

The Missouri Federation of Music Clubs



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A Message From the President

Greetings Everyone,

It has been a very busy Spring and Summer with three conventions and lots of wonderful music.

May 5 and 6 was our state convention, held in Columbia, Missouri. We had a “Cinco de Mayo” theme so we could incorporate Odyssey Chamber Music series concert of music by all Mexican composers for our Friday evening concert.

We had 16 attendees, plus our national guest speaker, Deborah Freeman, the President of NFMC. She spoke about recruitment, retention and sustainability. Social media is becoming more and more important to build awareness. Think of offering “perks” to members who recruit new members.

We were also entertained with a music and magic show by David Gillam, son of a Jefferson City member; the Basi family (most musical); and Sarah Miller, pianist (winner of our state McHaney award).

Duane Langley is stepping down as treasurer this month. Yukiyo Lake is taking over for him. Missouri awarded both Langleys certificates of appreciation during the Federation Days in Eureka Springs.

The highlight at the end of Saturday was our Junior Competition. Our judges were Holly Piccoli of the Omaha Symphony, Mia Kim from Central Missouri State University and Bryan Stephenson from Columbia College.

Next year’s convention will be in Springfield, May 17 and 18, 2024.



Shown above are Missouri Federation president Judy Shaw with David Gillam, violinist, entertained the delegates with a music and magic show.

In the top photo are Sarah Miller, the Missouri collegiate winner of the McHaney award, with national NFMC president Deborah Freeman.

At right are members of the Basi Family, who were honored as “Missouri’s

Most Musical Family” at the Missouri Federation meeting.

Missourians Attend National Convention

Several Missouri people attended the national NFMC Convention in Norfolk, Virginia in June.

Missourians are serving on the national level – Connie Craig as recording secretary, Julie Watson as Public Relations chair and Chris Vitt as a Board member-at-large.

Starla Blair of Columbia was one of the nominees for first vice president.

We have an entirely new roster of Young Artists who are available for hire for the next two years. If you need a cellist, male vocalist, female vocalist or piano – they were all fabulous! Just contact Starla Blair to book one for your events.

We heard many fine performances from a military band, a jazz pianist, the new young artists and a folk musician. Musical moments included a performance from Sarah Miller, our Missouri McHaney winner.

It was great to see state presidents from our region at our South Central Region luncheon and workshops. All state presidents were honored at the Friday evening banquet.

The “icing on the cake” was the performance that evening from the “Opera on Tap” participants. Those included our new first Vice President Heidi Hong, our regional Vice President Jean Moffatt, and a collaboration with Julie Watson and myself for two of the soloists.

Next year’s convention is in Bettendorf, Iowa.

Missouri Federation Chooses New Officers

The new Board of Directors of the Missouri Federation, as chosen at our state meeting in May, are as follows:

- President – Judy Shaw
- 1st VP –
- 2nd VP – Marlana Strasburg
- Recording Secretary – Anne Gassel
- Corresponding Secretary – Donna Kinslow
- Treasurer – Duane Langley/
Yukiyo Lake
- Chaplain – Annette Mayhew

We really need a first vice president. The job is keeping in contact with schools and colleges and organizing our state collegiate audition, which is going to online only. Please let Judy Shaw know if you are interested in serving.



Happy 125th anniversary to NFMC!



At left are NFMC President Deborah Freeman and Cyrus Chestnut, jazz pianist. Above is one of the planning sessions. At right is Sarah Miller, the Missouri McHaney winner.



More Photos from the NFMC Convention



These are more photographs taken at the NFMC Convention in Norfolk, Virginia. Above is the cruise ship where we enjoyed a dinner on the water. The other photo was taken outside our hotel, with the beautiful sunset colors above the harbor in Norfolk.



Report from Opera in the Ozarks at Eureka Springs

July 19-21 was our "Opera in the Ozarks" Federation Days in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Our national guest speaker was Missouri's own Julie Watson.

Awards were given to Carole and Duane Langleys for their long service as President and Treasurer, respectively, of Opera in the Ozarks.

Jean Moffatt, the NFMC Vice President for the South Central Region, was also honored for her many years of Board service.

The Missouri servant leadership award went to Patti Grimmert.



The Langleys with their awards.

After each day of meetings, we were treated to three different operas – *Orpheus in the Underworld*, *The Elixir of Love* and *The Tender Land*.

The family opera *Cinderella* was performed for us after the Thursday luncheon.

Progress is being made on the new enclosed theater, which should be open for the summer opera season in 2025.

Carole Langley has accepted the position of Chair of the Board of Directors after being President for 17 years. The new Board president is Don Dagenais from Kansas City, Missouri.

Next year's meeting will be July 17-19, 2024. Missouri will be the host.



At left are the five state presidents of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.

At right is a standing ovation at Opera in the Ozarks.



This photo was taken during Federation Days at Opera in the Ozarks in July. Shown here are the members of the Missouri Federation who were in attendance.

Left to right: Missouri Federation president Judy Shaw (Columbia), Connie Craig (Hannibal), Starla Blair (Springfield), Joan Wells (Kansas City), Alice Conway (St. Louis), Carole Langley (St. Louis), Chris Vitt (Columbia), Duane Langley (St. Louis), Terry Blair (Springfield), Julie Watson (Kansas City) and Don Dagenais (Kansas City).



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OFFICIAL CALL

Missouri Federation of Music Clubs
 Fall Board, September 9, 2023
 9:30-1:00
 "Music is the Soul of Life"

Fairview United Methodist Church
 3200 Chapel Hill, Columbia, Mo. 65203

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REGISTRATION FEE - \$15
 LUNCHEON - \$15
 SALAD AND SANDWICH BAR
 TOTAL REGISTRATION - \$30
 DONATION \$_____
 TOTAL \$_____

Make checks payable to "MFMC"
 Mail form & check by August 28, 2023 to:
 Judy Shaw, MFMC Registration
 502 Manor Dr.
 Columbia, Mo. 65203

SCHEDULE FOR FALL BOARD

9:30 Call to Order
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Federation Collect
 Roll Call by District
 Reading of Minutes from State convention

10:15 Musical Moment –
 Cassandra Montes, performer at
 "Landlocked Opera"
 Sing-a-Long

Officer reports
 Club Highlights
 OIO report
 Festival Overview
 Convention Report

OLD BUSINESS
 Dues raise
 Vivace

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 Website
 Committee for State Convention
 State Colleg
 Lunchroiate
 Auditions
 Vacant spots to fill for 1st VP and state chairs

12:00 Adjourn
 Luncheon