

On a Musical Note

July 2017

A big “thank you” to everyone who helped make the NFMC 59th Biennial Convention a success! Chairman Christy Smith and the Northeastern Region deserve our gratitude for a job well done. There were 215 attendees who enjoyed outstanding performances and workshops.

There were many highlights in Dayton. A huge “shout-out” to Jim McCutcheon who stepped in 48 hours before the start of the NFMC Biennial Convention and gave our opening concert in McCutcheon style. Who will forget the United State Air Force Band of Flight’s Wright Brass? AWESOME!!! The Burundi Drummers took drumming to a whole new level. Our new Young Artists were fabulous. Then, there was the Happy Dog Duo, the first all-male Ellis Piano Duo recipients, who were exceptional. We are so blessed to have such a high caliber group of Young Artists to invite to our states these next two years.

Doris Whinery (Oklahoma) was the recipient of the NFMC Lifetime Achievement Award. Doris joined the Federation in 1960, the 62nd year of NFMC, and has been a member for 57 years. Her complete list of accomplishments will be published in the *MCM* fall issue.

An NFMC Citation was awarded to Zuill Bailey for his significant contributions to the world of music as cellist, teacher, music educator, and humanitarian. Many of you have followed Zuill’s career over the years as he developed into an internationally renowned cellist. Did I forget to mention his 2017 Grammy Award? Zuill eloquently discussed the influence that the Federation has had on his life and how it has always been there for him. Zuill declared his parents as the “greatest parents” in the world and closed with an emotional performance with his mother Lana Bailey.

Plans are underway for Milwaukee 2018. Chairman Jeanne Hryniewicki has already booked a boat tour which will finish up at the Bavarian Bierhaus. I think we are going to have fun!!!

I am enclosing an invitation from the Siouxland Federated Music Club who will be hosting several events when Zuill Bailey performs in Sioux City, October 1, 2017.

Finally, I wish everyone a restful summer. On schedule is a visit to Ireland with my family July 21-28 followed by three days with my son in NYC. I will be back home August 1--charged up and ready to get back to work!

Keeping the Music Alive for the Future!

Michael