

WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS

News of Note

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Whatever your faith or beliefs may be – may this time of year be filled with peace, hope and love!

Merry Christmas

Happy Hanukah

Happy Winter Solstice

The WFMC wishes you safe travels, gatherings of peace and comfort, family with you, friends near you, and may the beautiful music of the season fill your heart with joy.

YEAH, FOR THE MUSIC OF THE SEASON!

I hope that school music programs, concerts, recitals and other special events will lead to a most enjoyable season of exceptional music accomplishments. It is good if you are able to share music that celebrates your heritage, along with family memories, with others. Gathering friends and family in appreciation and gratefulness to honor the Season is certainly part of a musician's life in December. We are so fortunate to be able to do so.

Thank you

Thank you to all clubs in Wisconsin that present music programs to those in nursing and retirement homes, veteran's homes and hospitals, day care and special needs facilities, children's hospitals, and to all who welcome us as musicians. Thank you for taking the time to share and care with, and for, those who otherwise would not be able to participate with music club members in programs in December.

Outreach is important at any time of year but especially during this time of year. Keep up the good work – remembering, entertaining, bringing joy to others in our communities, it does indeed, matter!

SPRING BOARD MEETING

There is not a winter board meeting in 2019 as there will be a spring board meeting and convention on April 13, 2019. All WFMC members are invited to attend and participate.

JUNIOR COMPOSER'S CONTEST 2019

The WFMC Chair of the Junior Composer's Contest, Sam Ecoff, has distributed application forms for the 2019 contest. Please consider applying! There are various age categories and any member of a Junior Club, or individual Junior member, can apply. Submissions must be received no later than 1/20/19. NOTE that all applications and compositions must be sent via notation software programs, or hand notated, and scanned. See the WFMC website for more information as well as the forms and rules for the Junior Composers Contest.



Merry Christmas!

*I heard the bells on Christmas Day, their old
familiar carols play, and mild and sweet the words repeat, of Peace on
Earth, Good Will to All. (H. W. Longfellow)*

ONLINE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS AND FORMS BEGINS NOW

A reminder that as of the Fall of 2018 ALL forms must be submitted online concerning any program, award, or contest of Music Clubs. The NFMC has made every effort to have all forms for any program, award, or contest ready and up to date ONLINE at the www.nfmc-music.org website. This should not be an insurmountable procedure for anyone but in fact will streamline as well as deliver accuracy, fairness, and accountability for all members who apply. If you know of members who are not connected via the internet there are public libraries in your community that you may use. As a library board trustee – I know that you can ask for help, have access to a printer, spend quiet time in research, and apply for awards at your leisure.

As we approach 2019, we are reminded that the technological revolution is here and we as members of music clubs need to be aware of the use of the internet, privacy and protection of our students online, completing forms, submitting forms, and other information online, and the need for professionalism at all times. I thank you for being a member that realizes the need to update procedures in the changing world of music. Together we will forge ahead in a new world that **still needs music!**

PLEASE CONTINUE TO VOTE

Thank you for following and voting for Barron musician Chris Kroeze on *The Voice on NBC*. The finals for this season are on December 18th – so please continue to follow Chris. There have been music club members in attendance, from Wisconsin, and other states at the taping of the shows in Burbank. Chris has expressed his gratitude and thankfulness for all who support him. With great anticipation and excitement our small community has been following Chris Kroeze's accomplishments.

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