A Letter from our President:

This is my final newsletter message as your IFMC President. My term ends with the IFMC Convention on the weekend of June 2-3, 2017. It is hard to believe that it has only been four years, or that it has already been four years – I am sure that most of us have experienced that feeling of how long the situation has lasted and at the same time how quickly the time has gone by. Some see it in their relationships; I see it in my children, especially. How is it possible that my eldest child turns 30 this year?! The song “Sunrise, Sunset” from the musical Fiddler on the Roof comes to mind: Is this the little guy I carried? When did he grow to be so tall? Wasn’t it yesterday when he was small? “Sunrise, sunset. Swiftly fly the years. One season following another laden with happiness and tears.”

When I think about all that has transpired in my family, personal, and professional life in the last four years, I am amazed that so much came to pass in such a relatively short span. And what of our Indiana Federation over the last four years? As you read the next few lines, hum “Sunrise, Sunset” to yourself:

- What did we actually accomplish? Did we advance our cause along?
- Were matters clarified or muddied? Right or wrong?
- Firstly, the By-Laws were rewritten, based on the National model.
- Refining Standing Rules took longer. Who could tell?

Year one, year two, year three, year four. Swiftly fled the days.

- Giants passed on, some retired. How could we fill the roles they played?
- Year one, year two, year three, year four. Swiftly sped the years.
- Fresh faces joined with new procedures, hopefully with joy and without fears.

Okay, I could go on, but you get the idea! I feel that together we have made our organization stronger, more transparent and accountable, and more closely modelled on NFMC. Besides revising the By-Laws and Standing Rules to reflect actual practice, I feel that in strengthening our state organization, we have expanded beyond only festivals, and have even broadened the scope of our festivals as well. I am so pleased that we have had national guests and NFMC Young Artists come to our annual convention to instruct and entertain, and that we have been able to encourage not only those students who participate in the Honors Recitals, but to recognize our essayists, junior composers, and non-Honors event participants as well. We are becoming a presence at the National level and are enlarging our reputation as champions of a perspective beyond the status quo – which is only fitting since the NFMC Headquarters, as you know, are right here in the Crossroads of America in Greenwood. With all that we have accomplished, however, there is much more work to do. Something that I had hoped to develop was our student/collegiate membership. NFMC has scholarship and award money, and some of that is matched by Indiana, for just about anyone – whether they are a junior federation member through festivals or not, a senior club member, a teacher, composer, poet, proponent of American music, or any other lover of music – and Indiana with its rich pool of talent is dearly underrepresented in the auditions for these awards and scholarships. It is my hope that our next administration will continue to refine and broaden our Federation influence in Indiana and at National.
Our National guest at the Convention this year is NFMC Young Artist pianist Nick Susi. He will present a full recital on Friday evening, June 2, before the IFMC Board of Directors meeting, and will make a performance/presentation during the awards program on Saturday, June 3 after lunch. See his biography elsewhere in this newsletter. The recital on Friday evening is open to all. Our venue for the board meetings and recital on Friday evening and the Saturday recitals, lunch and awards program are all on the University of Indianapolis campus, with most events in the Christel De Haan Fine Arts Center. For our board members (and this is all festival chairs, senior club presidents, officers and chairmen of various IFMC departments), please plan to be at this annual meeting. We have several important matters to address, not the least of which is the election and installation of IFMC President and Vice President, which occurs in odd numbered years. You will be receiving an official invitation with an agenda very shortly. Just a reminder to Board members: please make sure you provide your written annual report, summarizing the activities of your office since June 1, 2016. You may submit your report to IFMC Secretary Catherine Kling at kling50@comcast.net by May 20, 2017 so that copies may be prepared for the meeting.

The Honors Recitals and Awards Program will be held at the University of Indianapolis and the program after lunch will again feature essayists and junior composers, as well as festival ensembles from around the state, in addition to the performance and presentation by Mr. Susi. All IFMC board members, festival chairs and teachers are invited to join us for the luncheon provided by IFMC between the Honors Recitals and the Awards program. Festival chairs, please be reminded that we want each festival to be represented by a superior ensemble or other non-Honors Recital junior festival event (such as musical theater, fiddling, non-orchestral instrument solo – you get the idea). Please provide Lisa Cremer (lisapcremer@gmail.com) with the information for your ensemble or other performer, including the names of the performer(s), the performance medium, and the title and composer of the piece that will be performed no later than May 20, 2017 so that it may be included in the printed program.

Be sure to check out the information on our Indiana student essayists and junior composers, as well as the Honors Recital participants from the various festival districts in the following pages.

I am so looking forward to seeing you at our Convention June 2 and 3. Let me extend an invitation to you, too, to attend the NFMC Biennial Convention June 21-24, which is being held in Dayton, Ohio this year. The schedule and registration forms are in Music Clubs Magazine and Junior Keynotes.

Very musically yours,

Ginny

IFMC is looking for donations for the Welcome Bags for our Honors Recital Students
If you can add anything to the bag, we would appreciate it!
Ideas: mints, candy, granola bars, pens, coupons etc.
Count: approx. 60 students

Please let Lisa Cremer know if you have anything to add to the bags ASAP!
Bring your items to the board meeting on June 2nd!
Current NFMC Young Artist, pianist Nicholas Susi has performed extensively as recitalist, soloist, and accompanist across the United States and Europe. A native of St. Louis, Missouri, he continued his piano studies at the University of Kansas (BM Piano, minor in German), the University of Michigan (MM Piano), and at the Hochschule fur Musik und Tanz Koln as a two-time DAAD grantee. Primary teachers include Zena Ilyashov, Jack Winerock, Zitta Zohar, Arthur Green and Nina Tichman.

Nicholas is based out of Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he studied with Arthur Greene and just completed his doctorate at the University of Michigan. He is currently managed by NFMC.

Nick will be performing for IFMC Board Members on Friday evening and again on Saturday for students and families!
Timeline of Events:

Friday, June 2, 2017
University of Indianapolis
Christel DeHaan Fine Arts Center
1400 Hanna Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46227

3:30 PM – Investment Committee Executive Board
4:30 PM – Festival Chair Meeting
5:15 PM - Gather
5:30 PM – Dinner provided by UIndy – Student Center (Price per person 15.00)
6:30 PM – Performance by Nick Susi, NFMC Young Artist 2015
7:30 PM – General Board Meeting

[Please email Becky Sorley @ rsorley@uindy.edu for your dinner reservation no later than May 26th]

Saturday, June 3, 2017
University of Indianapolis
Christel DeHaan Fine Arts Center
1400 Hanna Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46227

9:00-9:30 AM – Student Registration
9:30 AM – Call to Order
9:45 AM – Competition
LUNCH BREAK – LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BY IFMC FOR ALL TEACHERS/IFMC BOARD MEMBERS
12:15 PM – Program/Awards Ceremony

[Please email Becky Sorley @ rsorley@uindy.edu for your lunch reservation no later than May 27th]

We look forward to seeing you for the 97th State
Indy North Junior Festival Playoff Results
Saturday, March 25, 2017
Judge: Sylvia Scott

Junior Winners:
Ethan Watts – student of Carolyn Lorenzoni
Brandon Huang – student of Ed Moy
Honorable Mention:
Joey Shao – student of Ed Moy

Senior Winners:
Rachel Jones – student of Lisa Sullivan
Ritika Bhadouriya – student of Lisa Cremer
Honorable Mention:
Matt Ng – student of Elaine Wagner
Hendricks Co. Jr. Festival Playoff
April 22, 2017

MUNCIE JUNIOR FESTIVAL PLAYOFF RESULTS

Senior Piano Winners:
Samantha Allen, Zoë Cook
Senior Vocal Winners:
Isabelle Hackett, Ashlea Baughman
Junior Piano Winners:
Andrew Bruce, Grace Huisman
Junior Instrumental Winners:
Lucy Arnold, Grace West
Junior Vocal Art Song Winner:
Kennis Feeney
Senior Vocal Art Song Winner:
Gabe Carpenter

Front: Kerrigan O’Brien, Abigail Johnson, and Autumn Stringer
Back: Matthew Limjoco, Trinity Le, Abraham Pugh
The regional playoff winners for the Southside Junior Festival are (left to right):

Junior Instrumental - Mia Baillie (violin solo first place), Aiden Welch (percussion keyboard solo-2nd place), Senior Instrumental - Justin Xu (clarinet solo first place), Hannah Heilman (clarinet solo second place), Junior Piano - Aiden Welch (piano solo first place) (previously pictured), David Jackson Baillie (piano solo second place), Senior Piano - Chloe Crockett (piano solo first place), Rachel Turnbull (piano solo second place).

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!
2017 Indiana Federation of Music Clubs Junior Composition Winners

Junior I
3 entries, 2 winners sent to NFMC Northeast Regional Contest
Zoe Jiang Age 9 The Mysterious Mansion 93
Teacher: Kim Van Vorst (Music Express)

Adelaide Louden Age 8 Hop Little Bunny 96 Winner
Teacher: Marta Hassurder (Hassfurders Musicians)

Hokuto Takeda Age 9 Salted Caramel 98 Winner
Teacher: Kim Van Vorst (Music Express)

Junior II
2 entries, 2 winners sent to NFMC Northeast Regional Contest
Amanda Evers Age 11 Up on the Mountain 93 winner
Teacher: Darcy D. Shackelford (Hendricks County Junior Club Indiana)

Kerrigan O’Brien Age 10 I Want to be With You 94 winner
Teacher: Andrea Schweizer (Andrea Schweizer’s Music Studio)

Kaito Takeda Age 11 In the Woods 91
Teacher: Kim Van Vorst (Music Express)

Junior III
2 entries, 2 winners sent to NFMC Northeast Regional Contest
Grace Michaels Age 15 The Earthling 97 winner
Teacher: Nancy Spahr (Spahr’s Piano Stars)

Chloe Hardigree Age 14 Beneath the Waves 93 winner
Teacher: Kim Van Vorst (Music Express)

Junior IV
2 entries, 2 winners sent to NFMC Northeast Regional, 1 winner of NFMC Northeast Regional Composer Contest
Benjamin Barkdoll Age 16 El Gozo Del Señor 95 winner
Teacher: Mark Tanner (Tanner Junior Music Club)
Winner: NFMC Northeast Regional Composer Contest

Jessica Myers Age 17 Navigating the Deep 98 winner
Teacher: Kim Van Vorst (Music Express)

Congratulations Junior Composers!!!
Rupali Singh is a 10\textsuperscript{th} grade student at Brebeuf High School in Indianapolis, IN. She recently was inducted into the National Honor Society.

Rupali’s love for music was developed at a young age. She started piano in first grade with Elaine Wagner and now studies with Lisa Cremer. She also played the flute in band and was a member of the school choir. Participating in these music opportunities helped her to have a better understanding of being a musician.

Rupali plays high school soccer and has played since she was four years old.

She has always loved to write, especially with creative topics like this opportunity she was given!
Aditi Dey is 11 years old and attends the Sycamore School. She was born in Switzerland and came to the US when she was two. She started piano when she was four years old. She also plays the flute. Aditi has participated in the ISSMA music competition and has received three gold medals. She is also close to getting her black belt in Tae Kwon Do. Aditi enjoys painting and also takes ballet. She has danced in the Gregory Hancock Dance Theater production of the Nutcracker two years. Aditi also enjoys movies, crafts and reading. Music is an important aspect of her life and is always a part of her day!

Sophie Wang is a sophomore at Carmel High School and this year’s Senior Essay Winner. Sophie is a student of Edward Moy. She began piano 8 years ago.