A Letter from our President:

Happy fall everyone! My hope is that we are musically engaged during this beautiful time of year. As your new IFMC president, I want to touch base with the membership. Catherine Kling resigned as state secretary and fortunately Lisa Cremer has volunteered to take on the interim secretary position. We thank Catherine for her service and are very grateful for Lisa’s expertise in all things IFMC related. David Mannell continues tirelessly as our state treasurer for which I am thankful! Karri York is our new Vice President and she is already busy working on coordinating our INFMC-music.org website which is an important task. Our state is blessed with talented volunteers. Please see the officers list on the homepage of the INFMC website for all the names of these precious people.

As we begin to get ready for our local festivals, here are some dates to remember:

- Essay entries for Festival due: **January 10**
- Composition entries for Festival due: **January 31**
- Poetry entries for Festival due: **February 1**

Virginia Kleeberg is our Indiana State Festival Chair- she is a walking encyclopedia about Festival. You have a question-she can find the answer. Thank you to Stephen Gruoner for putting the IFMC Newsletter together.

Ronda Rosenbaum
IFMC President
celebrate the life of
ZOI ANN PAIELLI
October 23, 1936 - July 18, 2021
With sincere gratitude - There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy, love and support you have extended to our family during this time.

Don't cry because it is over.
Smile because it happened!
DR. SEUSS

Dear IFMC,
Thank you so very much for the beautiful wind chimes and the donation to the ALZ Assoc. in my mom's memory. I really appreciate all of the love and support these last few challenging years. My mom is in a better place.
XO
Lisa Cremers
All of our ten Indiana Festival Areas held festivals in 2021. Some were done totally virtually, some totally in person, and some as hybrids of in person (live) and virtually. Here is a summary breakdown of each festival area and the state total results.

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* Includes 2 ensembles >5
^Held with modifications in judges’ homes one participant at a time
All numbers include Junior and Adult participants

Just so you can see how we place in the “bigger picture” here are the results for the states in the NE Region and Nation-wide festivals:

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States with 1,500 or more entries

1 Utah 6,776 5 Missouri 4,038 9 Idaho 2,853 13 North Carolina 2,400
2 Florida 5,858 6 Virginia 3,918 10 Michigan 2,698 14 Oregon 2,159
3 Texas 4,719 7 Ohio 3,452 11 Indiana 2,691 15 Louisiana 1,856
4 Georgia 4,682 8 Minnesota 2,915 12 Wisconsin 2,602 16 Iowa 1,602

What do you think the chances are of us overtaking Idaho or even Minnesota in 2022? We can certainly give it a shot! Looking forward to 2022, two more of our areas are using Vivace for festival registration and management: Indy North and Jasper. If your area wants to “onboard” please contact Virginia Kleeberg, the IFMC Festival Chair.
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS
Recognition for IFMC Senior Club Rating
2021 IFMC Honors Recital Results
Saturday, June 5, 2021 (Virtual)

**Junior Piano**
Helena Wang – 1st Place – Indy North – Edward Moy
Mariko Davis – 2nd Place – Indy North – Dr. E.J. Choe
Caroline Song – Anne Adams Award – Muncie – Galit Gertsenzon

**Senior Piano**
Advaith Iyengar – 1st Place – Bloomington – Dr. Karen Taylor
Taehee Kim – 2nd Place – Indy North – Edward Moy
Arjun Siderys – June Brumley Award – Muncie – Galit Gertsenzon

**Junior Voice**
Katie Hartley – 1st Place – Hendricks Co. – Marie Kirkeiner
Surashree Mistry – 2nd Place – Hendricks Co. – Marie Kirkeiner

**Senior Voice**
Kerrigan O’Brien – 1st Place – Hendricks Co. – Andrea Schweizer
Reese Speckman – 2nd Place – Hendricks Co. – Andrea Schweizer

**Instrumental JUNIOR**
Mariko Davis – 1st Place – Hendricks Co. – Amanda Baer
Yuki Tanno – 2nd Place – Hendricks Co. – Amanda Baer

**Instrumental SENIOR**
Taylor Mermoud – 1st Place – Bloomington – Erzsebet Gaal
Olivia Walker – 2nd Place – Muncie – Tiffany Arnold

**Congratulations to all of the Students and Teachers!**
Are you curious about our state and local Federated music clubs or Festivals? Every group functions best when ‘many hands make work light’, so check out the IFMC Standing Rules on our website to see job descriptions for different volunteer positions and their duties. Our state organization has many opportunities available to serve in a smaller time commitment capacity by chairing a particular scholarship, serving as the Chaplain or Parliamentarian, and many other possibilities. We have three meetings a year and you can join online if the meeting location isn’t close to you. Local festivals and senior clubs offer the same opportunities for smaller or larger time commitment service. Along the way you’ll get to know the organization and make some good friends! You can get a feel for each position by checking out our IFMC Standing Rules.

Also check out the awards section of our IFMC Standing Rules for opportunities for your students to participate in great competitions and scholarship awards. Composition, poetry, essay, summer music camp, awards for students in college – there is something for almost everyone!

If you are a member of a Federated Senior Club (such as the Indianapolis Piano Teachers Association or you participate in your local festival and have paid your dues), that means you are a member of the Indiana Federation of Music Clubs and as such, you are a member of our Board of Directors. This means you have a say and a vote concerning the activities of our state organization and are invited to each of our meetings. This is an exciting year for our state as we’re hosting the NFMC convention here in June – what a great time to become involved!

If you’re newer to our groups or maybe you’ve been around for a while but are still confused by the “Federated lingo”, check out our Bylaws. You’ll find explanations there for terms such as “Senior Member”… that’s you, and not even meant to imply anything about age.

We have no pending votes for either Bylaws or Standing Rules at this time.

Marta Hassfurder
IFMC Standing Rule and Bylaw Chair
mmpiano@juno.com
Sister Helen Maurer, 100, of Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, Indiana, died at 6:55 a.m. on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, at the monastery.

Sister Helen was born on May 5, 1921 in Haubstadt, IN, the fifth of seven children of Theodore and Theresa (Hoefling) Maurer. She entered the Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand in 1937 from Sts. Peter and Paul Parish and made her monastic vows in 1939 as Sister Mary Pierre, later changing back to her given name.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters Esther Marie Will (and husband Leo); Verena Will (and husband Alphonse); Ruth Ann Schmitt (and husband Elmer); Rosemary Maier (and husband Virgil); and her brothers Vincent Maurer and William Maurer. She is survived by her sister-in-law Lillian (Schmitt) Maurer, her nieces and nephews, and her religious community.

Sister Helen graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in Music Education from St. Benedict College and a Master’s degree in Music Education from Butler University. She also earned her Doctorate in Voice Pedagogy from Indiana University.

Sister Helen taught music in Evansville at St. Benedict School and Mater Dei High School, and at Christ the King School in Indianapolis. She also taught music in Ferdinand at the Academy Immaculate Conception (where she also taught Latin), Marian Heights Academy, and St. Benedict College, also serving as choir instructor at the latter. In addition, she was a Music Instructor at Grambling State University in Louisiana.

Sister Helen served in the Music Ministry at the Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand as Organist and as Music Instructor for students in Ferdinand and Tell City. She also served as Liturgist. She most recently served in Prayer Ministry at Hildegard Health Center in Ferdinand.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand.
Sister Mary Karen Hill, 88, of Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, Indiana, died at 11:50 p.m. on Sunday, June 13, 2021, at the monastery.

Sister Mary Karen was born Mary Ann Hill on March 28, 1933 in Madison, Indiana, the youngest of three children of Joseph F. and Kathryn W. (Tuttle) Hill. She entered the Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand in 1951 from St. Michael Parish in Madison and made her monastic vows in 1953.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and Orville Selig; and her brother, Joseph F. Hill. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Helen (Gladden) Hill, four nieces, a nephew and his spouse, a great niece and her religious family.

Sister Mary Karen earned a Bachelor’s degree in Music Education from St. Benedict College, attended the University of Evansville and St. Joseph’s College, and earned a Master’s degree in Music Education from Catholic University of America. She taught music for 64 years at St. Benedict School in Evansville, IN; St. Pius X School in Indianapolis, IN; Sacred Heart School in Vincennes, IN; Holy Cross School in Fort Branch, IN; St. Theresa School in Evansville, IN; St. Joseph School in Evansville, IN; Holy Rosary School in Evansville, IN (twice); Academy Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, IN; Holy Family School in Jasper, IN; Vincennes University in Jasper, IN; and music lessons at the Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, IN.

Sister Mary Karen served as Organist at various parishes, and as Organist and Assistant / Associate Liturgist and in Supportive Services in the Monastery Immaculate Conception and in Hildegard Health Center with the Sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand.
Sister Theresita Schenk, 100, of Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, Indiana died at 12:25 p.m. on April 7, 2021, at the monastery. Sister Theresita was born Imelda Schenk on June 27, 1920 in St. Philip, Indiana, the eldest of three children of Frank and Margaret (Deig) Schenk. She entered the Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand in 1938 from St. Philip Parish and made her monastic vows in 1940.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister and brother-in-law, Bernadette and Charles Montgomery, and her brother, Paul. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Wilma (Humpert) Schenk and her religious family.

Sister Theresita held a bachelor’s degree in music from St. Benedict College and a Master of Music Education from Indiana University. She also received a Certificate in Institute of Culture and Creation Spirituality from Holy Names College, studied Music Composition at Catholic University of America, and was a PhD Candidate at Indiana University.

She taught music in Evansville at St. Benedict School and Christ the King School; at Academy Immaculate Conception, Marian Heights Academy, and St. Benedict College in Ferdinand; at Sts. Peter and Paul School in Haubstadt, IN; at St. Scholastica College in Duluth, MN; and at Vincennes University in Jasper, IN.

Sister Theresita served in Music Ministry as Liturgist Composer, Coordinator of Liturgical Music, Composer of Liturgical Music, and Organist with the Sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand. She also served as Director of Alumnae for Marian Heights Academy in Ferdinand. She most recently served in Prayer Ministry in Hildegard Health Center in Ferdinand.

Following Vatican II, when Mass changed from Latin to English, Sister Theresita took on the task of translating liturgical music from Latin into English, also adjusting the music to fit the timing of the English translation. It was an enormous undertaking, and her translated versions were widely adopted all across the United States.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand.
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**IFMC BANNER**

Back around 1997, a banner was made for Indiana Federation of Music Clubs that was last seen at the 2001 IFMC State Convention that was held at Muncie, IN. The banner is roughly 3 feet wide, and about 5 feet long, gold satin material, and had the state of Indiana outline mounted on the gold satin. The banner hung on a wooden pole which sat in a metal base, very similarly displayed like an American Flag, a state flag, or a banner at your local church. If you have seen the IFMC State banner, please contact one of the state officers ASAP. Thank you!