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## President's Message —

**Jo Miller Orr**  
**MFMC President**



How honored I am to be your newly installed President of MFMC. I am humbled by the task that lies before me. Many of you know how busy we have been already, with a meeting of state chairmen at Millsaps College on June 27, an MFMC Board Meeting July 16 at French Camp, and five separate mailings to many of you. The Fall Board Meeting at the Tupelo Country Club had wonderful attendance, with 48 of you coming from as far north as Corinth and as far south as Magee. Harold Kay, a management consultant in Tupelo, left us all inspired with his presentation on "Strategic Planning" for the Federation and

our clubs. I have heard from many of you just how helpful the whole day was.

Isn't it God's grace that we can pause during this terrible aftermath of Hurricane Katrina's destructiveness and give thanks for our Federation's work and how music lifts us above the terrible reality of the storm's ravages? Just to be able to focus on the good that we do through our festivals, summer music camps and scholarships, and to hear music of the caliber of Marie Marquis and Colin McDearman's performances at the Fall Session gives us pause to thank our Creator and realize that in Mississippi music we truly do have "a proud heritage; a promising future."

As you read this article I am hard at work beginning to put in place many of the steps necessary to achieve the following objectives laid out at the Fall Session:

1. Membership extension and retention.
2. Attracting new endowments to MFMC and adding to our present foundations, i.e., MFMC Fellows and the \$52 Club.
3. Firing up our "creative juices" to inspire

even greater achievement within our Junior Music Clubs and the implementation of a state award for MFMC "Junior Counselor of the Year" for 2005–2006.

4. Stronger emphasis on Music Education in general throughout the state.

5. More local autonomy for individual music clubs—if a club wants to meet quarterly, instead of monthly, for example, that will be acceptable.

6. We need to stress what is worthwhile about being in a music club. What sets us apart from other organizations? Remember, exposing our neighbors to art music offers them an opportunity to develop an understanding that there is more to life than "rap, rock and redneck."

7. Our last objective will be trying to reactivate clubs in Meridian, Laurel, Hattiesburg, and possibly the Gulf Coast area.

The challenge is to work toward our "promising future" without letting our "proud heritage" hold us back. Won't you join me in this exciting venture?

## National Board Report

We attended the MFMC State Convention in Philadelphia, MS in April. It was our privilege to drive to Alabama where we met Dr. Mabry Miller, Vice President of the NFMC Southeastern Region, and proceeded to Philadelphia. Dr. Miller was recuperating from an accident but was able to be the national guest at the convention. She brought much enthusiasm along with federation knowledge and wisdom. Mabry won our hearts and we thank her for making this tremendous effort to be with us. What a great time we had due to the hard work and successful planning by President Fay Moore and the members of Lydian Music Club. Terri Donald, Mary Grace Johnson, Jean Yates, and Joan Hight are some of the members who made everything so special.

The Biennial Convention in Austin, Texas, lived up to the theme, "A Galaxy of Stars." The young artist winners performed along with the Ellis Piano Duo winners and others. You will see what a grand time all of us from Mississippi had. Those attending with us were: Ruth Smith and Frances Nelson from Jackson, Cecil Fox, Jr., from Canton, and Betty Turner from Belzoni. It was an

**Beth McAuley**  
**National Board**  
**Member**  
**Representing**  
**Mississippi**



election year and we are proud to report the election of Frances Nelson as a national board member-at-large. Congratulations to Frances and a big thanks to all who worked and supported her in the campaign.

Frances will continue her job editing the national directory. Ruth Smith will continue as national protocol chairman and we will serve again as national corresponding secretary. Sarah Flanagan will join other Mississippi committee members for the Ellis Piano Duo Competition that meets biennially in S. C. MFMC is well represented at National.

President Elizabeth Paris was re-elected along with the other officers for NFMC. We are honored to serve her and this capable and dedicated administration. Your past presidents dues (PPA) will increase from

\$1 to \$2 (but MFMC gets to keep \$1). These dues fund the young artists awards. Please, clubs and individuals, remember to also donate to the past national president's scholarship fund. This will establish a scholarship honoring Elizabeth Paris (she designates what it will be) when she leaves office. Isn't it a great way to honor these presidents who do so much? The NFMC Manual will be out and the cost is now \$15. Every club president needs one and can order from headquarters.

We will be working with state president Jo Orr to contact teachers in colleges and private studios and invite them to join our efforts to promote music education and performance in Mississippi. Please provide us with names of interested individuals who might join this effort and cause. Also please show support for your organization by attending at least one state meeting per year.

Thank you again for electing me to represent you for the Mississippi Board Representative. I appreciate your confidence and appreciate deeply the honor to serve MFMC.

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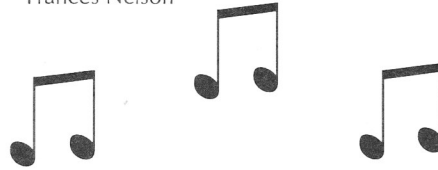
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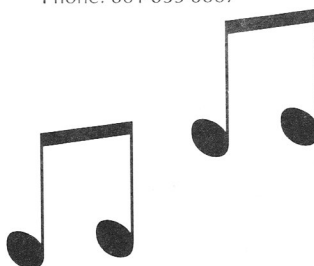
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## Ask Me About NFMC

This November, our whole country will be kicking off a new program called "Ask Me About NFMC!" The purpose is to help members share information about NFMC and to help strangers learn about NFMC! Since November is American Music Month and near the beginning of the club year, what time could be better!

Included here is a sample of "Ask Me About NFMC!" stickers. They are made from Avery Labels #5978. Please make bright stickers for members of your senior clubs in your community. We want every club to share in this fun project by wearing the stickers two days during the month of November, perhaps as they go to church or some American Music function.

If someone asks about NFMC, members need only say that NFMC is a wonderful not-for-profit musical organization that supports American music and musicians, that we give thousands of dollars in scholarships and awards each year, and that we are involved with people of all ages and would love to have them join us as our guest at a music club meeting.

**ASK ME ABOUT  
NFMC!**

### Awards Given at 2005 State Convention

"Order of the Magnolia" Highest  
award for Outstanding Large Club:  
**Fortnightly Musicale of Tupelo**  
**Rita Moffett, President**

"Order of the Magnolia" Highest  
award for Outstanding Small Club:  
**Canton Music Study Club**  
**Patricia Breeland, President**



## District Meetings - The Best Bargains in Town

This Fall marks the second year for our District Meetings. Everyone who has attended one has come away with the same feeling: They ARE the best bargain in town! Reasons for attending are numerous, but here are a few:

- New club members and officers have all your questions answered about every aspect of the state federation, because state officers and chairmen are available with presentations and to answer all questions

raised.

- Lines of communication are strengthened between the state officers and the local club officers and members.

- Great programs, music and wonderful food!

- Strengthening the bonds of friendship statewide between our sister clubs and sharing of ideas and dreams.

All this for the price of lunch! Our Northern District Meeting was held at Mississippi

University for Women, Poindexter Hall, Saturday, September 17, 2005. Our South-Central meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2006, at the Hattiesburg Country Club. Dr. Jerri Lamar Kantack, Vice President, District VI, was in charge of the Northern District meeting and Deborah Williams, Vice President, District III is coordinating the South-Central District Meeting.



## JOIN THE 52-DOLLAR CLUB!

Don't forget to join our MFMC 52-Dollar Club! This is your chance to contribute to the MFMC Scholarship Foundation—it costs only 52 dollars—a dollar a week!

Our MFMC Scholarships are funded by the interest earned on the principal amount in our Scholarship Foundation.

This principal is never spent and never leaves the Foundation! You know that your gift will always be there and will keep giving.

Please consider a donation of \$52.00 to the 52-Dollar Club! You may send your tax-deductible checks to the chairman, Frances Nelson, 261 Northbay Drive, Madison, MS 39110 or to the MFMC Treasurer, Cecil Fox, Jr., P. O. Box 534, Canton, MS 39046.

Thank you for your support of this worthy cause!



L to R: Danielle Adams, 3-year MFMC Festival Superior vocalist of Fulton, Jo Miller Orr, MFMC President, Dorothy Kennedy, Sinfonia Music Club, Magee (State Hymn of the Month Chairman) and Julia Styron (State Chairman of International Music Relations) also of Sinfonia Music Club, Magee, at June 27 meeting of State Chairmen at Millsaps College. Danielle will sing again at the State Convention in Magee in April.



## First Executive Board Meeting, July 16, 2005 at the Council House Cafe', French Camp, MS

Left around table: Jo Miller Orr, MFMC President; Cecil Fox, Treasurer; Homer Turner; Betty Turner, District V Vice President; Doty Jones, Past President; Ben Orr, Corresponding Secretary.

Right side down table: Jerri Lamar Kantack, District VI Vice President; Debbie Barnes, Recording Secretary; Ruth Smith, Palamarian; Beth McAuley, NFMC National Board Member.

## Junior News

Here are some helpful hints from your MFMC State Junior Counselor, Terri Donald:

1. It is required that a Junior Counselor and/or Teacher be a member of an Active Senior Music Club, or be an Individual Senior Special Member of the state and national federation.
2. Every teacher entering a student in Junior Festivals will be required to subscribe to the Junior Keynotes magazine.
3. Junior Clubs must send their treasurer's report and membership roll to the MFMC Treasurer, Cecil Fox, Jr., no later than December 1. If dues are not paid by February 1, clubs are considered de-

linquent and members are not eligible to participate in Junior Festivals. A late fee will also be applied.

4. Two helpful books for Junior Counselors are the Junior Counselor's Handbook and Festivals Bulletin. These can be ordered from the NFMC Headquarters.
5. If you are a new Junior Counselor for 2005–2006, please send your name, your club name, and your address to the MFMC State Junior Counselor, Terri Donald.
6. If you have co-counselors for your club, please share information that is mailed to you with them. The MFMC State Junior Counselor only has a list of the head Junior Counselor of each

club.

7. Junior Counselor Handbooks from the MFMC State Junior Counselor are mailed out in October every other year. During the off year, a supplemental handbook is mailed out.

### Important dates to remember

December 1, 2005: Treasurer's Report is due!

April 22, 2006: Junior Convention in Canton

May 7–14, 2006: National Music Week  
Theme: "Music . . . a Great Joy in Life"

Terri Donald does an outstanding job as State Junior Counselor. Send all your questions to her or call her with any questions regarding the Junior Division.



## 2005 MFMC Junior Convention



At the 2005 Mississippi Federation of Music Clubs Junior Convention, new officers for the Junior Honor Society were elected. They are from left Hannah Wright, president; Ashley Keyes, vice president; Lindsey Weeks, secretary; and Justin Huff, treasurer.



At the 2005 Mississippi Federation of Music Clubs Junior Convention, new Junior Division officers were elected. They are from left Ashley Keyes, president; Colin McDearman, vice president; Hanna Tiep, secretary; Justin Huff, treasurer; and Corey Yeates, chaplain.



# Results of 2005 Biennial NFMC Student Auditions

The final stage of the Biennial Student Auditions has been completed. There were nine classifications and seventeen entrants from the various regions. The judges declared 5 winner classifications. No winners were declared in Cello, Women's Voice, Men's Voice or Classical Guitar. A second place winner was declared in Piano and Classical Guitar because each of them had a one rating but not two ones. The following persons are the winners:

Piano: James D. Cockman, III, Missouri, South Central Region

Organ: Vincent Carr, Pennsylvania, Northeastern Region

Orchestra Brass (French Horn): Matthew Oliphant, Michigan, Northeastern Region

Orchestral Woodwinds (Flute): Alison Hazen, Utah, Western Region

Percussion: Wesley Schulz, Nebraska, entered in Indiana, Northeastern Region

Piano (2<sup>nd</sup> Place): Jacob Benda, Mississippi, Southeastern Region

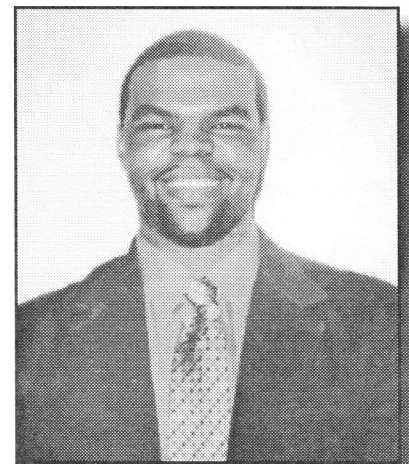
Guitar (2<sup>nd</sup> Place): Thomas Flippin, Jr., Illinois, North Central Region

We are very excited to report that Jacob Benda will be one of our State Convention performers in April, 2006. Jacob's mother has moved to Michigan, but Jacob is continuing his piano studies at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge this year. Our State Convention music is something spectacular to anticipate!



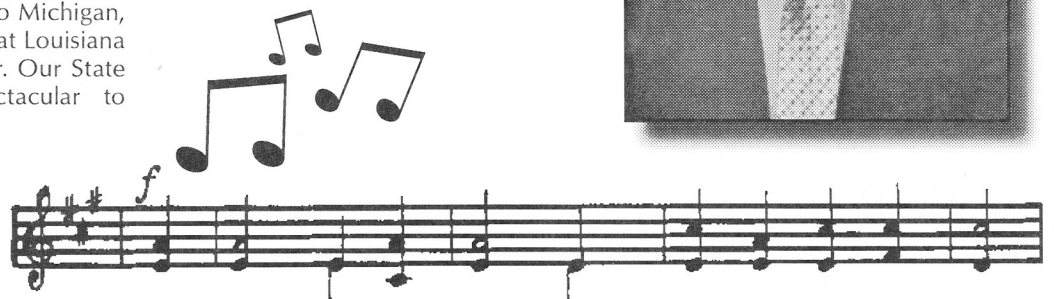
**MFMC Saxophone Winner in Student/Collegiate Division Auditions**

Chris Condon, student of Dr. Lawrence Gwodz at USM.



**MFMC Winner Man's Voice for Student/Collegiate Division**

Trelane Jacque Haynes from Picayune, MS; a student of Cheryl Coker at Millsaps College.



## NFMC Outstanding Junior Counselor of the Year

The NFMC is this year initiating an "Outstanding Junior Counselor of the Year" award. You may recommend the most outstanding Junior Counselor in Mississippi to the NFMC Public Relations Division by May 1, 2006. Criteria include: outstanding teaching ability, number of students, community service or outreach, and active participation in a senior club and the State Federation (attendance, chairmanships, officer, etc.). Mississippi will also offer a state award, but there will be only one national winner.

## 2005 Festival Report

from Mary Jo Dacus, State Festival Chairman

### Entries:

District I:	408	District IIA:	63
District IIB:	5	District III:	177
District IVA:	279	District IVB:	246
District V:	88	District VIA&B:	212
District VIC:	95	District VIII:	59

Total Entries Statewide: 1632

The following events had the largest entries:

Piano Solo	925	Hymn Playing	171
Violin Solo	119	Musicianship	304

There were 1379 Superiors with 70 Junior Clubs participating. Mary Jo does a fantastic job with this huge responsibility. She lives the job day and night! We appreciate you, Mary Jo! You have been a Godsend to music education in the state of Mississippi!



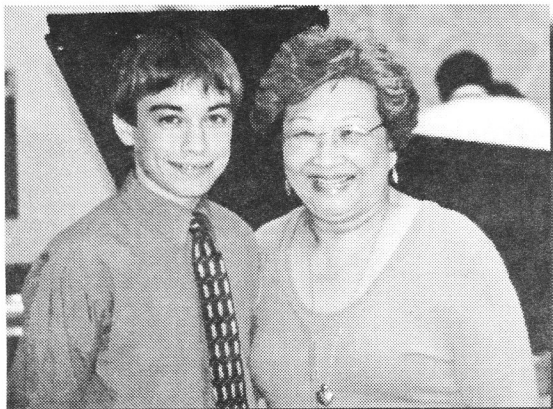
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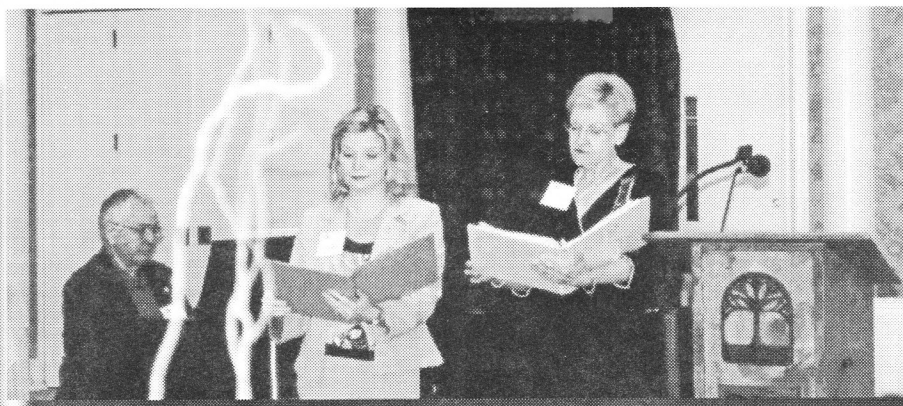
## MFMC FALL BOARD MEETING 2005



Colin McDearmon and piano teacher, Annette Joe. Colin played beautifully for the Fall Board Meeting in Tupelo, August 20, and will perform at the State Convention, April 28, 2006, in Magee.



From left: Ben Orr, MFMC Corresponding Secretary, accompanies Marie Marquis, Soprano who sang Handel, Donaudy and Hahn arias and art songs for the August 20th Fall Board Meeting. Marie will sing at the State Convention, April 28, 2006, in Magee.



From left: Ben Orr, Corresponding Secretary, accompanies Vice President, Lee Ann Powell, Soprano, and President, Jo Miller Orr, Soprano, in the Duet "The Lord Is My Shepherd" at the Fall Board Meeting, August 20, 2005, at the Tupelo Country Club.



Jo Orr, President; and Betty Turner, Past President and current District V Vice President; at the MFMC Fall Session in Tupelo, August 20, 2005.



From left: Lee Ann Powell, MFMC Vice President; Jo Miller Orr, MFMC President; Beth McAuley, NFMC National Board Member; Ruth Smith, NFMC Chair of Protocol and MFMC Parliamentarian; and Frances Nelson, NFMC Board Member-at-large; at the Fall Board Meeting in Tupelo, August 20, at the Tupelo Country Club. Photo by Anna Cayson.