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President's Message -



*Lee Ann Cummings
President*

Greetings! It is hard to believe that we will soon usher out 2020 and ring in 2021. This year has been difficult and full of challenges. Many thanks to each of you for keeping music alive in your hearts, homes, communities, and clubs throughout these tumultuous times. We look forward to brighter days ahead in 2021!

One of our greatest achievement's this year is our new MFMC website! Kudos to Tiffany Johnson, MFMC Public Relations Chair for her hard work and diligence in designing and launching our beautiful site. If you have not already done so, please bookmark our web address <https://www.mfmc-music.com/> and sign up for the Members section.

Thanks also to our Festival Co-Chairs Dorothy Glover and Kathryn DeViney, District Festival Chairs, and Susan Walker, Festival Cup Chair, for their continued dedication to our Festival Program. Mississippi music students in the Festival Cup Program received 132 Festival Cups in 2020.

Please remember to refer to our National website <https://www.nfmc-music.org/> for Local Club report forms and information on Festivals, Competitions and Awards, and other aspects of our Federation. It is a big organization with many opportunities. I encourage you to spend some time on the website becoming familiar with all Federation has to offer.

Please continue to take care of yourselves and stay safe as we navigate the days ahead. I look forward to the time when we can again gather in person and make glorious music together!

Musically Yours,
Lee Ann

National Board Member Report Cecil Fox



Cecil Fox

As your new NFMC National Board Representative for Mississippi it would be great to report on the wonderful state convention we had last May in Canton, or the outstanding performances heard at our Junior Convention at Trinity Presbyterian in Jackson, or the great time we had in Indianapolis at our NFMC Conference in June. Then there was our NFMC Southeastern Region Meeting in July at a new venue in Greensboro, S.C, but alas, due to these unprecedented times in which we have been living, my life, as yours has been put on hold. NFMC, MFMC, and our local clubs will look very different as we enter the 2020 – 2021 club year.

Although we have not been able to meet face to face, there have been many Zoom meetings and phone calls. I met virtually with the Student/Collegiate Scholarship Committee where we discussed how to advertise our scholarships and awards in a world where students are not necessarily in the class room or even on campus. At our Investment Committee meeting, our investment advisors from Wabash Capital reported NFMC's endowment fund at the time of the meeting was down only 1% and as of today, we are showing no losses.

As chairman of Frances Nelson's Past National President Scholarship fund I also sit on the Finance Committee. Chairman Carolyn Nelson reported NFMC is in good shape financially. If you would like to honor Frances by making a donation to her scholarship fund, you may send it directly to me. We need to raise a lot of money to endow that scholarship in 3 years.

On the state level, Debbie Barnes and I met on the phone and via email working with notes made at the MFMC Junior Scholarship Committee meeting last summer to make a proposal concerning our Junior Scholarships. That proposal was passed at the Fall Board Meeting and those changes are reported elsewhere in this Magnolia Bulletin. We are excited to offer more scholarships in more categories to our Juniors.

In less than three years, Mississippi will be hosting the 2023 NFMC Biennial Convention in Jackson. This will take all of our time and talents. Please be ready to say yes when asked to participate in the planning and execution of the event.

Thank you for allowing me to be your state representative to NFMC. It is indeed an honor to serve in this capacity. Good luck to all of you as you decide what 2021 will look like for your club. There will be an end to this time and we will return to "normal". I look forward to seeing all of you in 2021.

Cecil Fox



Meet our new Public Relations Chair and Web Master *Tiffany Johnson.*

Meet our new Public Relations Chair and Web Master Tiffany Johnson. A native of Pearl, Mississippi, Tiffany Johnson is a member of the MacDowell Music Club of Jackson. From an early age Tiffany participated in all types of music programs, such as Mississippi Honor Choir as well as Mississippi Girls' Choir. After graduating from High School, Ms Johnson attended Jackson State University on an academic and vocal scholarship. While there she had the opportunity to perform locally, nationally, and even internationally with the University Concert Chorale. Upon graduation, Tiffany performed with several groups including Mississippi Opera and Jackson Choral Society. Currently, Tiffany is a vocal student under Ms. Dawn Dixon and serves as a cantor at The Cathedral of St. Peter The Apostle.

National President's Message

Frances J. Nelson



To say we're living in extraordinary times is an understatement! We certainly have had many changes and have grown accustomed to adapting to new ways of life! I usually have exciting travel and meetings to report, but everything was cancelled and I haven't been anywhere at all! Our MFMC Convention was cancelled and our Fall Session was held as an online meeting. I understand that many of our clubs are going to begin this club year by meeting virtually. Even though it's not ideal, we are lucky to have technology available.

It was a disappointment to cancel our Indianapolis National Conference in June, but we were able to conduct business online through video meetings. We are holding our breath as we plan and prepare for our 2021 Biennial Convention in Norfolk VA. I hope that we will be able to meet, and I'd love to see a big group from Mississippi in attendance! I'll keep you posted on the status of that meeting.

During these times, please remember to support your Federation and your local clubs. It does take creativity and new strategies to continue our participation, but it is such a worthwhile venture. Remember that we still have our competitions and awards, and our Federation Festivals. These are all wonderful ways to be a part of something great! Eventually, we will get back to our normal lives and these days will be a distant memory!

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Yearbook Reminder

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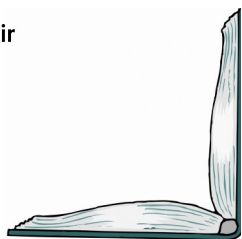
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2020**

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- Patricia Breeland
- Canton Music Study Club
- Corinth Music Club
- Carol Durham – Musicians on Piano
- Cecil Fox
- MacDowell Music Club of Crystal Springs
- Margaret Pigott – Powercelli
- Susan Walker – 88 Keys Piano Club

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- Charles Treas (deceased)
- Beth McCauley (deceased)
- Ruth Smith (deceased)
- Cecil Fox, Jr.
- Ann S. Fox (deceased)
- Ann F. Fox (deceased)
- Sarah Flanagan
- Mary Grace Johnson (deceased)
- Patti Sullivan
- Frances Nelson
- We thank you for your support of MFMC!*

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The MFMC Junior Scholarship Committee met last summer.

This proposal was passed at the Fall Board Meeting.

We are excited to offer more scholarships in more categories to our Juniors.

Recommendation 1:

The Committee recommends removing the following three scholarships presently offered:

1. Advanced Summer Music Center Scholarship (\$1000)
2. Music Camp at Mississippi College (10 @ \$500)
3. String Scholarship (\$500)

Reasoning:

- 1) The Advanced Summer Music Center Scholarship has only been awarded 3 times. Qualifying for it is difficult, as most camps' entry deadlines are in January. The student must have qualified at their District Festival before they can apply for the scholarship.
- 2) Currently, one scholarship from each Festival is offered for Music Camp at Mississippi College, for a total of ten scholarships. All ten scholarships have never been awarded yearly.
- 3) Since there are so many string entries, the String Scholarship was offered. Requirements for this scholarship have never been written and as a result, this scholarship has never been awarded.

Recommendation 2:

The committee recommends twelve (12) \$500 Music Camp scholarships to be offered.

Requirements:

1. Students will qualify at their District Festivals in piano, voice, string, or other instrument and compete at the Junior Convention for the scholarships. The Required Festival piece will be performed at the Junior Convention.
2. Students must be in grades 7 – 12 and must not have reached their 19th birthday by festival date.
3. Piano Students must enter in Medium Class or higher and receive a Superior rating at their District Festival.
4. Voice Students must enter in TBD Class or higher and receive a Superior rating at their District Festival.
5. Strings Students must enter in TBD Class or higher and receive a Superior rating at their District Festival.
6. Instrumental Students must enter in TBD Class or higher and receive a Superior rating at their District Festival.
7. Students, regardless of instrument, must also make a Superior in Level 6 or higher on the NFMC Theory Test.

Piano and vocal winners are encouraged to attend Music Camp at Mississippi College. Other instruments may attend a camp of their choosing. Rising Juniors, Seniors, and graduating Seniors may apply their scholarship to private advanced level lessons or to a camp of their choosing. (Changes will need to be made in the MFMC Rules for applying for Junior Scholarships if this recommendation passes)

Scholarship monies will be paid directly to the students' chosen camp, teacher, or college.

Reasoning:

This will allow all scholarships to be awarded. This will also provide monetary awards to students at the Junior Convention.

Notes:

- The numeric rating sheet presently used by judges at Junior Convention could continue to be used so that older, more experienced students do not have an unfair advantage.
- There will not be a limited number of students per festival who can apply to compete at the Junior Convention. Any student will qualify at the festival level as long as he/she meets the requirements.

Recommendation 3:

All students who received a Music Camp scholarship at their 2020 District Festival will be allowed to use it in the Summer of 2021. They will not have to compete again for this scholarship.


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CALENDAR OF CLUB REPORT DUE DATES

January 10	AR 13-1	NMW Essay Contest	Regional Chair
March 1	ME 5-2	Yearbooks	National Chair
March 1	AM 1-1	Parade of American Music Report	Regional Chair
		Parade of American Music Awards	National Chair
March 15	FI 3-2	Founders Day Report	State Chair
April 1	AR 14-1	Opera Report	State Chair
April 1	AR 10-1	Music Outreach Club Report	State Chair
April 1	JR 17-4	Dance Report	State Chair
April 1	AR 7-1	Music in Schools and Colleges	State Chair
April 1	AR 2-1	Chamber Music Report S	State Chair
April 1	AR 5-1	International Music Relations Report	State Chair
April 1	AR 11-1	Sacred Music Report	State Chair
April 1	AR 3-1	Crusade for Strings Report	State Chair
April 1	AR 8-1	Choral Music Report	State Chair
April 15	AR 9-3	Together We Sing Report	State Chair
April 15	AD 2-1	Arts Advocacy Report	State Chair
April 15	AR 6-1	Music in Poetry Report	Regional Chair
April 30	AM 7-2	Folk Music Report	State Chair
May 1	FI 9-3	Chapter PPA Report	State Chair
May 1	PR 3-1	Radio/Television Report	State Chair
May 1	PR 4-1	Internet Report	State Chair
May 1	PR 5-1	Newspaper Report	State Chair
May 15	AM 5	American Music Jr. Club Report	National Chair
May 15	AM 2	American Music NFMC Club Report	Regional Chair
		American Music NFMC Entries	National Chair
May 15	AM 6	American Women Composers Report	National Chair
May 15	AM 8	American Just Jazz!	National Chair
June 1	JR 1-1	Junior Club Rating Report	National Chair
June 1	AR 12-1	National Music Week Reports	State Chair
July 1	ME 7-1, 7-2	Senior Club Rating Report	State Chair
July 15	ME 7-3	Senior Club Rating Report	National Chair

The above pertain only to club deadlines. Some of the reports may have cash awards. Be sure to include written reports of outstanding activities including programs, news clippings and pictures. Be sure to indicate on the form the city where your club is located. State chairs need to check manual for reporting dates to regional or national chairs.

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On May 9th, 2020 the 104th annual MFMC Jr. Convention was scheduled to meet at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Jackson, MS. Although the event was canceled, we look forward to meeting in 2021! The next Jr. Convention is scheduled for May 8th, 2021. Some of the events will be the competitive recitals, the honors recitals, and the American Music Recital. Please make plans now to participate! Take advantage of the wonderful opportunities for our juniors, and be sure to watch your email for information about the 2021 Jr. Convention.

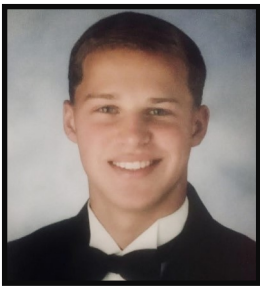
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Greetings to all of you from Susan Walker, MFMC Festival Cup Chairman!

Music students here in our state seem to enjoy participating in the Festival Cup Program. We have music students who enter their Junior Festivals in different events. Some of the events entered are Piano Solo, Patriotic, Hymns, Violin, Cello, Trumpet, Music Theater, Art Song, Composition, and Musicianship. Also, we have Festival Cup Programs for adult music students.



Davis Pool

Mississippi music students in the Festival Cup Program received one hundred thirty-two Festival Cups in 2020. The majority of music students who earned Festival Cups received their first cup for the 15 point cup. Twenty-four music students earned their second cup, the 30 point cup and fourteen music students earned their third cup, the 45 point cup.

We have two very talented music students and high school honor graduates, Sarah Ellen Browning and Davis Pool, who each earned their fourth Gold Cup Trophy, the 60 point cup. This translates to receiving twelve consecutive



Sarah Ellen Browning

Superior ratings. Bravo, Davis and Sarah!!! Davis, from Caledonia, MS, studied piano with Mrs. Edna Mae McCoy from age six to eighteen. Through being in Festival Cup Program for 12 years he learned to practice hard and work for excellence while learning his festival pieces and all music. Determination, self-discipline, and persistence are tools that Sarah and Davis attained while working towards the goal of achieving higher point Festival Cups. Sarah, from Columbus, MS, studied Violin from the age of four for fourteen years under the instruction of Diane Ford. She also learned to play trumpet. Being a talented violinist and trumpeter, Sarah won many honors, awards, and opportunities to play with select groups.



Jen Bradford

This year we had one adult, Jen Bradford, to earn her first 15 point Silver Festival Cup! Jen has been a piano student of Susan Walker for four years. It is wonderful the Festival Cup Program has included the adult music students. Learning to play piano was only a dream of Jen's and to become competent enough to earn a Festival Cup was magnificent! Way to go, Jen!

The Mississippi music teachers are very proud of all our Festival Cup Winners! Keep up the good work!

Respectfully,

Susan E. Walker

MFMC Festival Cup Chairman



In Memoriam



Doty Jones, longtime Greenwood resident, died Tuesday, June 16, 2020.

Doty was a member of Greenwood Matinee Musicale and served as MFMC State President in 2003.

Doty was born to Stella Rivers Neal and Henry Meredith Neal in Detroit, Michigan. Her family soon relocated to Mississippi, and Doty grew up in Hollandale where she graduated from Hollandale High School. She then entered Mississippi University for Women (MSCW at the time) and graduated in 1949. She moved to Greenwood shortly thereafter, where she lived for 65 years.

An accomplished musician, Doty served faithfully as the organist at St. John's United Methodist Church in Greenwood for 58 years. She was a charter member of St. John's when it was founded in 1954. In addition to her work at St. John's, Doty played for numerous weddings, funerals, Greenwood Little Theatre productions, and many other special performances in the community.

Elizabeth Joy Allen Chaminade Music Club, December 16, 1937 - February 13, 2020

Millie Caccamise Chaminade Music Club, August 6, 1927 – November 4, 2018

Virginia B. Gusak Chaminade Music Club, January 31, 2019

Edith Fullilove Kitchens Crystal Springs MacDowell, July 24, 1914 - November 4, 2019

Dawn Higgins Murphy MacDowell Music Club of Jackson, February 2, 1929 - April 29, 2019

Josephine Holland Odom (Jo Odom) MacDowell Music Club of Jackson, September 27, 1930 – April 5, 2020

Marianne Taylor Corinth Music Club, March 22, 1932 - June 13, 2020

Jessie M. Thrash MacDowell Music Club of Jackson, May 20, 1929 - December 30, 2019

Rita Sandling Wise Belzoni Music Lovers Club, May 5, 1950 - August 29 2020

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Mississippi Federation of Music Clubs Calendar of Events 2021

District I Festival	February 27	First Baptist Church Columbus
District II -A Festival	February 20	First Baptist Church Philadelphia
District III Festival	February 20	William Carey University
District IV Festival	February 27	Virtual
District V Festival	TBA	TBA
District VI A & B	February 20	First Baptist Church, Tupelo
District VI-C Festival	February 20	Fillmore Street Chapel Corinth
NFMC Ellis Duo Piano Competition	April 9-11	Belhaven University Jackson
MFMC State Convention	April 30-May 1	First United Methodist Church Canton
National Music Week	May 2-9	“Music...is a Storyteller”
MFMC Jr. Convention	May 8	Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson
NFMC Biennial Convention	June 15-19	Sheraton Norfolk Waterfront Hotel Norfolk, VA
NFMC Southeastern Region Meeting	July 9-10	Eastern Music Festival Greensboro, NC

