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Lee Ann Powell, President

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President's Message —

Lee Ann Powell, MFMC President

To the memory nothing is ever really lost.

-Eudora Welty

Greetings and welcome to the beginning of the MFMC 2007-2008 Club year!

As I write my first column as your president, it is raining for the first time in several weeks. What music the rain is to my ears (and the fish that live in the pond at my home)!

This past MFMC year has been filled with wonderful events, such as the 2007 Annual Convention in Madison. Bravissimo! and many thanks to District IV for all of the planning and hard work that went into the Annual Convention. St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church was the perfect venue for this musical weekend. We were delighted to have Lana Bailey, president-elect of the National Federation of Music Clubs, as our guest. The Knights of Columbus provided delicious meals and excellent service at the banquet and luncheon. I look forward to seeing all of you at the 2008 Annual Convention, which will be held April 25 and 26 in Belzoni, with District V as our host. Elizabeth Paris, NFMC immediate past president, will be our National Guest.



Lee Ann and Tim Powell

The 2007 Fall Session, held in Jackson at the Belhaven College Center for the Arts, August 25, was a great way to kick off the MFMC 2007-2008 Club Year. Special thanks to the MacDowell Music Club of Jackson for serving as our host and to all of you that volunteered your time to help make the day a success. Over 35 members from local Mississippi Federated Music Clubs were in attendance and enjoyed musical programs by baritone James Martin and accompanist David O'Steen as well as violinist Vince Massimino and accompanist Carolina Whitfield-Smith. Door prizes were provided by Mary Lea MacGregor of

MacDowell Music Club, Carolyn Sturdivant of Greenwood Matinee Musicale, and the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra. Lucky winners took home hand-painted porcelain keepsake boxes, a handmade wooden keepsake box with glass inlay and two tickets to the opening concert of the MSO's Bravo! Series. I hope to see more of you at the 2008 Fall Session.

I am looking forward to the coming year and the opportunities that it will bring to *Celebrate and Enjoy Life with Music*. I look forward to greeting old friends and meeting new friends at the Corinth Music Club, Canton Music Study Club, Greenwood Matinee Musicale and MacDowell Music Club of Jackson, as your invited guest in the coming weeks. Great musical things are happening in the Magnolia State and across the USA and I look forward to sharing them with each of you!

As you all begin to plan your club years, remember to take advantage of all of the opportunities that membership in the MFMC and NFMC offer. From Junior Clubs to Student Auditions to Senior Clubs to Festivals, there is something for everyone!

Best wishes to all of you for a happy and successful year.

Musically yours,
Lee Ann Powell

National Board Report

Music, Mountains and More was the theme of the NFMC Biennial Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, on June 24-July 1 at the downtown Radisson Hotel. Salt Lake City is in a valley surrounded by the Wasatch Mountains. The hotel was within walking distance to Temple Square complex of beautiful Mormon Church buildings. We attended with husband Malcolm and State President Jo Orr of Tupelo.

The music was as majestic as the surrounding mountains. An evening concert featured the music of Dr. Crawford Gates, renowned composer and symphony orchestra conductor. Dr. Gates conducted the Utah Brass Choir. The Sterling Singers performed his choral compositions and a premiere performance of Piano Sonata (inspired by the Seasons, op. 112) by Dr. Gates was presented. The Sonata was commissioned for this NFMC Biennial Convention by President Elizabeth Paris and will be published. The program was recorded and available on CD. Dr. Gates received an NFMC Citation and standing ovation. He enthusiastically greeted everyone at

*By Beth McAuley
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the reception following the concert.

The 2007 Young Artist Auditions were held. Joo Young Oh was winner in violin; Nathan Knutson, piano; and Jesse Blum Berg, man's voice. Winners were presented in concert. These artists will be available for performances at reasonable fees through NFMC Artist Presentations Chairman Terry Blair, Missouri. YA fees are \$300 plus lodging and travel expenses. Mississippi is proud that Amanda Smith from Jackson was a finalist in the violin audition. Amanda has performed at NFMC and MFMC meetings and is studying in Michigan.

President Jo Orr gave an outstanding state

report to the assembly and thanked the FAMA committee for the monetary help for coastal music teachers who were affected by Hurricane Katrina. Jo was elegant as she marched in the Parade of Presidents at the banquet in their honor on Saturday night.

New officers were elected at the Biennial Convention board meeting. Lana Bailey from Woodbridge, Virginia, is President of NFMC. Elizabeth Paris from Owensboro, Kentucky, is the retiring Past President. Both are from the Southeastern Region and are very dedicated leaders and piano teachers. Dr. Mabry Miller from Alabama completed a great 4-year term as Vice President of the Southeastern Region. How honored we were to be elected Vice President of the Southeastern Region and appreciate the confidence of the NFMC board. We pledge to work hard. Barbara Hildebrand, former Mississippian who resides in Tennessee, was re-elected Treasurer. The 1st Vice President is Carolyn Nelson from North Dakota. Carolyn is

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also a state senator from North Dakota. Carole Langley from Missouri is the Recording Secretary. She created many of the NFMC Public Relations Public Service Announcements that you should be using. It is a privilege to serve on the NFMC Executive Committee with this slate of fine officers. We thank MFMC members for their support and encouragement to run for this office. We will do our very best to represent you well.

As your SE Region Vice President, we will plan Brevard Federation Weekend meetings, serve on the Brevard Music Center Board as NFMC officer, plan the regional luncheon at national meetings, conduct the southeastern regional biennial student/collegiate auditions, and visit states.

We attended the Junior Division workshop led by Chairman Sandra Preyez. The new Festival Bulletins are out and students and teachers are excited to see the new repertoire. On page 1, sentence 1, ADD "not" after the word "have." Also, the form JR 3-7 to delete the \$1.25 from the form and will leave a space for the amount to be sent. There is also a new student/collegiate handbook available from Headquarters (#NE4-4).

President Lana Bailey emphasized how important mentors are to students and performers. She stressed this in her talk at the MFMC Convention banquet last spring. She presented an idea to the Board and it was approved to establish and create a VIP list honoring mentors by members contributing \$50 for each person they wish to honor. A list of honorary members will be publicized in the Music Clubs Magazine and Jr. Keynotes. This is an initiative to support the Endowment awards.

The Board approved to have a committee look into selling the NFMC Headquarters historic mansion in Indianapolis and relocate the office to a more user-friendly facility. The repairs and upkeep were too costly and the building does not lend itself to the office needs. Careful study and consideration is going into this endeavor.

The NFMC Roster (directory) will no longer appear in the Music Clubs Magazine. This is because of the cost. There will be a CD created and orders will need to be placed at Headquarters. There will be printed ones available for purchase.

We thank Jo Orr for chairing The NFMC SE Region Brevard Federation Weekend at the music center in North Carolina. She was accompanied by husband Ben, Cecil Fox, Jr., and Betty Malone from MFMC. Jo sang a beautiful aria, accompanied by Ben, at the Saturday night banquet. We couldn't have made it without the help of husband Malcolm and our very special angel sister Jimmie Walker from Dyersburg who organized decorations and flowers for each event. Jimmie and Cecil Fox designed spectacular arrangements. The Mississippi Queen Riverboat cruise was a real adventure. Thank all of the clubs and individuals who contributed money.

The 2008 National Fall Session will be held in Denver, Colorado, on August 5-11. The 2009 Biennial Convention will be in Orlando, Florida, on June 1-9. Brevard Federation Weekend will be hosted by Florida on July 18-20, 2008.

We thank Jo Orr for leading MFMC these past two years. As State President, she brought new visions to the organization. She and husband Ben have made a great team, and we appreciate his generosity of time and talents. We ask that you continue these good things as President Lee Ann Powell leads us to "Celebrate and enjoy life with music."

Brevard Federation Weekend Report

By Jo M. Orr,

Immediate Past President MFMC

The NFMC Southeastern Region Federation Weekend at Brevard Music Center was July 14 and 15, 2007, with Mississippi serving as the host state. Betty Malone, of Jackson MacDowell Music Club, graciously manned the registration table. The goody bags, assembled by Lee Ann Powell, were exceptional, even containing a t-shirt for each registrant!

During the registration time, we heard several comments from arriving participants wondering what Mississippi would do to maintain its reputation for putting on a great weekend. We had a lot to live up to.

Our theme this year was "Rollin' down the river on the Mississippi Queen." Nautical decorations were used during the entire weekend. Beth McAuley, our new Southeastern Region Vice President, her sister, Jimmie Walker, and Cecil Fox did a fabulous and tireless job on the design and execution of the decorations. The Friday night dinner was called the "Captain's Dinner" with Cecil Fox serving as Captain. He and First Mate Ben Orr, wearing appropriate nautical headgear, greeted arriving "passengers" by handing them boarding passes and directing them into the dining room to the sound of the riverboat's calliope playing various musical selections. Each dinner table was graced with a tall vase full of spectacular cut flowers.

Everyone loved the reception after the evening's concert. So much so that we almost had to turn out the lights to get them to leave so we could clean up!

Saturday's lunch was booked as a "sandbar picnic" with a Tom Sawyer theme, complete with table decorations of red-checked table toppers, straw hats, sunflowers and bandanas.

For the evening's banquet, "A Side Trip to Natchez," the dining room was transformed into an elegant candlelight dinner setting with the Friday night floral decorations being morphed into beautiful tablescapes by Beth, Jimmie and Cecil. Jo and Ben provided an additional touch of elegance with the presentation of a Puccini aria.

This year we didn't have bathtubs full of ivy, nor did we have to steal curly willow from the Kentucky Fried Chicken store's tree, but we did have Jimmie Walker's hotel room full of flowers and as cold as a refrigerator. I'm surprised she didn't get frostbite! We did miss Ruth Smith's sunny disposition as well as her help with protocol and sorting out seating arrangements.

By the time we left, people were saying, "Well, Mississippi lived up to its reputation!"



BREVARD FEDERATION WEEKEND hosts, from left, Jo Miller Orr, Beth McAuley, Jimmie Walker, Ben Orr, Cecil Fox, Jr., and Betty Malone



ATTENDEES at Brevard Federation Weekend, from left, Beth McAuley, Inna Fliks, Cecil Fox, Jr., Jo Miller Orr



Welcome to the new music year!

Greetings from your new State Junior Counselor! I am Susan Walker, a pianist and teacher. I currently teach from my personal studio, 88 Keys Piano Studio in the Byram/Terry area, play at churches and other programs around the state, and I am counselor for the 88 Keys Piano Club. I hope you share my enthusiasm and anticipation of a great year as we bring our young people together to develop and promote the beautiful gift of music. Thank you, parents and counselors for your help. It is so important to have the encouragement and support from the parents and counselors as you, along with the teachers, are the wind beneath the wings of our students. I will be most happy to help any of you who have questions or need information about Junior Clubs. I would like to encourage all interested students to participate in their local festivals. Notice the Festival dates for your zone. I am looking forward to MFMC Junior Convention to be held at Mississippi College in Clinton on April 19, 2008. Please mark your calendars.



Musically yours, Susan Walker

Susan Walker, Junior Counselor

Junior News

2007 FESTIVAL REPORT

Sixty-eight Junior Clubs participated in the eight Festivals held throughout Mississippi this year. There were 1,658 entries in 17 events, with 1,376 superiors.

Entries included:

- Piano Solo 899
- Musicianship Theory 345
- Hymn Playing 180
- Violin Solo 82

MFMC will offer each festival district a scholarship to the Mississippi College Music Camp in 2008.

A big THANK YOU to Mary Jo Dacus, MFMC Festival Chairman, District Festival Chairmen, and the volunteers that work with the Festivals. Countless hours of planning and preparation go into each annual festival.

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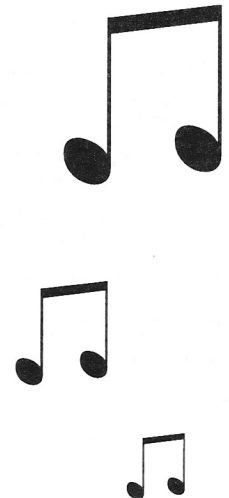
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MFMC Student/Collegiate Auditions will be held Saturday, March 1, 2008 in Reeves Hall at Hinds Community College in Raymond.

Areas include Men's Voice, Women's Voice, Piano and Instrumental. Deadline for application is January 15, 2008.

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ELIZABETH PARIS, National Guest Speaker at 2008 Convention



CORINTH MUSIC CLUB HOSTS MEETING: Left to right, Donna Janzen, MFMC Recording Secretary; Dale Cranford, Corinth Music Club President; Lee Ann Powell, MFMC President; Josephine Bryan, MFMC Senior Membership Extension and Memorial Recognition Chairman; at home of Sherri Shipp

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February 2, 2008	District VI A and B Festival, Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo District VI C Festival, First United Methodist Church, Corinth
February 16, 2008	District III Festival Marsh Hall, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg
February 23, 2008	District I Festival First Baptist Church, Columbus District II A Festival Neshoba Central Elementary School, Philadelphia District IV B Festival, Aven Hall, Mississippi College, Clinton Hinds Community College, Raymond
March 1, 2008	District IIB Festival, Meridian
March 1, 2008	MFMC Student Auditions, Reeves Hall, Hinds Community College, Raymond
March 8, 2008	District IV A Festival, First Baptist Church, Canton First United Methodist Church, Canton District V Festival, Delta State University, Cleveland
April 19, 2008	Junior Division Convention, Mississippi College, Clinton
April 25-26, 2008	MFMC State Convention, Belzoni
May 4-11, 2008	National Music Week Theme: "Music... A Sound Foundation for Life"
June 15 - July 3, 2008	Brevard Music Camp, Brevard, North Carolina
July 6 - July 12, 2008	Mississippi College Music Camp, Clinton
July 18*-20*, 2008	Southeastern Region Federation Weekend Brevard Music Center, North Carolina
August 5-11, 2008	NFMC Fall Session Renaissance Hotel, Denver, Colorado
June 1-7, 2009	NFMC Biennial Convention Rozen Plaza Hotel, Orlando, Florida

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