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The New OFMC Logo

IN MEMORY

Margaret L. Stephenson-1921-2011. Cards may be sent to her son, Pete Stephenson, 76 Kauai Ct., Pataskala, OH 43062. (Her obituary can be found on page 4.)



PRESIDENT'S OPUS

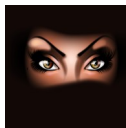
Greetings 2012! Another year of New Possibilities!



Even with life's "interruptions" we look forward with hope and optimism for a very good year of possibilities.

As some of you know, I had an "interruption". During a Christmas concert at church, I fell and broke my pelvis in two places. It has afforded me many quiet hours for reflection, readjusting and looking forward. Christmas was not as planned but many blessings came and healing has progressed.

I'm sure many of you have experienced an "interruption" or two in your lives and have regrouped and continued on, hopefully stronger and with a new sense of possibilities.



Take A Look! OFMC has a wonderfully busy 2012 ahead of us!

March-Over 4000 OFMC students will participate in our 13 Festivals around the state.
Volunteer to help the chairmen and teachers.

April/May-Four District meetings will be held around our state for the purpose of sharing ideas, nurturing relationships with fellow music lovers and hearing and supporting young musicians.
Come, Share, Be Involved.

June-NFMC Fall Conference in Indianapolis.
Support and learn about our National organization

July-OFMC Budget/Foundation Meeting
Thanks to those who serve in our finance department

July-NFMC North East Region Meeting at beautiful Chautauqua.
Attend, learn, enjoy and meet music friends in neighboring states.

August/September-Convention committees working hard planning OFMC Fall Convention.
Volunteer and help.

October-OFMC State Biennial Convention and Celebration at Cuyahoga Falls/Akron New Officers are elected! *Come! Come! Come!*

Workshops, Fantastic Music, Fun and Fellowship



District Spring Meetings. Come, Enjoy, Be Involved!

Check all the info in this newsletter or on the web and car pool to your District Meeting. It is fun and important to have fellowship with your fellow OFMC club members. Share what your are doing, concerns, joys, new ideas and this year hear about and have input in the plans for the State Convention in October. There is always a lovely luncheon, the Agnes Fowler scholarship winner to hear and our own very talented juniors. Those who have won their fourth consecutive superior rating at the 2011 Festival will perform.



I look forward greatly to the District Meetings as I feel they are the core of the work of our Federation. We must keep our local clubs strong and offer a means of connecting, sharing resources and communicating among them. The Ohio Federation of Music Clubs is one of the important organizations enabling the power of music to flow to so many. See you at your District Meeting. Call or e-mail any questions, anytime.

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e-mail: minydur@juno.com



ATTENTION! The OFMC newsletter will now be available on the OFMC web site, www.ofmc.org We hope this will keep members better informed and the news, dates, deadlines etc. more easily available to everyone. Now you can either use the newsletter District Meeting forms or download them and mail.

DISTRICT I-April 14	DISTRICT II-April 28	DISTRICT III -April 21	DISTRICT IV-MAY 5
PRESIDENT Jean Blocksom	PRESIDENT Susan Kehres	PRESIDENT Helen Dill	PRESIDENT Nan Weir
WHERE First Baptist Church 1659 West State Street Alliance, Ohio 44601 Hosted by Alliance Music Study Club	WHERE NEW MEETING SITE CHURCH OF THE MASTER 24 N. GROVE STREET WESTERVILLE, OHIO 43108 NOTE:NEW DEADLINE BELOW	WHERE Otterbein-Lebanon Retirement Community Campus Center 385 State Route 741 Lebanon, Ohio Hosted by Dayton Music Club	WHERE Trinity Lutheran Church Home 508 Center Street Ashland, Ohio 44805 Corner of Center & Walnut Streets Hosted by Ashland Music Club
SCHEDULE 9:00 Registration & Coffee 9:30-Meeting/Workshop 12:00 noon-Lunch 1:15-3:00-Honors Recital	SCHEDULE 9:00 AM Registration & Coffee 9:30 Meeting/Workshop 12:00 noon-Lunch 1:15-3:00-Honors Recital	SCHEDULE 9:00 AM Registration & Coffee 9:30 Meeting 12:00 noon-Lunch 1:15-Honors Recital	SCHEDULE 9:00 AM Registration & Coffee 9:30 Meeting/Workshop 12:00 noon-Lunch 1:15-3:00-Honors Recital
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SEND REGISTRATIONS TO: Ila Jean Paxson 333 West 10th Street Salem, Ohio 44460-1517 330-337-8895 ilapaxson@yahoo.com	SEND REGISTRATIONS TO: Beulah Fritsche 4715 North Shore Drive Westerville, Oh 43082 740-965-2640 bfritsche@inaight.rr.com	SEND REGISTRATIONS TO: Maxine Zoeller 4067 Cardinal Ct. Lebanon, Ohio 45036-8869 513-932-1244 (no Email)	SEND REGISTRATIONS TO: Marjorie Poorman 637 Buena Vista Avenue Ashland, OH 44805 apoorman@zoominternet.net 419-289-2868
CHECKS PAYABLE TO: OFMC District I	CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Westerville Music Club	CHECKS PAYABLE TO: OFMC District III	CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Ashland Music Club
RESERVATION DEADLINE March 31, 2012	RESERVATION DEADLINE APRIL 13, 2012	RESERVATION DEADLINE: April 14, 2012	RESERVATION DEADLINE April 27, 2012
FOR INFORMATION Jean Blocksom 330-424-3181	FOR INFORMATION Susan.kehres@gmail.com Susan Kehres 614-882-9383	FOR INFORMATION hjsdill@gmail.com Helen Dill 513-932-6385	FOR INFORMATION Go to: www.trinityashland.org or call Ron Marenchin 419-651-3747
DIRECTIONS <i>West:</i> I77South/Vietnam Veterans Memorial Hwy, Exit 107B go rgt ramp for US62 East to Alliance, take rgt ramp for US62/OH 173/State St. Turn left onto church drive. <i>South:</i> US250 West toward Wooster, take ramp left for 177 North/US250 West, Exit 107B rgt for US62/OH173, Turn left onto church drive. <i>East:</i> OH45/N Market St, keep left, stay on US45/Pigeon Rd. turn onto US62/OH173/W State St; turn right onto church drive. <i>North:</i> OH 14/State Rte 14, straight onto OH14/OH303/SR 14/Streetsboro Rd. Bear right onto OH14/Cleve E Liverpool Rd? SR 14, turn right onto N Chestnut St. left onto OH 59/E Main, turn right onto S Prospect St/CR-74, bear right onto S Prospect St/Ravenna Louisville RD, straight onto OH 15 West/OH 44 South/Ravenna Louisville Rd.	DIRECTIONS NEW DIRECTIONS TO NEW MEETING SITE I-270 TO CLEVELAND AVE. EXIT, NORTH TO WEST MAIN, EAST ON WEST MAIN TO GROVE STREET.	DIRECTIONS From Dayton-I-75 South to State Route 63. Go East to State Route 741. Go North on 741 to the Center. Alternate route-741 South to the Center. From Cincinnati-I 75 North to State Route 63. Go East on SR 63 to SR Route 741. Turn left (at light) to go North and go to the Center. Turn left into Main Entrance	DIRECTIONS From West take US 30 to Us 42N to Ashland, take Clermont Ave-Exit from left lane, go to 2nd stoplight after Ashland University footbridge, turn right onto Walnut St. Church is on right before next stoplight. Closest entry is large entry next to playground, but has three sets of steps. Without steps go all the way to right around church building to Center St entrance in front of sanctuary. Follow sidewalk behind large stone sign which curves to a wooden door near bell tower.
PARKING Park in back and enter via back door.	PARKING BEHIND CHURCH & VARIOUS COLLEGE LOTS, ON GROVE STREET	PARKING Large parking lot adjacent to the Center.	PARKING Church parking lot

OUIDA KECK AWARD
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE INDEPENDENT
PIANO TEACHER
\$1400 ANNUAL AWARD

This award is given to an independent piano teacher (age 21 or older) who demonstrates superior teaching in the private studio and wishes to further enhance teaching skills. Funding can be used for advanced training through piano pedagogy classes; private piano lessons, attendance at pedagogy conferences and conventions featuring pedagogy in the area of piano; purchase of new piano literature, method books, computer software, instruments, or other equipment needed to enhance the teaching environment.

Information and application forms can be found on the NFMC web-site.

All entries and inquiries should be sent to Laurel Ince, 723 St. Francis, Gonzales, TX 78629-3530

e-mail: ljince@stx.rr.com Phone: 830-672-3757

Entry deadline: Postmarked by July 1



OFMC 2012 Festival Schedule, *Junior Festival Chairman, Audrey Rhinehart-ajrrgr@aol.com*

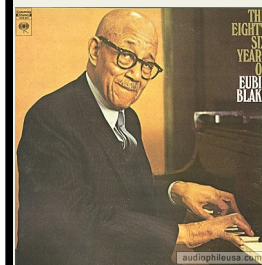
DISTRICT	DATE	LOCATION	CHAIRMAN	PHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS
District 1-A	March 17	Cleveland State University	Cindy McAdams	(440) 773-9328	E-mail: ofmcjrfest1a@yahoo.com
District 1-B	March 17	Youngstown University	Patricia Paridon	(330) 207-4062	E-Mail: pjp40@juno.com
District 1-C	March 17	Kent State University	Sue Hassler	(330) 673-9164	E-mail: dhassler@kent.edu
District 1-D	March 10	Baldwin Wallace College	Martha Custer	(440) 877-9563	E-mail : marthalcuster@sbcglobal.net
District 2	March 17	Ohio State University	Elizabeth Atkinson	(614) 485-9448	E-Mail: liz.piano@hotmail.com
District 3-A	March 10	Miami University	Irene Sakelos	(513) 738-5221	E-mail: jamminmelody@aol.com
District 3-C	March 24	Cedarville University	Angie Vaubel	(937) 431-0570	E-mail : angie@vaubel.net
District 3-D	March 3	Xavier University	Carol Gangwer	(513) 385-2209	E-mail: rgangwer@fuse.net
District 3-E	March 3	University of Dayton	Christy Smith	(937) 890-6689	E-Mail: ofmc.jr@juno.com
District 3-F	March 17	Miami University	Leah Kay Hogg	(513) 539-9823	E-mail : lhogg@lkstudio.com
District 3-G	March 24	Wright State University	Anne Watson	(937)205-4121	E-mail: arswatson@gmail.com
District 4-A	March 3	Heidelberg University	Denise Hauden	(419) 261-1477	E-mail: jhauden@windstream.net
District 4-B	March 24	Ohio Wesleyan University	Sonja Kalb	(740) 360-2916	E-Mail: fourstarguesthouse@yahoo.com

February is National Black History Month

James Hubert Blake (Eubie)

James Hubert Blake (February 7, 1887 February 12, 1983) was born at 319 Forrest Street in Baltimore, Maryland to former slaves John Sumner Blake and Emily "Emma" Johnstone. He was the only surviving child of eight, all the rest of whom died in infancy. Blake was an American composer, lyricist, and pianist of ragtime, jazz, and popular music. In 1921, he and long-time collaborator Noble Sissle wrote the Broadway musical Shuffle Along, one of the first Broadway musicals to be written and directed by African Americans. Blake's compositions included such hits as, "Bandana Days", "Charleston Rag", "Love Will Find A Way", "Memories of You", and "I'm Just Wild About Harry". The musical Eubie! featured the works of Blake and opened on Broadway in 1978.

Despite its origins in black urban culture, ragtime found an enormous audience among white Americans after the turn of the century, just as blues, rhythm and blues, soul, and rap music have done over the course of the twentieth century. Ragtime, for most Americans, meant a tinkling piano; and no one played the ragtime piano any better or longer than Eubie Blake.



DATES AND EVENTS 2012

March

JUNIOR FESTIVAL MONTH-SEE SCHEDULE ON PAGE 3

- 1 Application Deadline for Music Education Essay Award, Wanda Stubbart, Chairman-wanda.stubbart@gmail.com
- 1 Deadline for Collegiate Composers compositions, Nan a Landgraf, Chairman-NWL9@sbcglobal.net
- 3 Application deadline for Collaborative Piano Competition, Dr. Jennifer Cruz, Chairman-jcruz@centralstate.edu

April

- 1 Application deadline for the Venetia Hall Piano Concerto Junior competition-Janice Dunphy, Chairman-jandunphy@aol.com
- 1 Application deadline for Music Therapy & Music Therapy internship awards, Ronna Kaplan, Chairman-rskaplan@themusicsettlement.org
- 1 Deadline for all Graduate Degree awards, Doris Kimble, Chairman-3596 State Rte. 39 N.W. Dover, OH 44622-7232
- 1 Club Choral Music Report due to Ednita Vaflor-945 Forest Hill Dr. Marion, OH 433102-4523, egvaflor@roadrunner.com
- 14 Collaborative Piano auditions, Central State University, Robeson Recital Hall, Dr. Jennifer Cruz, Chairman-jcruz@centralstate.edu
- 14 DISTRICT I SPRING CONFERENCE-ALLIANCE
- 15 Application deadline for Dance Award, Vickie Nign, Chairman-vied9@eohio.net
- 21 DISTRICT III SPRING CONFERENCE-LEBANON
- 28 DISTRICT II SPRING CONFERENCE-WESTERVILLE

May

- 1 Application deadline for Summer Junior Camperships, Karen Hunt, Chairman-khunt48@gmail.com
- 1 Song of the Month report to Beulah Fritsche-bfritsche@insight.rr.com
- 1-8 NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK Theme: "Music-Sounds That Inspire"
- 5 DISTRICT IV SPRING CONFERENCE-ASHLAND
- 12 Audition date for Venetia Hall Piano concerto junior competition, Otterbein University Janice Dunphy, Chairman-jandunphy@aol.com
- 15 Crusade for Strings report to Karen Ferren-kbarkerferren@yahoo.com
- 22 National Music Week Report due to Nan Weir-Lweir1@roadrunner.com
- 25 Senior Club Reporting due to Dorothy Blackburn-116 N Hazel St, Upper Sandusky, OH 43351-1306



June

- 1 Opera Report to Tom McKenna-tmckenna77@sbcglobal.net
- 19-23 NFMC Fall Conference in Indianapolis-See NFMC magazine for info and details

July

- 20-21 NFMC North East Region Meeting at Chautauqua

October

- 11-13 OFMC Convention at Sheraton Suites, Cayahoga Falls/Akron

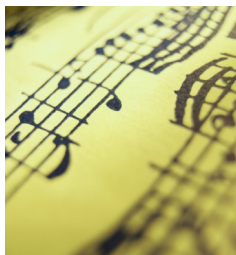
OFMC ADULT COMPOSERS WINNERS

First Place-Helen Asbury of Cincinnati for her piano composition, "Let Me Ease My Sorrow".

Second Place-Jim McCutcheon of Dayton for his "Guitar Concerto", 3rd Movement; for guitar/winds/strings/glock .

Third Place to Linda Lukasik of Pomeroy for her "New" for piano and voice.

Congratulations to each of these for their successful efforts in the field of American Music composition.



Margaret L. Stephenson

STEPHENSON Margaret L. Stephenson, 90, of Reynoldsburg, OH, passed away on Monday, December 19, 2011. Margaret was born on February 17, 1921 in Bloomfield, NE to the late Walter and Jessie (Danielson) Hiebenthal. A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 22, 2011 at Wesley Ridge Retirement Community, 2225 Taylor Park Rd., Reynoldsburg, OH with Rev R. Robert Kimes officiating. Margaret is survived by her loving children, Peter (Deborah) Stephenson, Barbara (Lee) Stock; sister, Betsy (Bill) Gorham; grandchildren, Danielle and Desiree; along with nieces, nephews and many good friends. Besides her parents, Margaret is preceded in death by her husband Gilbert A. Stephenson. The family requests that memorial contributions be directed to Ohio University Foundation, School of Music Margaret L. Stephenson Music Scholarship, P.O. Box 869, Athens, OH 45701-0869. An online memorial can be located at www.kaubersammons.com.

A Glimpse From the Past.

Agnes Fowler! A Wonderful Benefactor to OFMC

These are some things I have gathered to give us a glimpse of this faithful, generous member of OFMC from the past. If anyone knows more I would love to hear about it.

Agnes was the OFMC Historian for many years. She was a history teacher and taught at Miami University. Reports say that she was unmarried, a bit eccentric and always wore a hat to OFMC meetings. She was small in stature and was perhaps not too interested in the latest fashion trends. She died in 1976 and left OFMC 1/3 of her sizeable estate and another third to NFMC. As a result of her immense generosity we are able to give thirteen \$1000 scholarships to our affiliated colleges, using the interest from this gift. So every Spring when we hear an Agnes Fowler Scholarship winner at our District Conferences, let's give a silent thank you to this wonderfully kind lady whose passion for music and young people continues today and into the future.

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A Glimpse into the Future Best Wishes to Norma Disinger

Best wishes to Norma Disinger who has resigned as NFMC Vice President of the North East Region because of health issues. Toni Winter from New York State has been appointed to fill her term. E-mail: deskramer@gmail.com. We wish you well, Norma and pray for a very speedy return to good health.

OurFamilyMedicalConcerns

The following interruptions to their normal lives are noted for your information:

Donna Gerber-broken pelvic as a result of falling in the choir loft while the choir was singing Handel's Hallelujah Chorus! (Should have sung some Bach!)

Richard Dill-A total knee replacement as a result of the golden years of maturing!
Both are recovering with accolades from their respective surgeons.

Ednita Vaflor-Just had her second knee replacement. We wish you a speedy recovery.

If you or someone you know has had or has an "interruption" please let us know so we can pass the word.

In all seriousness-God Speed in your recovery to all with an interruption.

Editor's Note: Let us know if you or someone you know is under the weather and has an interruption.



WE ARE NOW ON FACEBOOK

Facebook address is:<http://www.facebook.copages/OFMC/159493267433399sk=wall&filter=1>

A Survey Regarding the US National Anthem

You are urged to send your opinion to the editor at www.ofmcnuzltr@gmail.com
Share you thoughts and feelings with your OFMC colleagues.

1. Are you aware that there is a Code for the US National Anthem, adopted by the Committee for the National Anthem in 1942? (Can be obtained on line. Google Code of the US National Anthem.)
2. Are you disturbed by the multitude of "poor" performances of "The Star Spangled Banner" on TV, particularly at major sports events?
3. Would you be in favor of NFMC and/or OFMC making a concentrated effort to support/encourage performances that are respectful, dignified and patriotic?



CONSIDER A GIFT TO THE OFMC FOUNDATION

Please consider a contribution to help increase the funds of The Foundation for the Advancement of Music so that enough income from investments can be generated to fund OFMC's many awards. These gifts may be used to honor a deceased member of your music club, friend, or family member; or to honor someone who has been special in your life. Please detach and mail the form below to Jeannine Morris, 200 Country Club Dr. SE, Warren, OH 44484-4660. Make checks payable to: OFMC. Notification cards are sent to bereaved family.

Foundation Gift Form Enclosed is a contribution of _____

In memory of: _____

Or Honor/Tribute gift for: _____

Donor _____

Name and address for card to be sent to the family.

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN FORM WITH DISTRICT CONFERENCE RESERVATIONS:

(CIRCLE ONE): DISTRICT I II III IV

NAME _____ CLUB NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

LOCAL OFFICE HELD _____ OFMC OFFICE HELD _____

NFMC OFFICE HELD _____ No. of Registrations _____ No. of Lunches _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

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DEADLINE FOR THE SUMMER ISSUE IS MAY 15, 2012