

American Music Division Report 2026

By Ruth Morrow



American Music Awards

The purpose of the American Music Division NFM/ASCAP Award is to promote, perform and to publicize American Music throughout the year. Congratulations to all the clubs that won awards and participated in the events for the American Music Division NFM/ASCAP Awards.



American Music NFM Junior Clubs Award

Congratulations to the winner of the American Junior Music Award for \$250- Sally L Palmer Junior Music Studio, Bellevue, Washington.

Also received entries from Porter Ranch, CA, and Snellville GA.

American Music Senior Club Awards are:

1st Place-\$300- Eau Claire Music Club, Columbia, SC

2nd Place- \$200- The Music Club of Greenville, SC

#3rd Place Winners- \$100-

Fargo-Moorhead Area Music Club, Fargo, ND

Gwinnett County Area Music Club, Snellville, GA

Lakeview Music Club, Stoneboro, PA

Lexington Federated Music Club, Lexington, KY

The Greenville Woman's Music Club, Greenville, SC

Of the clubs reporting, there were 33 programs that included a majority of American Music. 45 programs sponsored by these clubs were open to the public. The number of American Musical selections performed was 1201! 4 of the clubs also entered the R.A. Schramm Parade of American Music Contest. The clubs also entered 9 other NFMC sponsored events. There were 7 individuals and community organizations that aided these clubs in their publicity and programming of American Music website to promote their programs on American Music. There were 15 displays and posters used to promote American Music in their community. 27 publicity announcements were given during the year to promote American Music. 14 local composers were used. One music commission was done by the clubs.

Some of the highlights included programs with recitals, Folk Music, American Christmas Music, pictures, photos, biographies, a program on George Gershwin, Jazz Pop Quiz, Celebrate America, American Composers Piano Recital, America's 250 Birthday Party, Jazz guitarist, American musicals, and a Concert on Frank Sinatra!



Professor R.A. Schramm Parade of American Music

Junior Award

Congratulations to the winner of the Professor RA Schramm Parade Of American Music Award for \$250 - Crescent Heritage Music Club, Easley, SC

Senior Awards

Congratulations to the winners of The Professor R. A. Schramm Parade of American Music Award-

1st Place Winner for \$300- Waco Euterpean Music club- Waco, TX

2nd Place Winner for \$200- Gwinnett County Music Teachers- Snellville, GA

3rd Place Winner for \$100- Fargo-Morehead Area Music Club-Fargo, ND

3rd Place Winner for \$100- Ponca City Federated Music Club-Ponca City, Oklahoma

And thanks to all the following entries who will receive a participation certificate:

Andante Music Club- Bella Vista, Arizona

Dushore Music Club-Dushore, PA

Fort Worth Euterpean Music Club, Fort Worth, TX

MacDowell Music Club of Jackson, Madison, MS

Musical Art Society- Lancaster, PA

Scherzo Music Club- Virginia Beach, Virginia

Schubert Musical and Literary Club- Sun City Center, FL

The Morning Etude-Ellisville, MO

The Music Club of Greenville- Greenville, SC

Thursday Music Club. Grand Forks, ND

Warren Music Club- Warren, Ohio

Some of the highlights from the entries were: Sing-a longs, fun and games, Disney Music, Early American Music, Native American Music, American Music from the Pilgrims to the Present, veterans program, American Costume Parade, and a patriotic reception!

Publicity included Newspaper articles, emails, flyers, personal invitations, posters, proclamations, newsletters, facebook entries, advertisements in programs at other venues, and the website for their town.



American Folk Music Chair Ruth McDaniel

The winners of the \$100 Folk Music Awards are:

North Dakota: Fargo Moorhead Area Music Club, Fargo, ND

Mississippi: MacDowell Music Club (Jackson Miss)

Kentucky: Stephen Foster Music Club, Bardstown KY

Lexington Federated Music Club, Lexington KY

Texas: Abilene Harmony Club, Abilene TX

Waco Euterpean Music Club, Woodway, TX

I received another report from clubs in North Dakota, one from Mississippi, and four reported from Kentucky.

Junior Award for \$100

Georgia- Debra Hughes Studio, Snellville GA



American Women Composers Chair Claudia Sandifer:

American Women Composer Reports were received, and the following clubs will receive \$100.

- 1. Eau Claire Music Club of Columbia, S.C.*
- 2. Fargo Moorhead Area Music Club, Fargo, South Dakota*

3. *Gwinnett County Music Teachers, Snellville, GA*
4. *Ponca City Federated Music Club, Ponca City, OK*
5. *Portsmouth Music Club, Portsmouth, VA*
6. *Vivace Music Club, Shelby Township, MI*
7. *Waco Euterpean Music Club, Waco, TX*
8. *NWA Music, Art, Poetry Students, Bella Vista, AR*

The entries included biographies, programs, pictures, and newspaper clippings. One club had 15 different composers during the year! Another Club had one meeting which focused on eight American Women Composers!



Just Jazz Chair Wendell Anderson:

For 2026 I've received 6 reports. Five reports are Senior and one is Junior.

2026 JUST JAZZ APPLICANTS RECEIVING \$100 AWARDS

Junior Club

Music Studio Junior Club-Snellville, GA 30039

Debra Hughes, Junior Club Advisor

Senior Clubs

Gwinett County Music Teachers-Snellville, GA 30039

WACO Euterpean Music Club-Lorena, TX 76655

Fort Worth Euterpean Music Club-Fort Worth, TX 76107

Overlake Federated Senior Music Club-Bellevue, WA 98005

Eau Claire Music Club-Columbia, SC 29229

An outstanding report was submitted by the Overlake Federated Music Club, an affiliate of the Washington State Federation of Music Clubs. It is one of the best I've

receive ever! The document really exceeds the requirements of **AM 8-1!** In terms of upcoming programs, they will have a Just JAZZ Concert Sunday, June 8 at 2:30 pm. To view a YouTube video of this concert, use the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1lcp4OOTK0w> I plan to watch it.

I plan to continue supporting the Just JAZZ project.



American Music Chairman Reports

Dr. Mira Kruja-Southeastern Region-

It was a pleasure to review Southeastern Region American Music Programs presented during the 2025-2026 season. The National Federation of Music Clubs Southeastern Region Chair appreciates the dedicated work of members who presented concerts, recitals, lectures, and research on American Music during the 2025-2026 season. The Southeastern Region Chair of American Music received reports including but not limited to report forms, programs, yearbook pages, proclamations, and photos. Reports were received from three states and five clubs as follows:

Professor R. A. Schramm Parade of American Music:

Kentucky Federation of Music Clubs:

Lexington Federated Music Club

Enid Waldhart, AM Chair (859) 312-9948

4205 Reserve Rd. 203, Lexington, KY 40514

Mississippi Federation of Music Clubs

MacDowell Music Club of Jackson

Debbie Barnes, MFMC Folk Music Chair (601) 856-3697

3007 Tidewater Circle, Madison, MS 39110

South Carolina Federation of Music Clubs:

Crescent Music Club

Sarah Gentry, AM Chair (864) 483-0765

405 Summerplace Ct., Greer, SC 29650

Greenville Woman's Music Club

Deborah Freeman, AM Chair (864) 630-0163

7 Coachman Drive, Taylors, SC 29687

The Music Club of Greenville

Dana Boney, President (864) 901-4913

103 Hyde Park Lane, Mauldin, SC 29662

The Professor RF Schramm Parade of American Music Junior Award

The Crescent Heritage Junior Music Club won first place for \$250

RF Schramm Parade of American Music-

The Gwinnett County Music Teachers Club won 2nd Place for \$200.

American Music

First Place winner of the American Music Award- Eau Claire Music Club, Columbia, SC

2nd Place winner of the American Music Award- The Music Club of Greenville, SC

Third Place winner of the American Music Award- The Greenville Women's Music Club

Third Place in the American Music Awards- Gwinnett County Area Music club, Snellville, GA

Third Place in the American Music Awards- Lexington Federated Music club, Lexington, KY

Junior Folk Music Awards

Georgia- Debra Hughes Studio, Snellville GA

Folk Music Awards-

McDowell Music Club, Madison, Mississippi, won an award for Folk Music.

Folk Music Award was won by Stephen Foster Music Club, Bardstown, KY.

*Folk Music Award was won by Lexington Federated Music Club, Lexington KY
Mississippi sent an entry for Folk Music and Kentucky sent in another entry.*

American Women Composer Awards-

- 1. Eau Claire Music Club of Columbia, S.C.*
- 2. Gwinnett County Music Teachers, Snellville, GA*
- 3. Portsmouth Music Club, Portsmouth, VA*



Denise Ekum- Northeastern Region-

I received reports for the following

RF Schramm Parade of American Music –

Four reports-

Ohio -1, Pennsylvania-2, and Virginia-1.

American Music-

Third Place winner for the American Music Award- Lakeview Music Club, Stoneboro., PA



Ruth Fleming- Western Region-

One Entry for the RA Schramm Parade of American Music from Arizonia

Winner of the Junior American Music Award- Sally L. Palmer Junior Music Studio,

Washington



Carla Johnson- South Central Region-

Information was sent to the clubs in the five states in the South-Central Region: Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas. There were Twelve (13) clubs participating from South Central Region.

Two of the clubs in our region won monetary award, 1st Place- \$300 -Waco Euterpean Music Club, Waco, Texas, 3rd Place \$100-Ponca City Federated Music Club, Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Honorable mention - Andante Music Club, Bella Vista, Arkansas, Fort Worth Euterpean Music Club, Fort Worth, Texas.

Folk Music Awards \$100 were won by Abilene Harmony Club, Abilene TX and Waco Euterpean Music Club, Woodway, TX

American Women Composer Awards-\$100- were won by Ponca City Federated Music Club, Ponca City, OK, Waco Euterpean Music Club, Waco, TX, and NWA Music, Art, Poetry Students, Bella Vista, AR.

These states had the following number of reports sent in.

Arkansas Federated Music Clubs: 2

Kansas Federated Music Clubs: 0

Missouri Federated Music Clubs: 1

Oklahoma Federated Music Clubs: 1

Texas Federated Music Clubs: 1

Some of our clubs sent outstanding reports with pictures, newspaper articles, and interesting information. We congratulate the clubs in the South-Central Region and hope to have even more participation in 2027.



Alpha Roszler- North Central Region

The Fargo- Moorhead Area Music Club from Fargo, ND, won the third-place award of \$100 for The Professor RA Schramm Parade of American Music.

Also, one more entry from ND.

Fargo-Moorhead Area Music Club won third place in the American Music Award.

Fargo-Moorhead Area Music Club won an award for Folk Music.

Another entry was received for Folk Music for ND.

American Women Composers Award-

Fargo Moorhead Area Music Club, Fargo, South Dakota

Vivace Music Club, Shelby Township, MI

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I am so happy to announce that the winner of the American Music Award of Summer Festivals is Patricia Steege, the Facilitator of Scholarships and Grants for the Composers Institute. She received \$500 and an Award of Merit Certificate from the American Music Division.

There were not any entries for the Educational Institution Annual Award Program.



Thanks to all the chairs of American Music and to all the participants who took the time and effort to complete the reports. It is truly amazing how many wonderful programs and great performers are in the NFMC! Please keep up the good work and let's get more entries than ever!

