

The Missouri Federation of Music Clubs



March 2024 • Newsletter

A Message From the President



Missouri is looking forward to our Spring Convention in Springfield, Missouri, **May 17 and 18, 2024**. We will have National Corresponding Secretary **Connie Craig** as our National Guest Speaker.

Our Young Artist for our Friday evening concert will be **Krista Pape**, mezzo-soprano. She is an alum of Opera in the Ozarks in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, which as you know is supported by the South Central Region of the NFMC, which includes Missouri.

We hope that you can join us! Please see the Official Call below and the schedule of events on page 2.

Judy Shaw, President



Connie
Craig



Krista
Pape

OFFICIAL CALL

Missouri Federation of Music Clubs
Annual Spring Convention May 17-18, 2024

"Music is the Soul of Life"

**Covenant Presbyterian Church
2441 S. Lone Pine Avenue • Springfield, Missouri**

Members of the Missouri Federation of Music Clubs are called together for the annual state convention in Springfield, Missouri May 17-18, 2024. We have planned a memorable event, so please clear your calendars, make your plans and reservations, bring your club members and be part of the fun!

All MFMC business sessions, performances and meals will be held at the church except the Friday evening banquet. Please see the full schedule on page 2.

Schedule

FRIDAY, MAY 17

8:30 AM	Registration begins
9:00-10:15 AM	Executive Committee meeting in church library
10:30 AM -Noon	Opening Session Business and reports
Noon	Luncheon Fellowship Hall
1:30 PM	Workshop with Glenda Austin, composer and Clinician, in the Sanctuary
2:45 PM	Ozarks Lyric Opera meets Opera in the Ozarks. Sean Spyres, Operations Manager, Ozarks Lyric Opera Musical Moment - Sean Spyres, Tara Stafford and Jay Jackson
4:00 PM	Adjourn for free time.
5:00 PM	Banquet pre-music Starla's Swinging Strings at Hilton Garden Inn Ballroom
5:15 PM	Banquet Speaker Connie Craig, National Recording Secretary National Federation of Music Clubs

7:30 PM	Krista Pape, operatic soprano from Houston, Texas, National Federation of Music Clubs Young Artist at Covenant Presbyterian Church
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SATURDAY, MAY 18

8:30 AM	Registration
9:00 AM	Memorial Service in Sanctuary
9:30 AM	Missouri's Most Musical Family
10:00 AM	The History and Sounds of Ragtime Piano with Gary Ellison, Missouri's Official Ragtime Piano Player
10:30 AM	Church Musician of the Year
11:15 AM	Awards and Recognitions
11:30 AM	Adjournment
Noon	Box Lunch, Neighbor's Mill Deli
1:00 PM	Junior Competition

Slate of Officers

President	Judy Shaw	Corresponding Secretary	Donna Kinslow
1st Vice President	Oksana Shpringman	Treasurer	Yukiyo Lake
2nd Vice President	Marlana Strasburg	Chaplain	Annette Mayhew
Recording Secretary	Anne Gassel	Parliamentarian	Julie Watson

Registration Form

Name _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Club Name _____

Event	No.	Price	=	Cost
Registration	_____	@ \$35	=	\$ _____
Friday Box Lunch Sandwich	_____	@ \$13.50	=	\$ _____
Friday Banquet Beef Med.	_____	@ \$35	=	\$ _____
Salmon	_____	@ \$38	=	\$ _____
Saturday Box Lunch Sandwich	_____	@ \$12.50	=	\$ _____
TOTAL Registration				\$ _____
Convention Donation				\$ _____

Thank you for helping to defray convention expenses!

Make checks payable to "MFMC".
 Mail form & check **by April 25** to:
 Judy Shaw, MFMC Registration
 502 Manor Drive
 Columbia, MO 65203

MFMC Convention Hotel Information

Hilton Garden Inn
4155 S. Nature Center Way
Springfield MO 65804
1 (417) 875-8800

Rooms are at the special convention rate of \$121/night + tax if booked before April 16, 2024. Call the number above or go online to reserve. Be sure you mention that it is for the Missouri Federation of Music Clubs.

Junior Competition

THE MFMC Junior Competition is one of the highlights of our state convention Saturday afternoon when students from each of Missouri's six districts compete for monetary awards. This event will be held in the Covenant Presbyterian Church sanctuary.

FOOD CHOICES

Friday box lunch:
 Panera Box Lunch. Choose one:
 Deli Ham Sandwich
 Tuna Salad
 Fuji Apple Salad
 Greek Salad

Saturday box lunch:
 Neighbor's Mill Deli. Choose one:
 Honey Pecan Chicken Salad Sandwich
 Cranberry Turkey Sandwich
 Santa Fe Salad
 Smoky Raspberry Salad

Friday Banquet Choices:
 Choose one entrée, one salad and one dessert:

Entrée:	<input type="checkbox"/> Beef Medallions
	<input type="checkbox"/> Herb Seared Salmon
Salad:	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden Salad
	<input type="checkbox"/> Caesar Salad
Dessert:	<input type="checkbox"/> NY Style Cheesecake
	<input type="checkbox"/> Pound cake with berries

Please Note

Memorial Service

We will honor our Missouri Federation members who have passed since the last in-person convention. Send names of those who have passed between May 2023-May 2024 to Annette Mayhew. A brief prepared biography can be shared during the service on Saturday morning.

Club Presidents' Reports

We want to hear about the activities of your club in the last year. Each senior club president (or her representatives) should bring 2 copies of the report and present the report during our Friday morning sessions.

Senior Club Reports

Please complete Senior Club Reports and bring to the convention or mail. Forms are available on our MFMC website: missourifmc.wordpress.com.

NFMC National Conference

The NFMC National Conference will be held in Bettendorf, Iowa, from June 11-15. Bettendorf is one of the Quad Cities on the Mississippi River, and isn't far from Missouri. The Conference includes a national speaker, various committee and division meetings, performances and a dinner cruise on the Mississippi River. A young artists concert will be Wednesday evening. A registration form is available online and also is contained in the NFMC magazine you received.

Opera in the Ozarks

Please consider attending Opera in the Ozarks and Federation Days on July 17-20 in Eureka Springs, Arkansas this summer. You will see wonderful performances and enjoy seeing the ongoing construction of their exciting new theater. Watch your mail for the official call from the South Central Region.

Missouri State News

Two of our senior clubs have been quite active this year and has a lot to share. The **Morning Etude Music Club** in St. Louis has been striving to come back strong after Covid. They have presented a tribute to jazz program, hosted a women's chorus to sing literature of American Women composers. They dedicated their December meeting to sacred music for the Christmas season and hosted singer Tess Florek to sing "I Know My Redeemer Liveth" from Handel's "Messiah".

They celebrated Founder's Day with a members' performance and watched short silent films from 1896. They continue to have wonderful guest from places like Opera St. Louis and plan a road trip to Opera in the Ozarks this summer.

The **Kansas City Musical Club** hosted its annual scholarship auditions March 2 and is awarding \$7,000 of scholarship funds to nine winners. The club hosts monthly concerts of talented area musicians from the three local music conservatories. On April 14 they will have a scholarship fund benefit concert featuring the winners of their scholarships this year. Kansas City composer Mark Hayes performed before a large crowd at their March meeting.

The **Kansas City Musical Club** has done a great job of keeping track of the former winners of their auditions that have gone on to having lucrative careers. These include Arten Kuznetsov, an audition winner in 2012 and 2013, who is also a winner of the Valsesia Musica International Piano Competition. Michael Coleman, bass, has sung with Tulsa Opera, Fort Worth Opera and Opera on the Avalon. Bassoonist Mark Lauer, a winner in 2015, performed with Northwest Florida Symphony and has been appointed as instructor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Mezzo Alice Chung has had leads in Boston Lyric Opera and Hawaii Opera Theatre. Cellist Qizhen Liu has had an active career in San Antonio, Texas. Violinist Laurel Gagnon has soloed with Jacobs School of Music. Mickael Lipari-Mayer is studying at the Conservatoire Dukas in France. Kelli Jo Van Meter has soloed with Kansas City Symphony and teaches at Hastings College in Nebraska. Yezi Chen has opened a piano studio in Allentown, Pa. This is quite an impressive list.

Have you signed up to receive the email newsletter from National Federation of Music Clubs? If not, it's simple. Just go to the NFMC website, which is nfmcmusic.org, and look at the lower left corner. There is place to fill in your email address and name in order to add yourself to the mailing list. Click "Sign Up Now," and you're done! The newsletter is informative and interesting, so please sign up today. You have to do this yourself (the Missouri Federation cannot do it for you).