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A Message from your President:

There are those isolated instances when teaching music is rewarding!! Earlier this week one student was giggling as I played through a piece, because she was so excited about learning it. She was ecstatic!! I'm talking about a 10th grader!! Then the next day I had another 10th grade girl who played a piece absolutely beautifully. How can I tell? I was moved to hum along – it touched me!! I was speechless when I realized

what was going on. I wasn't really paying attention, writing out a receipt as she played, and I caught myself beginning to hum along! It caught my attention, I stopped writing, and just began to listen, and be blessed.

Among the less-talented (no talented!) students we have, there are those few students who on rare occasions somehow reach beyond the walls of rigid notes and rhythms to touch our souls. That is a true reward!

Attending the state competitions last weekend was also musically rewarding. I enjoy hearing other students and what they have accomplished, and appreciate all the hard work they have put into preparing the pieces they play. You will see the results of those competitions in this newsletter. I would encourage ALL of you to attend the West Central Division Competitions, which are being held in our fine state, at Bismarck State College on January 12-14.

Williston and Valley City are gearing up for our state annual conference on June 7th-8th in Williston. You will also see articles on that subject in this newsletter. Plan now on attending – you won't regret it!!

It's cold outside, and I'm headed for a cup of hot chocolate, Mozart playing, a warm fuzzy blanket, and a cuddly kitty. Enjoy these winter months!!

Your "prez", Corinne
Corinne Nustad, NCTM

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

NDMTA Board would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to Sara Bloom for years of devoted service to our state organization! Her leadership and organizational skills have promoted a disciplined approach to the management of our operation. No longer a board member, we can see her at work as a West Central Division Coordinator. Please attend the WCD competitions in Bismarck State College on January 12-14 and give her a word of encouragement!!

Just for Laughs

A student who was struggling to learn the names of the keys on the piano was asked to find a C and she did.....the C in the name Story and Clark!!

Submitted by Laura McClean

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NDMTA TIMELINE

5 Years Ago

Eileen Geske Named Music Teacher of the Year at the NDMTA Convention held Oct. 26-28 in Williston. Eileen has taught piano lessons for 37 years.

10 Years Ago

Sonia Nagala named Elementary Composition Winner and Elementary Piano non-advancing Winner at NDMTA. Her Teacher is Eileen Geske.

15 Years Ago

Six Rallies were held across the state in Bismarck, Grafton, Grand Forks, Jamestown, Valley City, and Williston for 752 students.

Vice President's Corner

Arlene E. Gray, NCTM

Congratulations to all the students and teachers who participated in the North Dakota State Competitions in Valley City October 28th. The two judges we had were impressed by level of musicianship of every contestant. The woodwinds judge was Dr. Fred Hemke of Aberdeen, SD. The piano judge was Dr. Dianna Anderson of Minot.

North Dakota will be represented in eight categories next January at the Divisional Competitions in Bismarck. **Senior High:** Woodwinds-Flute-Hannah Porter of Bismarck, Voice-Soprano-Hannah Due of Grand Forks, Strings-Viola-Melanie Due of Grand Forks, Brass-French Horn-Timothy Schneider of Bismarck, and Piano-Jordan Christianson of Fargo. **Young Artist:** String-Violin-Karen Due of UND, Grand Forks and Woodwinds-Saxophone-Adam Risch of Concordia College, Moorhead, MN. and Chamber Ensemble-Saxophone Quartet from NDSU. Quartet personnel: Rena Vacha, Erin Ott, Jessy Klimpel and Matthew Salzer.

The teachers or these musicians are: Tom Porter and Linda Schmidt, Maria Williams Kennedy, Eric Lawson, Leslie Peterson, Karen Okerlund, Eric Lawson, Russell Peterson and Matthew Patnode respectively.

Valley City State University was a most welcoming host for the competitions. Rooms signs were placed on the sites. Practice rooms and warm up rooms were ready for the students. Being my first experience as vice-president, I learned a lot this year about the organizing of the event. Sharon Wesbrook takes good care of the NODAK portion and Joyce Alme takes excellent charge of the composition portion. Many thanks to our host institution VCSU, Diana Skroch, Beth Klingenstein and Eileen Geske for their assistance

the day of the competitions. Thanks also to Carole Flatau for monitoring, an essential task.

My challenge is for every studio to have two or three students participate in competitions next year. Let's make piano performing an event to anticipate and enjoy rather than something to fear. Start with two or three brave students and have the competition experience broaden the horizons of all our studios.

Musical Joke:

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A: A pair of Re-bachs.

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Bits and Bytes Tech Tips

Sara Hagen, NCTM
Technology Chair

Did you know that you can create your own webpage for FREE on NDMTA.org?

The Teacher Webpage Generator has been upgraded to include these great functions:

- You may now choose from 6 different design templates
- You can easily insert hyperlinks into the text
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- Click "Add List" to create a list of bullet points

In other news....

The MTNA Website is getting a facelift! In addition to the new look and feel, the site will provide more self service applications, dynamic content and a more user friendly way of finding information. The entire process will take several months and the new site will be launched at the 2007 MTNA Conference in Toronto, Canada.

www.ndmta.org

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North Dakota's Young Composers Attend Junior Composers Institute

Six young composers from North Dakota attended the Junior Composers Institute held at Augsburg College in July. Attending were Nathan Todhunter, Nikki Edmiston and Emily Custer from Grand Forks, Janelle Mueller and Jacob Luithle from Hillsboro and Jordan Christenson from Fargo. Nathan received a 5 year trophy for his attendance to JCI since it began.

Ear-training classes were added to the 2006 curriculum and were taught by Randall Davidson. Mr. Davidson also taught the composition classes. Ned Kantor and Carol Barnett from Augsburg's faculty worked with the students on improvisation and theory. Seth Custer returned to JCI as clinician for Music Technology and orchestration. The staff was very impressed with the talent of the young composers.

Evening activities included learning about and playing in a Gamelon from Indonesia, a faculty recital and juggling performance by one of the JCI campers, and a trip to downtown St. Paul to listen to a rehearsal of Zeitgeist ("sound ghost"), an ensemble that plays and performs Avande Garde Music. The JCI recital was held on Thursday night and a salon was held on Saturday morning where the students performed the compositions they wrote during the week. Friday night the students and staff attended a concert by the Minnesota Orchestra at Macy's Sommerfest.

Dates for 2007 are July 8th – 14th and the 2007 brochures can be obtained by going to www.juniorcomposers.org to order. Any students interested in attending can download the application form from the web-site if they do not have the current brochure. Adults attending JCI were Dawn Lawrence, Sharon Wesbrook and Karen Bourne. Karen lives and teaches music in Sioux City, Iowa and will be the 2007 JCI director.

IMTF Library
Available!!

Did you know the state has 23 audio cassette tapes on various subjects? These have been purchased over the years from state and national conventions. They're great for program ideas to use at your local meetings! List is on the website and in the directory. Contact Sheryl Kjelland through email okjellan@polarcomm.com

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West Central Competitions Nearing

Arlene E Gray, NCTM
WCD site coordinator

West Central Divisional Competitions are in Bismarck this January 12, 13, 14, 2007. Please put the dates on your calendars and plan to attend. Monitors are needed both Saturday and Sunday. Let Ann Mishler know if you can work a half day. Her number is 701-250-6093. email amishler@bis.midco.net.

Come support our North Dakota student musicians. What an opportunity for our students to hear some wonderful music. Bring a van load of students and fill the performance rooms. The music and hospitality is available for everyone. Visit the capitol city and encourage our competing musicians. Let's show these young folks that we support their efforts and appreciate the work their teachers have done.

This is an opportunity to network with the divisional and national leaders of our organization. We as teachers, need to represent our state, while supporting the teachers and students. There is no time like the present to take our students to a big music event and let them hear and see first hand how this organization operates. First hand experience with take some of the mystery and fear away from participation. We will not have this opportunity again until 2015.

Composition Winners Announced

Joyce Alme
ND Composition Chair

The results are in! Congratulations to all the students who submitted compositions as well as those whose compositions were sent on to West Central Division competition.

Junior Category

Winner - Nikki Edmiston, Thompson, ND – student of Gloria Bethke.
Her composition was titled "Sunday Stroll."

Honorable Mention - Abigail Spiese, Oakes, ND – student of Eileen Geske.
Her composition was titled "Peasant's Dance."

Senior Category

Since there was only one entry in the Senior Category, Rachel Aker, East Grand Forks, MN – student of Gloria Bethke, Rachel automatically advanced to Division. Rachel's composition was titled "Waltz of the Monarch Butterfly."

Adjudicator for this year's competition was Dr. William Winkle, Chadron State College, NE. North Dakota had entrants in two of the four categories for 2006: Junior and Senior. We hope you will encourage your students to enter in all categories for 2007. The categories are Elementary, Junior, Senior, and Young Artist.

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Foundation Report From Priscilla Keogh

Thanks to the generous donations of NDMTA members, the North Dakota Foundation fund has reached \$846. With several months to go, we have nearly achieved our goal of \$1,000 to honor a very special NDMTA member, Sharon Wesbrook, who was nominated by our Executive Board in June to become our sixth Foundation Fellow. Sharon, a 32 year MTNA member, has contributed her time and talent to NDMTA in countless ways and is a very deserving recipient of this award.

If you have not as yet contributed to the MTNA Foundation, please consider making a donation in Sharon's name. This can be done online by going on the MTNA website, or by mailing a check to the MTNA Foundation. Please indicate that your contribution is to go toward Sharon Wesbrook, North Dakota Foundation Fellow nominee.

Local Associations may also send contributions.

**North Dakota Music Teachers' Association
Video Conference Board Meeting
October 21st, 2006**

Note: These minutes were taken from the secretarial notes of Michelle Heaford and also from reports sent to her by the Executive Board members.

Members present were as follows: Arlene Gray, Priscilla Keogh, Lisa Schuler, Darla Sheldon, Sheryl Kjelland, Beth Klingenstein, Eileen Geske, Linda Hanson-Bell, Corinne Nustad, Linda Wallevand, Kathy Bresee, Jan Herr, and Michelle Heaford.

President Corinne Nustad called the meeting to order.

Beth Klingenstein made a motion to adopt the agenda and Michelle Heaford seconded the motion. All voted in favor to adopt the agenda. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Michelle Heaford had sent the minutes to board members via email. The minutes were approved as read in advance.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Anne Delorme-Holmen, President Corinne reported a total of \$22,357.41 in assets. The Treasurer's report was approved as read and filed for audit.

Vice President/ Competitions: Arlene Gray reported that judges have been assembled for the competitions in Valley City. There is a need for more monitors at the competitions.

President: President Corinne had sent her report via email. Details from her notes are available through-out this report and in the "old and new business" section.

Committee Reports:

Advertising: Linda Hanson-Bell made the request for handbook ads to be received in completed form so that the editors will not have additional work.

Certification: In the absence of Gloria Bethke, this report was read by President Corinne. This report mentioned concerns regarding the NDMTA Teacher of the Year Program and called for discussion.

Priscilla Keogh moved that we table discussion of this information until Gloria can be present to explain the details. Linda Wallevand seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Collegiate Chapter: Sarah Mueller was absent. Corinne reported for her and mentioned that the NDSU Chapter had an organization meeting to discuss events for the year. Arlene Gray made a motion to officially accept the Dickinson Collegiate Chapter and Jan Herr seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Foundation: Priscilla Keogh reported that she had contacted MTNA regarding the Foundation Fellow donations, and as of October 12th, a total of \$846 had been collected with only \$154 remaining. Priscilla asked for ideas for contributions for the State Pride Drawing. Beth Klingenstein recommended a Valley City artist who creates beautiful wood-carved items.

College Faculty: Diana Skroch requested that local MTA Presidents send her a list of their members who are also full or part-time college faculty so it can be determined if we are gaining members in the college sector. Also, she asked if the board felt that the promotional mailing to ND college music departments was a good use of funds. The board was in agreement that the mailings should be continued.

Commissioning Composer: Corinne Nustad contacted Russell Peterson to be our 2007 Commissioned Composer and he agreed and completed the contract. Russell will be composing a piano sonata to be performed by Jay Hershberger at the 2007 state conference in Williston. Corinne also contacted Matthew Patnode, our 2006 Commissioned Composer, to complete the process for him to compete in the national competition for composers.

Directory/ Handbook Editor: Jan Herr gave us the update on progress on the directory and mentioned that members would receive it by the end of October. Also, she recommended discussion on establishing a policy for design work of newsletter and directory ads. Discussion followed and the board determined that advertisers need to be informed that ads need to be "camera ready".

Historian: Marge Johnson was not present. Corinne mentioned that she had given Marge some newspaper clippings for the scrapbook and invited others to do the same.

**Treasurer's Report
Ann DeLorme- Holmen**

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Arts and Awareness: Lisa Schuler continued to collect local president reports to observe what locals are doing within the state. She encouraged us to consider applying for the Local Association of the Year Award.

Membership: Kathy Bresee reported that we are currently at 153 members. Also, there were two STAR members approved this year.

MusicLink: Beth Klingenstein reminded us of the number of MusicLink programs that assist both teachers and public, private, and home-schooled students. She asked local presidents to encourage participation in MusicLink and let us know that she would be available to answer questions that anyone might have about eligibility.

Rally: Linda Wallevand said that she had emailed our Illinois contact to give her information and the dates of our Rallies. She also requested and received copies of last year's Rally reports.

Newsletter: Arlene Gray reported that Sara Hagen would assemble the information that is received and that Warren Granfor would handle the labels. The newsletter deadline is November 10th.

Old Business:

The 2007 NDMTA Conference will be held in Williston on June 7th and 8th.

Russell Peterson's commissioned composition, a piano sonata, will be performed by Jay Hershberger on the evening of June 7th. Robert Vandall will be the clinician for the conference.

Local Association of the Year deadline is November 10th. Forms are available from President Corinne Nustad.

State Affiliate of the Year deadline is December 1st. Corinne said that she would submit our state information.

New Business:

The 2008 State Conference will be held in Bismarck. It was suggested that we wait until the June conference to decide whether it will be a summer or fall date.

Proposal from Director of Southern Division: There was discussion on a survey regarding the naming of associations. The board felt that a change in the names of state and local association would be unnecessary.

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**FOLK MUSIC: AN
ENDANGERED SPECIES**

Carole Flatau opened our 2006 NDMTA Conference by asking us to rise and join her in singing our national anthem. She then went on to explain about a study taken throughout the nation, showing the decline of folk music. The study dealt with three categories: children's songs, folk songs, and patriotic songs. North Dakota ranked 38 in this study. Minnesota ranked 30 and Nebraska came in first. Teachers in the study were asked whether practically all, most, some, few, or practically none of their students could be expected to sing the songs from memory. All average state scores did fall between 1 and 2. She gave the attendees handouts of songs recommended by the study's researcher, Marilyn J Ward. Another handout included sources for folk music information. We sang some more songs to test our own memories and some brave souls went up to sing an unfamiliar song with Carole at the piano. It's always a lot of fun to be at one of Carole's workshops. This reviewer resolved to have all her summer students get copies of the national anthem for their summer project! Linda Wallevand

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January 2007 NDMTA Board Meeting: Jan Herr made a motion to have the next IVN meeting on January 20th and Lisa Schuler seconded. All voted and the motion carried.

Linda Wallevand made a motion that we send a note of congratulations to Joan Reist; Arlene Gray seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed. NDMTA Secretary Michelle Heaford will send a note to Joan.

Local Association reports on file include Badlands, Devil's Lake Area, Durum Triangle, Fargo-Moorhead, Greater Grand Forks, Northwest, Upper Valley and Valley City.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Heaford

North Dakota Music Teachers Association Announces Winners

The North Dakota Music Teachers Association state competitions were held at Valley City State University in Valley City, North Dakota on October 28, 2006. The judge was Dianna Anderson of Minot, ND.

Results of the NODAK Music Competitions Junior High Winner

Nikki Edmiston – Thompson - Teacher: Gloria Bethke – Grand Forks, ND.

Nikki is a 9th grader and the daughter of Mark and Jacki Edmiston
Program:

Diabelli	Sonatina in D Major
Kolling	Rhapsodie Mignonne
Villa-Lobos	O Polinchello

2nd Place

Nathan Curry – Bismarck - Teacher: Diane Eichhorst – Bismarck, ND.

Nathan is an 8th grader and the son of Erwin and Wendy Curry of Bismarck, ND.

Program:

Telemann	Fantasia in g minor
Beethoven	Sonata Op 13, No 2, Adagio Cantabile
Khatchaturian	Etude

HM

Alex Pribula – Grand Forks – Teacher: Delores Loberg – Grand Forks, ND.

Alex is an 8th grader and the son of Tim and JoLynn Pribula of Grand Forks, ND

Program:

Bach	Prelude in F Major
Chopin	Prelude in c minor
Joplin	Solace

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North Dakota Music Teachers Association Announces Winners cont.

Results of the NODAK Music Competitions Senior High Winner
Winner

Luke Anderson – Fargo – Teacher: Jay Hershberger – Moorhead, MN.
Luke is an 11th grader and the son of Jon and Nikki Anderson of Fargo, ND.

Program:

- Bach Prelude & Fugue BWV 884 No 15 g minor
Allegro
- Beethoven Sonata No 11, B flat minor, Allegro

2nd Place

Sasha Bergsagel – Fargo – Teacher: Diane Eichhorst – Bismarck, ND.
Sasha is a 12th grader and the daughter of Dave Bergsagel of Bismarck, ND.

Program:

- Bach French Suite BWV 816, Gigue
- Chopin Nocturn in c # minor, Op 27, No 1
- Muczynski Six Preludes Op 6, No 6

HM

Brett Goetz – New Salem – Teacher: David Poffenberger – Bismarck, ND.
Brett is a 12th grader and the son of Darcy Goetz of New Salem, ND.

Program:

- Scarlatti Sonata L 415, K 119
- Debussy Danse (Tarantelle Styrienne)
- Chopin Etude Op 10, No 12

HM

Sara Rhyan – Oakes – Teacher: D. Eileen Geske – Verona, ND.
Sara is a 10th grader and the daughter of Craig and Melita Rhyan of Oakes, ND.

Program:

- Bach Prelude & Fugue BWV 847 No 2 in c minor
- Haydn Sonata No 37 D Major
III Finale, Presto, ma non troppo
- Rachmaninoff Op 3 No 2 C sharp minor, Lento Agitato



Luke Anderson



Sasha Bergsagel



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