfuss, five years old at the time, heard a classmate play the violin for "show and tell", and insisted that she wanted to study violin.

Alexi was born in Hollywood, Florida, on July 3rd, 1993. She has attended Hillel Community Day School in North Miami Beach since she was four years old and has achieved a

straight A average since then. Presently she is a junior in high school and plans to study Engineering and Music in college.

Alexi has won many first and second place awards at the FPMC Competitions in the Violin Solo and Concerto categories since she was seven. She was nominated for the prestigious Irene Muir Award in the Violin Concerto category. In October 2007, Alexi was a finalist in the Ars Flores Young Artist Competition, and she was a finalist in the New World Symphony Young Artist Competition in January 2008. In March 2008, Alexandra won third place in the Wallenstein Concert Competition. In May of that year, The FPMC awarded her a scholarship award in the Senior Violin Solo Class for winning first place in the State Competition. In October 2008, Alexi won the MTNA State Senior Violin Competition and this past May, she won second place in the Senior Violin Concerto Class in the FPMC State Competition. This past October, Alexi won the MTNA State competition in the Senior Strings class.

Alexi has been studying with Robert Davidovici, Artist-in-Residence and Professor of Violin at Florida International University in Miami, for the past three years. She shares her love for music by playing violin for the patients at the Jewish Home for the Aged in Miami and the Memorial Hospital East in Hollywood.



### **Andrew Focks**

Andrew Focks, currently a student of Dr. Read Gainsford at Florida State University College of Music in his third year of studies, has distinguished himself with his numerous solo, duo, ensemble and collaborative piano performances. Andrew is the winner of the 2009 MTNA Young Artists Piano Competition for the state of Florida. Focks was also a

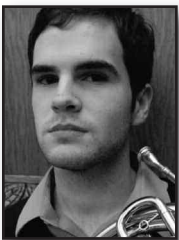
finalist in the 2009 Preistragerkonzert at the Mozarteum Summer Academy which he attended in the summers of 2008 and 2009. Andrew participated in the Mozarteum with pianist Ya-Fei Chuang with whom he previously studied for two years in the pre-college division of the New England Conservatory of Music where he was the recipient of the distinguished high pass with honors award. In the summer of 2009, Andrew also participated in the Chinese-American Piano Institute at the Sichuan Conservatory located in Chengdu, China, where he was awarded a place to perform in the final Honors Recital to close out the festival. He was the winner of the 2008 Schlern International Music Competition (piano division) at the Schlern International Music Festival in Italy and has also attended the Corsi Internazionali di Musica Festival in Urbino, Italy.

Andrew has participated in master classes in Austria with Ya-Fei Chuang, in Italy with Dr. Michael Baron, Renato Premezzi (student of Michelangeli), Andre Diev and Dr. Richard Cionco, in the United States with Dr. Phiroze Mehta, Dr. Diane Birr, Dr. Read Gainsford, Diane Anderson and A. Ramon Rivera. In China, he worked with Dr. Daniel Shapiro, Dr. Nikita Fitenko, Dr. Ivo Kaltchev, Dr. Kevin Robert Orr, Dr. Alexander Tutanov and Zhang Jin. He has also concertized in several distinguished performance venues including the Williams Recital Hall, Opperman Hall of Music, Hockett Recital Hall, Lindsay Recital Hall and for the Boston Classical Music Station. A recipient of an American Guild of Organists' scholarship, Andrew studied organ with Christa Rakich and is currently organist at the Fellowship Presbyterian Church in Tallahassee, Florida. In addition to music, Andrew is a student pilot and has received his black belt in the martial arts.



### **Molly Hodges**

Molly Hodges was born in 1987 in Nashville, Tennessee. She is a senior studying violin performance under Dr. Leonid Yanovskiy at the University of West Florida. She performs regularly with the Pensacola Symphony and Opera Orchestras, the Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra, the Pensacola Choral Society, and UWF's Runge String Orchestra, of which she is co-concertmaster. In 2006, she studied under Ning Mu of the Beijing Piano Quartet and Simon Andreus Mauer of the Ravel Trio at the Pennsylvania Academy of Music where she performed as a soloist, chamber musician and in an orchestral setting under Arnold Steinhardt of the Guarneri Quartet. While in Pennsylvania, she also performed in chamber music master classes for Michael Jamanis and Sarah Male of the Newstead Trio and the Cassatt Quartet. At UWF, Ms. Hodges has performed with Harold Levin of the Herrick Ensemble and Louise Schulman of the Orchestra of St. Luke's. She has also performed in solo master classes for violinists Krista Feeney of the Orchestra of St. Luke's and Corinne Stillwell of Florida State University. In 2009, Ms. Hodges took the first prize at both the Pensacola Music Teachers Association Sonata Contest and the MTNA Florida State Young Artist Performance Competition.



### **Patrick Jankowski**

Patrick Jankowski is a junior horn performance major at the Florida State University College of Music. He currently studies with Michelle Stebleton and has previously received instruction from Lisa Bontrager, Dr. Karen Robertson, soloist Bruno Schneider, Shirley Hopkins-Civil of London and David Wakefield of the American Brass Quintet and the Juilliard School. He has played in the distinguished Chamber Winds ensemble at FSU since his freshman year, as well as in the University Symphony, Philharmonia, Opera Orchestra and Wind Orchestra. He is a founding member of a highly successful wind quintet, Terpsichore Winds, and was previously principal horn in the Brevard Symphony Youth Orchestra for two years under the direction of conductor and personal mentor Joseph Kreines. In 2008, Patrick was the winner of the top prize at the International Horn Society's Solo Competition in Denver, Colorado. He maintains a private studio of students in Tallahassee, and in his spare time he enjoys bike rides, hiking, yoga, foreign and classic film and pursuing his minor in International Affairs.



### **Eric Barreto-Maymi**

Eric Barreto-Maymi is originally from Jacksonville, Florida. After graduating from Douglas Anderson School of the Arts, he is now attending Florida State University where he is a junior seeking a bachelor degree in Music Performance. He has participated in several summer workshops given by the Rascher Saxophone Quartet, the Cardinal Saxophone Workshop at the University of Louisville, as well as participating in the Hot Springs Music Festival in 2009. He has taken part in master classes given by Steve Stusek (UNC), Griffen Campbell (LSU), Jean-Michael Goury, John Moore (U of Louisville), Michael Bovenzi (UNF), Wildy Zumwalt (SUNY

Fredonia), Wynton Marsalis and Victor Goins. As a student, he is an active performer in the College of Music and participates in the Florida State Wind Orchestra.



### **Gabrielle Chou**

Gabrielle Chou is a 14-year-old violinist, pianist and composer. She studies piano and music theory with Maria Gomez, violin with Carol Cole and composition with Donald Waxman. She is currently the concertmaster of the Florida Youth Orchestra (Principal orchestra/senior division).

Since 2005, Gabrielle has been a piano and violin soloist with the Coral Gables Chamber Symphony, the Boynton Regional Symphony Orchestra, the Alhambra Orchestra and the National Taiwan Symphony Orchestra. She has been the first-place winner of more than 40 Florida state competitions in violin, piano and composition (by FFMC and FSMTA). In 2008 she became the first and youngest winner of both the senior violin concerto and the senior piano concerto events. Since 2006, Gabrielle has also received honors and awards in many national and international competitions in Italy, Germany, Taiwan and England. Gabrielle has played for Lang Lang, Murray Perahia, Susan Starr, Elmar Oliviera, Robert McDonald and many other prominent musicians.

As a composer, Gabrielle was the winner of both the NFMC Southeastern Region and the MTNA Southern Division, and therefore an American national finalist since 2006. The Executive Director of MTNA said that she is "among the nation's finest young composers". She received her first national award in 2009 and was a winner of the 2009 Young Composer Challenge of the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra. Her chamber ensemble works were performed by the professional musicians of the Philharmonic in their November concert.



### **Edward McCormack**

Edward McCormack (Eddy) is a 2009 graduate of Pope John Paul High School in Boca Raton, Florida, receiving special honors as a senior in the top 10% of his class. He was selected as a student "Most Likely To Succeed" by Boca Magazine for a feature article published in October.

Eddy is a classically trained pianist, studying music for over 8 years with Mr. Harold Brown. He has also studied theory and composition for the past several years with published composer Donald Waxman. At age 12, Eddy wrote his first song, "Cool Morning". To date he has composed over 40 songs, including several contemporary pieces which were performed by his rock band at Revolution in Ft. Lauderdale.

During the summer Eddy volunteers his time with Alabaster Missionary Camp, performing at prisons, homeless shelters, nursing homes, schools and churches in Pennsylvania. He is currently attending Berklee College of Music in Boston where he plans to major in composition and film scoring.

# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by Anna Fagan, Vice-President for membership

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

Local	Name	Local	Name
PBCMTA	Liz Robertson	MCMTA	Kristina Anolfo
PSMTA	Karen Elizabeth Hopkins	SWFMTA	Anne Ferrando
RMFTA	Linda D. Moser	BCMTA	Jolanta Prax
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UMMTA	Rattanaï Bampenyou	MIMTA	Dr. Marina Radiushina
PBCMTA	Zanna Noe	PBCMTA	Robert Jones

**The following persons were previously members of FSMTA and have reinstated their membership:**

Local	Name	Local	Name
PSMTA	Charles R. Bombard	JMTA	Lindsay A. Johnson

Remember that the FSMTA website is updated monthly, so the most accurate member information is always available online at [www.fmta.org](http://www.fmta.org). Please send any address or contact information changes to:

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## FSMTA Competitive Events 2010

by Mary Griffin Seal, Vice-President for FSMTA Competitive Events

I am happy to announce that FSMTA's annual Competitive Events for 2010 will be held May 14 - 15 in District IV at Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, Florida. The events that will take place are the State Concerto Competition, the Byrd Piano Ensemble Competition, the Gray Perry Young Collegiate Piano Competition, the Pre-college Chamber Music Competition and the FSMTA Guitar Competition. The application deadline for each event (strictly followed) is March 31st.

Please visit the FSMTA website and look under Student Activities/Competitive Events for updated instructions and entry forms. Directions to the school, schedule of events and other pertinent information will be posted during the month of April as it becomes available.

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