

NFMC Conference 2018 is a Memory

Thank you to the volunteers who made the NFMC Conference in Milwaukee a success!

Thank you to Jeanne Hryniewicki, our hard working leader, who made it possible for the smooth day to day activities of the conference to take place. Thanks to Richard Hryniewicki, Jeanne's faithful helper, who solicited sponsorships (Susan McTaggart did advertising as well) and helped to coordinate the conference operations.

The guest artists, musicians, speakers, performers, and meal events were exceptional.

If you didn't attend - you truly missed hearing some outstanding young people from our Wisconsin Junior Division, as well as local talent, thrill the music club audiences. Richard Saler attended as his past student, Mary Kate Bielinski performed. Susan Beranek attended with her son, Jacob Beranek, who performed. These fine young musicians and composers were national award winners.

Thank you to the few but mighty volunteers from the WFMC who helped at the Registration Desk with Cathy Paquette, including Ellen Figueira, Cindy Welman, Sam Ecoff, Peter Olson, Ray and Gina Enig, Eileen Warren, Kay Simpkin, and Lynn Bauer.

Thank you to Susan Daniels and Heidi O Hong who created stylish and visually pleasing decorations to enhance the



Sponsors for the meeting included many area businesses as well as the WFMC. Thank you to individuals - and companies - who added so many extra touches to the Conference packets, meals, receptions, and the sponsorship of artists.

Floral bouquets and decorations included little boats to promote our theme - they were a hit!

conference theme, **Great Music on a Great Lake!**

Thank you to Sam Ecoff who conducted a workshop on behalf of the NFMC on *Technology in the Studio*. Informative as well as forward thinking, Sam presented creative ways for teachers and students to succeed into the next century using technology.

Thank you to Peter Olson for coordinating transportation for NFMC Officers and special guests.

For those I may have left off the list—thank you for your help! Besides conference volunteers there were attendees from Senior Clubs, from the Barron Club, Ruth Anderson and Karyn Schauf. The MacDowell Club (Janesville) was also represented on Friday with Carol Fosshage, Kathy Hudziak, Frieda Lubkeman, and Anne Weirich.



Stas Performed Friday Evening

Stas Venglevski, who has performed for the NFMC previously, was a concert performer in Milwaukee. Once again he thrilled the audience with his Bayan accordion work! Stas invited Tatyana Krasnobayeva to be a part of his program playing the cimbalom (dulcimer) beautifully and skillfully. It was a wonderful concert!



Wisconsin Dairy Promoters...

of Barron County donated children's coloring books, pencils, and fridge magnets to promote June Dairy Month in our state and for the presentation of Mr. Patrick Geoghegan. Patrick spoke (Rose Fay Thomas Luncheon) on behalf of the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board and brought along many cheeses for us to try. Yum!

Fall Board Meeting, Saturday morning, September 29, 2018 at Cascio Intestate Music Store.

More Conference and Junior Composer camp news in the WFMC August newsletter.

Information for Club Annual Program Books

For your club program booklets, or directories, the NFMC Officers do not change in 2018-19. The NFMC Presidents theme is still: Keeping Music Alive, and his song *The Star Spangled Banner*.

2019 National Music Week Theme: Music...The Magic Key.

WFMC Officers also remain the same this year.



Andre Chang, NFMC Young Artist award winner, performed at the Conference. It was exciting to hear this young man and his beautiful baritone voice! He was accompanied by Dr. James Norden, a retired professor of piano.

A reminder that – if you book a Young Artist performer by October 1 – the booking fee will be reduced by \$200 as a donor has come forward to help defray the cost of bringing a NFMC Young Artist to a state, club, or community for recitals and/or workshops. Take advantage of this gracious offer, go to the NFMC website at: www.nfmc-music.org for current booking paperwork.



NFMC Conference Chorus

NFMC Conference Festival Chorus

NFMC members present a Festival Chorus Concert at each national meeting. In Milwaukee we were privileged to hear the chorus under the direction of Dr. James Norden. They did a wonderful job singing sacred and patriotic American music accompanied by Dee Blaser. Thank you for a wonderful program!



The Conference wasn't all work! The conference tour on Thursday afternoon ended at the Bavarian Bierhaus where we enjoyed a fine German meal as well as German music – and yes – some of us got up and danced.



Boat tour of the Harbor.



What a view of the Milwaukee Art Museum from the water – even on a cool afternoon.

From the calm waters of the Harbor and breakers to the white capped waves of Lake Michigan and the lighthouse at the Harbor entrance.



Richard and Jeanne Hryniewicki with the Marquette University Eagle mascot.



Trinity Dancers performed at the opening evening of the Conference. They are a high energy group of young people from Milwaukee, Madison, and the Chicago areas. We were pleased they could entertain us!

