

On a Musical Note

August 2016

Did you know that NFMFC offers thirty-eight awards to twenty summer music centers nationwide? Did you know that these awards range from \$175 to \$3,000? I recently was fortunate to attend two summer music centers that benefit from NFMFC scholarships.

The South Central Region Federation Days were held in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, home of Opera in the Ozarks, July 13-16. While we enjoyed a "Taste of Opera" in Tulsa, I was treated to *Don Giovanni*, *Pagliacci*, *Il tabarro* and *Albert Herring* at Inspiration Point. Did you know that the "Taste of Opera" held in Tulsa raised \$4,775 for Opera in the Ozarks?

The following award winners were announced at the South Central Region luncheons:

Mary Prudie Brown PNP Award - \$1,300 – Yazid Pierce

NFMFC Award for Opera - \$3,000 – Mason Jarboe

Martha Marcks Mack Award in Opera - \$2,125 each – Megan Gryga and Susanne Burgess

At the Southeastern Region Federation Weekend held in Brevard, North Carolina, July 22-23, the following NFMFC award winners were recognized:

Rose Thomas Smith Award - \$2,000 – Noah Mallett

Lucile Parrish Ward Award - \$600 – Georgianna Rickard

SE Region/Beth McAuley Award - \$2,000 – Gillian Huff

Also in Brevard, Pat Howle recognized Ann Stockton as the newest Rose Fay Thomas Fellow at the Saturday luncheon. Finally, 22-year-old Conrad Tao performed the Saint-Saens *Piano Concerto No. 2 in G minor, Op. 22* with the Brevard Music Center Orchestra. Conrad gave a breath-taking performance which was followed by a standing ovation and five curtain calls. Keep an eye on Conrad Tao. He was amazing!

FORMS, FORMS, FORMS!!! Please make sure that you use the current NFMFC forms. All forms are being updated. Make sure your form is dated August 2016.

Headquarters is now accepting requests for liability insurance. The information regarding liability insurance has been sent to each state, so contact your state liability insurance chairman if you have any questions. Protect your assets – get liability insurance!!!

Karl Morris is the newly-appointed Myrtle Mehan/Hazel Morgan Scholarship chairman. A "thank you" to Dr. Vicki Lind for her service to NFMFC.

I will be visiting Dayton, Ohio, August 10 to make plans for the NFMFC 59th Biennial Convention which will be held June 20-24, 2017, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Dayton. We will continue to feature NFMFC scholarship winners and present innovative workshops. I have been told that it is going to be hard to top Tulsa! I do have a surprise or two up my sleeve!!!

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Michael