

On a Musical Note

March 2017

It's a Grammy!

Zuill Bailey won a Grammy on February 12, 2017, in classical instrumental solo. That evening, texts started flying among Federation members, and the news was posted immediately on social media. To my knowledge, this marks the first time that an NFMC Young Artist has won a Grammy! We are so proud of you, Zuill!! You can read more about Zuill in the spring issue of *MCM* and *JRK*.

Lana and Zuill could not attend the Grammy festivities with their son Zuill. Lana is currently being treated for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and her prognosis is very encouraging. We wish Lana a speedy recovery, and all collegial support is welcome.

The NFMC Ellis Competition for Duo Pianists will take place April 1 in Jackson, Mississippi. The official call for this event is posted on our website at nfmc-music.org. Cocktails and a buffet supper will be held at the home of Frances Nelson on March 31. Three teams will be competing for the \$20,000 first place prize.

NFMC First Vice President Frances Nelson has been receiving nominations for the NFMC Lifetime Achievement Award. Each region may place in nomination one of its deserving members. The announcement of the second annual NFMC Lifetime Achievement Award will take place on June 23 at the 59th NFMC Biennial Convention banquet to be held in Dayton, Ohio.

The countdown begins to the 59th NFMC Biennial Convention.

The complete official call for the 59th NFMC Biennial Convention in Dayton, Ohio, is now available online at www.nfmc-music.org. It will also be published in the spring issues of *MCM* and *JRK*. Be sure to get your registration forms and hotel reservations in early. We are expecting a large number in attendance for this biennial convention.

I am listing the hotel information for your convenience. Keep in mind that hotel space is always limited, so get your reservation in early.

Crowne Plaza
33 East Fifth Street
Dayton, Ohio
937-224-0800 or 1-800-689-5586
Group Block Code: **SIC**
Standard Guest Room - \$119 plus tax
Club level available for an additional \$35 per night
Cutoff date: May 26, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

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Michael