District 9 to host 2018 convention

YA singer to perform following banquet

Midland DoubleTree is convention venue

NFMC V-P Nelson to represent NFMC

ANDRE CHIANG, Baritone
2017 Young Artist in Man’s Voice

Andre Chiang, a Mobile, AL native currently living in Baton Rouge, LA, will be the featured artist at the 103rd TFMC convention March 23 in Midland.

Chiang is pursuing his Doctor of Musical Arts in Vocal Performance at Louisiana State University. He completed his Bachelor of Music degree at the University of South Alabama and his Master of Music at the Manhattan School of Music.

He won the NFMC honor in Dayton in 2017 and will be singing at the NFMC Conference in Milwaukee, WI in June. He recently won the 45th NATS competition, which includes $13,000 in cash and prizes and features a New York solo debut.

Equally comfortable performing on stage and in concert, Andre has a long list of roles and appearances. He has spent summers as a Gerdine Young Artist at the Opera Theatre of St. Louis and with the Glimmerglass Festival.

In addition to his NFMC honor, he was a regional finalist for the Metropolitan Opera National Council auditions and winner of a concerto competition at the Manhattan School of Music. He has performed with orchestras across the nation.

FRANCES NELSON
1st Vice-President, NFMC

Frances Nelson of Madison, Mississippi, the first vice-president of the National Federation of Music Clubs, will be the honored guest at the TFMC convention in Midland March 22-24. She will give the featured address at the March 23 banquet.

Frances holds a Master of Music Education degree from Jackson State University and a B.A. in Applied Piano from Mississippi College. She first became involved in Federation at age 8 when she entered Festivals.

Frances has served as president of MacDowell Music Club in Jackson six terms. She is a past president of the Mississippi Federation of Music Clubs and has been on the NFMC Board of Directors since 2011.

She is a Life Member and a Rose Fay Thomas Fellow. She created the Mississippi Scholarship Federation to help deserving music students with scholarship help. She is in line to become NFMC’s 34th president in 2019 in Jacksonville, FL.

Frances serves as music director and organist of the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle in Jackson, MS. Granddaughter Zoe, born January 2017, is a Cradle Roll member of NFMC.

The 103rd convention of the Texas Federation of Music Clubs will be March 22-24 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Midland. District 9, led by president Jo Ann Collett, will be in charge of arrangements.

Lois Armor, TFMC president, will conduct all meetings. A complete schedule and the official call can be found on page 3. Theme is “Black Gold and Golden Music.”

District 9 clubs helping with host duties are the Midland Musicians Club and Odessa Music Study Club. A performance of Ronald Bennett’s music will be Thursday night.

Frances Nelson of Mississippi, NFMC Vice-President, will represent NFMC and give the banquet speech Friday night. That will be followed by a concert from NFMC Young Artist in Man’s Voice, Andre Chiang.

Attendees are encouraged to reserve their rooms by calling the hotel at 432-683-6131. Ask for TMC rate. Deadline is March 7.

March 12 is the deadline to get your registration and meal reservations to TFMC treasurer Dorene Allen. Her address is included in the call on page 3.

Officers, chairmen, and district presidents and vice-presidents are encouraged to send reports of their activities to Lois Armor by March 15 to be distributed at the convention.

Black Gold and Golden Sounds

Come to Midland in the heart of the Permian Basin oil fields where good food and great music flow as freely as the black gold of petroleum. Be entertained by the golden sounds of national composer Ronald Bennett and Andre Chiang, baritone, 2017 NFMC Young Artist. We’ll have a “gusher” of musical merriment!
From your State President

Happy New Year! and Happy Valentine’s Day!

Do any of you make New Year’s resolutions? Maybe becoming more active in the Texas Federation of Music Clubs would be one to consider, and it’s not too late to start. One of the ways you can become more active, and better informed, is by attending our 103rd TFMC Convention in Midland March 22-24. Jo Ann Collett and the District 9 members are working hard to have a fantastic convention, one that you will not want to miss. A performance of “Musings: A Suite for Piano” composed by our own Ronald Bennett will be featured on the Thursday evening recital at the First United Methodist Church, Midland. (See the article in this MM.)

Of course, Friday morning starts with our Lifers Breakfast. (See article in this issue about this year’s event and a challenge presented by Linda Royals, TFMC 3rd VP.) Friday evening will be our Semi-Formal banquet which will be held at the First United Methodist Church, and will feature Frances Nelson, our NFMC Vice-President, as guest speaker. This will be followed by our 2017 Young Artist concert, male vocalist winner Andre Chiang, baritone. Afterwards we will have a small reception where you will have the opportunity to visit with Andre.

Music in Poetry Chair Marque McKay will be presenting next year’s challenge to all you composers out there. LaVerne Love will give a talk on gospel/sacred music. District Presidents and VPs will learn more about possible TFMC Regions. I don’t want to spoil everything. You just have to attend to enjoy all that is planned for your information and enjoyment.

The Official Call and proposed Schedule of Events is included in this Musical Messenger. Please make your reservations quickly.

On another subject, since I last talked with you I have had the privilege of visiting with the Waco Euterpean Club at their 124th Anniversary Celebration where we were entertained by the Spirit Bells from McGregor, Texas, 2017 winners of the Ruth Morse Wilson Handbell Choir Award. Being a novice handbell ringer, I was very impressed by their performance. I look forward to visiting with more of you, sharing information about TFMC, Opera in the Ozarks, NFMC, and of course the wonderful music.

Come to Midland where the Black Gold of Petroleum meets the Golden Sounds of Music at our 103rd TFMC Convention. Stay healthy, and I’ll see you there!

Lois

TFMC Chorus To Perform

All who love to sing are invited to join the TFMC Chorus that will perform on Saturday morning, March 24. The chorus is open to all singers and we especially invite all male singers to participate. Those of us who don’t sing look forward to this part of our Convention.

Please send names, vocal parts and email addresses to Lois Armor, 11003 Whisper Valley St., San Antonio, TX, 78230, email, loisarmor@sbcglobal.net. Please join us and be a part of the Golden Sounds of Midland.

Memorial Service

Club Presidents, please send names of Federation members who have died since the last state convention to Rev. Susan Hoffman, TFMC Chaplain for the memorial service at the Convention on Friday morning. Susan’s email is sbhnh@aol.com. Her snail mail is 4674 Pine Grove Lane, Ft. Worth, TX 76123.

Remember you can make a donation to the TFMC Memorial Fund in the name of those who have passed on. Just send your donation to Tim Danielson, TFMC 4th Vice President, who will acknowledge the contributions, and forward the donation to Dorene Allen, TFMC treasurer.

Check List of Things to Bring to Midland for the Convention (if you have them):

- Rose Fay Thomas Fellows, Yellow Rose Society members and IPFAC Life members bring your medallions.
- Bring items for the Silent Auction to benefit Opera in the Ozarks. Each district is asked to bring at least four items.
- Lifers bring your hats and your black and white striped outfits.
- Chorus members dress in black and white.

TFMC Chorus
To Perform

West Texas Composer’s Work to Be Performed at 103rd Annual TFMC Convention

A work by Odessa music teacher and composer Ronald Bennett will be the feature of the Thursday evening recital at the Texas Federation of Music Clubs Annual Convention in Midland, Texas March 22-24. “Musings: A Suite for Piano” was composed by Odessan Ronald Bennett, a member of TFMC since 1959. It was published by Hal Leonard in 2017.

Bennett has maintained a large piano studio in Odessa, Texas for over 50 years. Originally from Arkansas, he received two music degrees (B. M., M. M.)

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OFFICIAL CALL
Texas Federation of Music Clubs 103rd Annual Convention
March 22-24, 2018
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Midland Plaza
117 West Wall Street, Midland, TX 79701
Make reservations before March 7, 2018, Room Rate $114 plus tax (includes free breakfast)
Call 432.683.6131 to book using the code TMC

Name ______________________________ Local Club ________________________________ District __________
Office(s) or Chairmanship(s)_______________________________________________________________________
Life Member?  Yes  No    Rose Fay Thomas Fellow?  Yes  No    Yellow Rose Society Member?  Yes  No
First Time at State Convention?  Yes  No
Address ______________________________________________________________________________________
City ___________________________________________ State __________ Zip ____________ Guest(s) #_______

Schedule of Events

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Make Checks payable to TFMC, due by March 12, 2018
Mail to: Dorene Allen, TFMC Treasurer
10605 Richmond Ave.
Lubbock, TX 79424
432-413-7806
e-mail: ldoreneallen@yahoo.com

Please consider mailing in a registration even if you are unable to attend. It will help defray the cost of the Convention.

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Adjournment

All Chairs, please send copies of your reports to Lois Armor by March 15, 2018. Officers & Chairs bring 2 copies of your reports.
Bennett, from p. 2

from the College Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati, Ohio.

After his move to Odessa, Bennett and his wife Dortha were charter members of the Tuesday Morning Music Club in Odessa, established in 1964.

Dortha served as TFMC President for the 2005-2007 term. Ronald held several chairmanships at the local, state, and regional levels. A number of his piano compositions have been published. Many of them have been listed in the NFMC Bulletin. He has also composed two opera’s, children’s opera Giowena and Anna Green, a two-act opera based on an adult theme.

In 2002, Bennett was named Teacher of the Year by TFMC. He was made a Fellow by the Music Teachers National Association in 2009. He has served as vocal director for the Odessa Permian Playhouse and as choir director for several local churches and is currently the Fine Arts reviewer for the Odessa American.

“Musings” began as several pieces of music composed specifically for the Odessa College music students. Gayle Bizzell, Director of Keyboard Studies at the college, commissioned the pieces for her intermediate piano students. Each of the pieces matches musically a feeling Bennett wants to convey. The seven pieces were premiered in February 2017 in a multimedia experience that included student created art to accompany each piece. The pieces were combined by Bennett and published as a suite. They have been added to the NFMC festival bulletin.

Ronald Bennett, along with Felix, his Chihuahua/Terrier born in 2009: the bicentennial of Mendelssohn’s birth, considering Board Meeting, Wyndham Gardens Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK

OIO Silent Auction Planned

This year, as in the past, there will be a silent auction to benefit Opera in the Ozarks (OIO) at Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony (IPFAC) in Eureka Springs, AR, the only summer music center in the South Central Region of NFMC. To help TFMC raise as much money as possible for OIO, please bring items for all of us to bid on such as personal items, household goods, handmade items. Of course, musical themed items are always a good sell.

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Convention venues include DoubleTree, nearby church

All meetings will be held at the hotel Thurs. and Fri. Thurs. Luncheon and Thurs. Dinner will be at the hotel. Thurs. after dinner, Ronald Bennett's Concert will be at First United Methodist Church with Reception and Book Signing following. (There will be a shuttle from the hotel to the church available).

Friday Night Dinner will be in the Atrium of the First United Methodist Church with Young Artist Concert following in the Church Sanctuary, open to the public, and Reception following in the Atrium.

After guests check out of hotel (to save the cost of a meeting room) Sat. meeting and Luncheon will be in the Atrium of FUMC with TFMC Festival students performing, (hopefully).

Auction, cont. from p. 4

Be sure to bring your money too, to bid on those items you can’t live without!

If you can’t bring an item for the Silent Auction, please consider joining Opera in the Ozarks; there are a number of levels of membership starting at $25. You can also sponsor a Night of Opera for $300, or even underwrite an Opera for $2,500. Sue Breuer can help you with OIO membership or contact Duane Langley, IPFAC Treasurer.

We hope you’ll plan to attend Federation Days July 18-21 at Opera in the Ozarks and the Inn of the Ozarks in Eureka Springs. You’ll see all three featured operas and the children’s opera, plus enjoy lots of music and business meetings.

2017-2019 TFMC DIRECTORY

Page 6 Second Vice President: Mary Ann Bridges correct email: poseyrosey5645@suddenlink.net

Auditor: Sandra Chamness remove email address

Page 8 Add Bill Yick as a member of the Rose Fay Thomas Fellows (joined while a member in Arkansas)

Page 11 Insignia: Add Dr. Marcia Edwards as Chair Add Dr. Marcia Edwards to the Directory with the following information:

2203 Meadowbrook Dr., Austin, 78703
512-478-2481 mjhedwards18@gmail.com

Page 17 Sandra Chamness remove email address

NFMC/TFMC Life Membership is an honor, privilege

Membership in a federation-affiliated music club is not only a privilege and an honor, but comes with a commitment. You can take that commitment a step further by becoming a Life Member.

If you are already a Life Member of the Texas Federation of Music Clubs, then you know about that kind of dedication. You have learned that, believe it or not, it’s not just about you!

The $200 fee for Life Membership illustrates that one is determined to do all that she/he can do to see that “the music will go on,” because that fee goes directly to fund the Federation’s “Young Artist” program. If there is such a thing as an "elite" cadre in the TFMC or the NFMC, it is the membership that has gone that extra step of support. . .the Life Members.

Of course, we like to sweeten the pot a little by adding an enticing incentive. . .the TFMC Convention in March presents the opportunity for “Lifers” to attend that mystique-filled event known as the “Lifers Breakfast.” If you are not a Life member, maybe never even considered it, know that you are eligible and ever so cordially invited to join that special group.

If you are already a “Lifer,” what a great opportunity to honor a fellow club member, club officer, or dear friend...Could there be a more meaningful gift for a music lover? Some districts honor their president with a Life Membership; clubs could do the same for their president.

The convention is fast approaching, but it’s not too late.

Texas Federation of Music Clubs
NFMC/TFMC Life Membership Form

Name:

Address:

Phone:

E-Mail:

Local Club:

Please send completed form with a check for $200 made out to TFMC-Life membership to

Dorene Allen, TFMC Treasurer
10605 Richmond Ave.
Lubbock, Tx. 79424

There will be no charge for the Life Member Breakfast this year. The meal plays as part of your hotel reservation. Life Members

David (Dave) Englert has new information
28431 Lockeridge Creek Dr., Spring 77386
218-923-8637 docdave87d@sacnscape.net

Page 19 Harriet Payne has a new address
105 Hagen Dr., Boerne 78006

Page 20 Marilyn Teague remove email address

Page 21 Tabby Worthington has a new address: 13410 High Mesa Court, Houston 77059

and Inductees will simply pick up their breakfast choices and head to our “secret” room where we shall eat together and welcome our new Life Members for 2018. Yes, breakfast time is still 7 a.m., Friday morning, March 23rd. We will still need you to register for the breakfast on the Official Call's Registration form so we can get a head count for our meeting room.

Please help us reach our goal to have a new Life Member from each of our nine districts. District 4 already has one new Life Member for 2018. The gift of a Life Membership in TFMC is an honor that will be enjoyed for life.

Linda Royals, TFMC 3rd Vice-President
Rockdale club celebrates American Music Month

Matinee Musical Club of Rockdale has "Music Takes Me There..." as its yearbook theme for the 2017-18 year, with each month’s program taking us somewhere different. November in celebration of the Parade of American Music, the program was entitled "Music Takes Me to Literature."

The meeting was held at Rockdale’s Lucy Hill Paterson Library Nov. 16th in the evening when the library is open late to the public. It was the first time that the two oldest organized clubs in Rockdale (MMC, organized in 1909, and the Thursday Reading Club organized in 1914) met jointly.

The joint program was a review of the Best Selling book Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly, led by Reading Club President Geri Burnett, with the American Music written and performed during this WWII era led by MMC’s Tami Stockton.

Music included in this part of the program was a Youtube clip of Aaron Copland’s “Fanfare for the Common Man,” to represent the War Years; a Melody of Improvisational Jazz by MMC trumpeter Sparky Thomason, representing the Post War years; and Stephen Sondheim’s piece from Gypsy, “Together Wherever We Go” performed by MMC members Annette Griesbach and Pat Owen, to represent New Beginnings.

Tami Stockton sang "As Time Goes By" from the movie Casablanca as an epilogue closing.

At right is some of the decorations in the library which carried out the American Music Month theme.

This article and pictures will be in the spring edition of Music Clubs Magazine to share with others how a club observes American Music Month. You should be receiving your edition shortly.
District 3 clubs spread music to schools

During the past year, two clubs in District 3 have been developing outreach programs in the communities where students have few opportunities for musical experiences due to budget constraints in the local schools. In the Marshall Music Club, Brenda Ford has reached out to the Karnack school, where she has volunteered to teach students and the project was written up in the Marshall News Messenger when the children presented Christmas Carols in December.

In the Carthage Music Club, a new member, Kristy Cawthon, who has four school-age children of her own, was so concerned about the lack of music programs in schools that she approached our club, as well as other community organizations, about the idea of starting a community children's choir. She received financial support from the groups and began a choir of 4th through 6th grade children in the fall of 2017 and with the assistance of other club members, including Judy Galetar, accompanist, Sandra Bauer, Panola College Choral Director and her college choir students, presented a debut concert on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 for our club's Folk Music emphasis. Over thirty children, about half of them boys, performed with clear dictation, focus, precise memory and fine stage presence as they sang beautiful arrangements of many American Folk Songs before a large audience of parents and community members.

In addition to some local public school students, there were students from a church-related school and the local home-school association with up to 50 students involved in activities at times. The Panola Watchman paper carried an article with pictures of the choir. (I am attaching some pictures, including some with choir members interacting with Panola College vocal and instrumental students.) On Saturday, at our district spring board meeting, we will receive details about how the directors went about starting these two projects.

It is hoped that more local students will join the choir in the future.

Carolyn Copeland, President
TFMC District 3

Shown above are some of the students making up a choir in District 3. Music club members are volunteering their time to bring music to schools in the area who would not otherwise have the opportunity to participate in musical activities.

Brenda Ford of the Marshall Music Club, Kristy Cawthon of the Carthage Music Club, and music students from Panola College have joined forces to help spread music into schools where students would not otherwise have the chance to learn.

District 3 volunteers work with school students to carry out fun musical activities. Marshall and Carthage Music Clubs joined forces with Panola College music students to encourage grade school students to enjoy and learn music.
WHERE TO SEND YOUR REPORTS

courtesy of Carolyn McColloch

AD 2-1 – ARTS ADVOCACY REPORT
Armor, Lois, 11003 Whisper Valley St., San Antonio 78230 210-492-1730 loisarmor@sbcglobal.net

AM 7-2 – FOLK MUSIC REPORT
Collett, Jo Ann, 5607 Greenridge, Midland 79707 432-689-2604 jcollett@sbcglobal.net

AR 14-1 – OPERA REPORT
Copeland, Carolyn, 1467 CR 225, Carthage 75633 903-690-9424 copeland@hughes.net

AR 8-2 – CHORAL MUSIC
Dearman, Dr. Brenda, 606 Samuel St., Marshall 75672 903-935-1929 bdearman8@yahoo.com

AR 5-1 – INTERNATIONAL MUSIC RELATIONS
Ford, Brenda, 3430 Davidge Dr., Marshall 75672 903-742-6558 fordjeb@yahoo.com

ME 7-1 – SENIOR CLUB REPORTING
Griesbach, Annette, 905 Cady Rd, Rockdale 76567 512-446-3266 annetteg9@sbcglobal.net

FI 3-2 – FOUNDERS DAY REPORT
Herring, Nancy, 1210 Clover Lane, Ft. Worth 76107 817-738-9579 817-688-8707
nancy.herring@gandalf23.com

AM 1-1 – PARADE OF AMERICAN MUSIC
Johnson, Carla (Mrs. Philip), P. O. Box 12883, Austin 78711 and 2301 60th St., Lubbock 79412
caraTFMC@aol.com 806-535-5480

AR 3-1 – CRUSADE FOR STRINGS CLUB REPORT
Langford, Nancy, 3829 FM 1970, Carthage 75633 903-693-8225 nlang98@yahoo.com

AR 2-1 – CHAMBER MUSIC CLUB REPORT
McColloch, Carolyn, 5808 Terravista, Austin 78735 512-899-2884 carolynhmcc@gmail.com

AM 6 – AMERICAN WOMEN COMPOSER PROGRAMS AWARDS
AR 6-1 - MUSIC IN POETRY
McKay, Marque, 1503 Adobe Springs Dr., San Antonio 78232 210-496-6399 mcmckaytx@yahoo.com

AR 10-1 – MUSIC OUTREACH CLUB REPORT
Noonan, Phyllis, 11501 Alberta Dr., Austin 78739 52-551-2598 phyllisanoonan@gmail.com

AR 12-1 – NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK CLUB REPORT
Reynolds, Glenda, 5503 16th St., Lubbock 79416 806-792-9832 glendareynolds@hotmail.com

AR 9-3 – TOGETHER WE SING
AR 11-1 – SACRED MUSIC CLUB REPORT
Yick, Bill and Laresa, 7701 FM 1690, Copperas Cove 76522 512-564-5400
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