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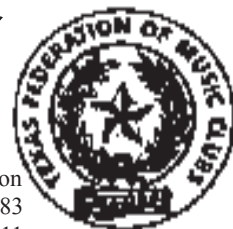
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TFMC plans convention in Waco

Starla Blair builds impressive record

Starla Blair, National guest for the TFMC convention, currently serves as the Chairman of the Council of State Presidents for the National Federation of Music Clubs. Her duties include the training and support of presidents of the various state Federations of Music Clubs across the country. Her four year term of office will conclude in June 2011.

Starla has served NFMC in a variety of positions. Some of these include: Vice-President-In-Charge-of-Central-Region (1997-2001), National Board Member (1993-2011), National Convention Co-Chairman for NFMC's 100th Anniversary (St. Louis 1999), National Gold Cup Chairman (1995-1997), and chairman of the Public Relations Division (2002-2005) and the Membership & Education Division (2005-2007). She is a Life Member of NFMC.

Starla has also been active in the federation at the local, state, and regional levels. She is currently treasurer of her local club. Her Junior Club (*Starla's Swingin' Strings*) has been active for more than 20 years. Starla has more than 40 students that participate in the local FMC Festival annually. She is also a supporter of Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony in Eureka Springs, AR.

Starla resides in Springfield, Missouri, where she maintains a private string studio for violin and viola. She is a free-lance performer on viola, performing for various area events and providing string quartet music for weddings. She has played professionally in the viola

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YA pianist featured at TFMC meeting

Pianist Dr. James Cockman III, 2009 Young Artist winner and featured performer at the Waco convention, has been praised by KC Metropolis as "a truly world-class concert pianist" who has "performed with immense musicality and razor-sharp virtuosity."

Dr. Cockman's recent concerto performances have included Grieg's Piano Concerto at Brevard, a wind ensemble premiere of Rachmaninov's Concerto No. 2 with the Kansas City Wind Symphony, and Stravinsky's Concerto for Piano and Wind Instruments at Carnegie Hall, the University of Kansas Wind Ensemble and with the Jefferson City Symphony Orchestra. Other concerto performances have included Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue. Recent solo appearances have included performances in Colorado, North and South Carolina, Louisiana, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Kentucky, Florida and Georgia, as well as recitals at the North Dakota Music Teachers Association State Convention in Williston, North Dakota; the University of Missouri in St. Louis, Missouri; and the Sherman Clay Steinway Center in Santa Clara, California. Dr. Cockman earned his Doctorate in Piano Performance and Pedagogy from the University of Kansas under Dr. Jack Winerock, his Master's degree in Piano Performance from Central Missouri State University with Dr. Richard Smith, and his Bachelor's degree in Piano Performance from William Jewell College with Dr. Calvin Permenter.

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96th annual meeting set March 31-April 2

Members of the Texas Federation of Music Clubs will conduct their 96th annual convention March 31-April 2 at the Waco Hilton, 113 S. Univ. Parks Dr., District 4, with Doris Ann Stanford as president, will host.

Carla (Mrs. Philip) Johnson of Austin and Lubbock will be conducting her final meeting as TFMC president. She will end her term July 1 as the 49th president of TFMC.

Part of the convention will include election and installation of new officers for TFMC. **The slate of officers includes the following nominees:**

President: Cletis Williamson, Ranger; 1st Vice President: Barbara Shinn, Odessa; 2nd Vice President: Annette Griesbach, Rockdale; 3rd Vice President, Sandy Toussaint, Marshall; 4th Vice President, Rhonda Stege, Dallas; Recording Secretary, Mary Thomason, Boerne; Treasurer, Dorene Allen, Odessa; Parliamentarian, Lynn McNew, Brackettville; Auditor, Gloria Thrasher, Rockdale; and Historian, Tim Danielson, Malakoff.

There are also some bylaws changes to be voted on in Waco. Find them on page 3.

Music, business, and good food and fellowship await you in Waco. Please make plans to attend. See the official call on page 7.

Noted Waco organist to perform concert

Dr. Joyce Jones of Baylor University will present an organ concert at the TFMC convention.

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From Your TFMC President

Winter is on my head, but eternal spring is in my heart - Victor Hugo

When you live in Texas, every single time you see snow, it's magical.

Although we haven't had the harsh winter of the midwest, north, and northeast, I think we are all still looking forward to spring. What better way to enjoy the spring than by attending our "Deep in the Heart of Texas" convention in Waco. I can't believe how quickly our 96th TFMC Convention will be here, March 31 - April 2, 2011. District IV is working hard to have a fantastic convention; one that you will not want to miss. The Waco Hilton is a beautiful hotel which has recently had a multi-million dollar renovation. We have outstanding music that will be performed. Our Thursday evening concert will be performed by Dr. Joyce Jones, organ professor from Baylor University. The concert will be preceded by our dinner at the Waco Hilton. The speaker will be Starla Blair, our NFMC guest. At our Friday evening banquet we will present our distinguished service award winners and have the installation of our 2011 - 2013 TFMC officers, District Presidents and District Vice-Presidents. This will be followed by our Young Artist concert by pianist Dr. James Cockman III. Afterwards we will have our Young Artist reception. Both of our evening concerts will be at 8:00 p.m. on the Baylor campus at the Roxy Grove Hall.

Our third vice-president, Rhonda Stege is planning an exciting Lifer's Breakfast Friday morning. We hope to have some of you join us as new "lifers". (see article in this MM)

If you have had members die during the past year (March 2010 - March 2011) and have not sent in their names, please send them along with the date of death. Our memorial service is always beautiful and meaningful. This year will include a tribute to our own very special past NFMC and TFMC president, Mary Prudie Brown.

Our Friday afternoon meeting will be at the Waco Federation Clubhouse where we will have several performances on their two grand pianos. We will also have musical interludes performed by Mykel Byersmith, piano and Rachael Hibbs, soprano, who are students at Baylor.

At each of our TFMC meetings, we have showcased at least one of our NFMC/TFMC Division groups. At this meeting, we will showcase Opera, Music in Schools and Colleges, and Folk Music.

IN MEMORIAM

Maria Natalia Garcia	September 7, 2010	Waco Euterpean Club Past President
Rosemary Graver Theisen	Friday, Oct. 1, 2010	Ft. Worth Harmony Club
Louise Nystel	December 10, 2010	Lubbock Music Club
Anne Campbell	December 17, 2010	Tyler Music Coterie
Art Miles	December 27, 2010	Austin Wednesday Morning Music Club
Julia Diffily	January 5, 2011	Euterpean Club, Ft. Worth
Virginia W. Russell	January 7, 2011	Eastland Music Club
(She would have been 100 in May)		
Maneeta Shaffer Heckathorne	February 5, 2011	Midland Music Club
Louise Maedgen	February 9, 2011	Lubbock Music Club
Mary Lou Frost Perkins, 94	February 14, 2011	Eastland Music Club

We are excited to again have our own TFMC Festival Chorus perform. The chorus will be conducted by Irma Davis. We hope to have many of you join us in this exciting endeavor. We will be doing one SSA piece accompanied by flute, one SAB number, and one SATB number, so we need male singers. Please e-mail me if you intend to sing and also tell me which part - CarlaTFMC@aol.com

Our Saturday luncheon program is unique this year as we are featuring a group of our juniors who will present a program performed on recorders. Most of these students performed at our 2010 TFMC State Festival. We hope you plan to stay until the end. Our meeting will adjourn Saturday by 1:45 p.m.

There is so much to share about TFMC, Opera in the Ozarks, etc. Please do try to attend our convention even if it is impossible for you to come the entire time. We would love for you to attend when and what you can.

This is our seventh *Musical Messenger*, and we feel that the *Musical Messengers* are a vital source of information for our clubs and their members. As our goal is "Communicate, Educate, and Orientate," we are diligently working to accomplish this by e-mails, phone calls, the *Musical Messenger*, and TFMC meetings. We hope that as TFMC members, you will take this information and communicate with your clubs. We hope to see many of you from **all nine of our TFMC districts**. If we have someone from all nine of our districts, it will be the first time in many years.

Y'all come.
Musically yours,



Carla Johnson
TFMC President 2009-2011

Proposed Bylaws changes from the Committee

Lora Lynn Christensen

Peggy Jones

Gloria Thrasher

ARTICLE X-Dues and Finance

Section 4. Change "December 1 of each year" to "November 15 of each year" (to agree with NFMC dates)

ARTICLE XI- Endowment Funds (See page 30 in TFMC Directory)

Section 6 J. C. Jr. and Robert Dyer Memorial Violin Endowment Scholarship Award was established to encourage and assist high school string students. Delete "who play violin." The endowment is administered by TFMC. The Dyers selected a committee of three TFMC members to administer the awarding of the earnings. The President of TFMC, with consent of the committee members (change from Board), shall name replacements for any resigning/retiring committee members. The committee shall appoint the chairman of said committee. Delete original last two statements of paragraph. (Current endowment is \$24,000.)

ARTICLE XII-Student Award and Scholarship Fund

DELETE ENTIRE ARTICLE: These matters are addressed more accurately and defined elsewhere in the Bylaws.

RENUMBER ALL subsequent Articles to reflect deletion of this number.

ARTICLE XIV-Past Presidents Assembly, etc.

These bylaws will be voted on at convention.

Dr. Joyce Jones to perform at convention

Joyce Jones, the Joyce Oliver Bowden Professor of Music and Organist in Residence at Baylor since 1969, has devoted her professional life to making friends for the organ, through Community Concerts, countless organ dedications, children's concerts, and orchestral appearances in 47 states and 12 foreign countries. She has recorded 7 CD's for Motette, Rosenhaus, and Word and has had 18 books of organ music and arrangements published.

Dr. Jones holds three degrees from the University of Texas in Austin, including a Doctorate of Music Degree, and also a second master's degree in composition from Southwestern Baptist Seminary.

Her numerous engagements include such venues as the Riverside Church, the Mormon Tabernacle, Notre Dame Cathedral, Chartres Cathedral, and the Meyerson Symphony Center. Her professional life is also one of "firsts": the first woman to perform on the organ at the Crystal Cathedral,

the first organist to play for the Grand Teton Music Festival, and the only woman organist chosen to play with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra at the inauguration of the Ruffatti organ in Davies Symphony Hall. "The National Federation of Music Clubs presented her with a National Citation "in recognition and sincere appreciation of her unselfish devotion and dedicated service to music as a concert organist, inspiring teacher and composer."

In 2010 she was honored by the American Guild of Organists at a gala reception and also received the professor of the year award from Baylor University. She received the Professor of the Year award from Baylor University in 2010.

Of her July 2008 concert at Trinity Church Wall Street, the review on Lucid Culture called Joyce Jones "a legend in organ circles, an extraordinarily imaginative, sensitive and original player." Wherever she plays, she is dedicated to sharing the joy of music.

See her picture on page 9 of the online version of the Musical Messenger.

Starla Blair, cont. from p. 1

section of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra for more than 30 years. And, she is the director of the Evangel University Suzuki Violin Program in Springfield. See her picture in the online Musical Messenger, page 9.

James Cockman, from p. 1

Throughout his collegiate studies, Dr. Cockman has enjoyed success in many competitions including the National Federation of Music Clubs Biennial Young Artist Piano Competition, the Naftzger Young Artist Competition, various levels of the Music Teachers National Association Young Artist competitions, the King Award Competition, and the GMA 32nd Annual Music in the Rockies Competition. Dr. Cockman also has served as a faculty-lecturer at the University of Kansas and artist-in-residence at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

In addition to performing as a concert pianist, Dr. Cockman creates his own arrangements using hymns and American tunes and enjoys improvisation and jazz. Residing in the Kansas City metropolitan area, he serves as a pianist and organist at his church and teaches privately.

See his picture in the online Musical Messenger, page 9.

Dr. Cockman's appearance at the TFMC convention is sponsored by Life Member dues. To have a part in this important work, become a NFMC/TFMC Life Member. See Rhonda Stege's article on page 4 and plan to participate in the Life Member breakfast Friday morning of the convention.

Silent auction planned to benefit Opera

As has been the case for several years, TFMC will have a silent auction to benefit Opera in the Ozarks at Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony in Eureka Springs, AR, the only summer music center in the South Central Region of NFMC. TFMC members are asked to donate various items to be sold during the Waco convention. Items such as personal items, household goods, jewelry, handmade items, books, and CD/DVD's are popular. There's a possibility we may have some more of the gorgeous vintage hats. Anything with a musical theme is also welcomed. In order to reach last year's amount of \$1900, we need ALL of you to help and participate.

Opera in the Ozarks will be observing its 61th anniversary this coming summer. Texas FMC will provide morning coffee, donuts, and muffins for Federation Days, July 20 - 23, 2011.

Good news was received recently with the announcement that OIO received a Heritage Resource Grant of \$25,000 for Facility Renovation.

We will have the Opera in the Ozarks cookbooks available at our convention for the low cost of \$13. They are beautiful with wonderful recipes. Plan to buy one for yourself and some for gifts.

The quarterly meeting of the OIO Governing Board will be March 4-5, 2011 in Oklahoma City, OK. Representing Texas on the Board are TFMC president, Carla Johnson; Jean Moffatt, who serves as Board recording secretary; Sue Breuer, who serves as Board vice-president; and Lee Meyer, who serves as Board trustee. At-large members of the Governing Board from Texas are Gloria Thrasher, Dr. John Schmidt, Tim Danielson, and Richard Drapeau.

Visit the OIO website, www.opera.org for more information.

Parliamentarian has report suggestions

Peggy Jones, TFMC Parliamentarian, reminds everyone about their reports for the coming convention:

"We have all been in TFMC for a long time, but from time to time we need to be reminded of the rules of the convention. In preparing reports, plan yours to conform to the time limits: five minutes for TFMC officers and district presidents; all others are given three minutes. If we all observe these time limits, our meetings will move along smoothly.

"Reports are to be written in the third person. Bring two copies for the secretary. Each report is to be signed, but not "respectfully submitted."

See you at the convention in Waco.

Singers needed for TFMC Chorus

Our TFMC Festival Chorus will be making its second appearance at the 96th convention in Waco March 31 - April 2.

We are requesting that each district send a minimum of one trio, SSA, to participate. Also, please roundup all of your male voices.

We will sing three songs: one SA accompanied by flute, one SAB, and one SATB. As you can see, male voices are very important. The chorus is open to all singers.

NFMC has had a chorus at their conventions for many years, and we hope this will become a tradition for TFMC. Long time choral director, Irma Davis of Lubbock will direct.

Please send names, vocal parts, and e-mail addresses of willing singers to TFMC president Carla Johnson as soon as possible. Practices and performances will be scheduled during the convention.

Members of TFMC, YOU can be a LIFER!!!

For you who are already "Lifers," it is important that you encourage others to BECOME a Lifer!!!! The \$200.00 that you give to join and be a Lifer goes to **\$up-port** our Young Artists; \$125.00 goes to NFMC and \$75.00 stays in TEXAS!!!! It is also TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

We are in TFMC to encourage music in all ways through students and those that continue to want to perform in the arts!!!! THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY to add to their lives and encourage them in their talent!!!!!!

For you who have been Lifers for a LOOOONG time, you can give a **\$urprise gift** to someone and make them a Lifer OR, help your clubs to give a membership to someone special like your club President, or a club member. HEY!! IT'S FOR OUR ARTISTS!!!!!!

Right now we have **four** new Lifers to induct at our breakfast, and WE WANT MORE!!!!!! Since this convention is centrally located, we should have LOTS of Texas members there, and wouldn't it be great to have EVERYONE become a LIFER?!!!

Send your money to Dorene Allen, 4606 Fountain Lane, Odessa, Texas 79761. You may also join in Waco at our TFMC convention. RECORD BREAKING IS OUR GOAL!!!!!! Wear black and white and your lifer's hat, and BE READY FOR SOME FUN!!!!

Hey, LIFERS!!! Are you getting EXCITED about our Waco convention BREAKFAST??? Don't come, by yourself!!!!!! Encourage others to become a member, and JOIN US for Friday morning EARLY at the TMFC convention!!!!!! See you there!!!!!!

Rhonda Stege, your TMFC 3rd VP

She won Lang Lang, Part II (submitted by Mary Thomason)

Posted on **01/07/2011** by **Jack Fishman**

Ruth Ann Chincanchan, age 10, wrote this essay to win the opportunity to attend the San Antonio Symphony's performance with piano superstar Lang Lang and join him at the post-concert dinner. She will be joined by her piano teacher, Wynne W. Wong. Ruth Ann has studied piano with Ms. Wong for five years.

Dear Selection Committee:

Why? Why pick me out of hundreds of kids?

Because I believe that music is the universal language. Music allows you to communicate with anybody in the world, and I speak Music!

Because I am convinced that music is beneficial in so many ways and promotes health and well being. I have also heard that classical music when heard prior to being born, has a very positive effect on the brain. Music has filled lives with happiness, can add a festive flavor to any celebration and can lift people's spirits.

Because I want for everyone to live our lives to the fullest, for our purpose in life to be attained – be it in science, technology, art, music or any area of choice. So, accompanying Lang Lang at the concert extravaganza, would give me the distinct privilege of using this very positive event in my life to announce to the world that there are good things in this life that are worthwhile, and music is one of those things.

Because I realized after reading Lang Lang's autobiography, *Playing with Flying Keys*, that if you give up, you're giving up on yourself. If you steadfastly strive to master something, you can accomplish it, just as Lang Lang brings all of music's attributes to life with his dynamism and sheer genius in his playing.

So, I am asking that you grant me the opportunity to be selected for this distinguished honor. I can assure you that I will surpass your expectations.

Ruth Ann Chincanchan

At the end of the concert, you might even see Ruth Ann on stage with the orchestra and Lang Lang. When I get a chance to meet her on Wednesday, I'm going to thank her for her moving essay. I especially agree with her that "music has filled lives with happiness." A simple, but powerful statement from a ten-year old pianist, who also plays chess, sings in her school choir, dances, practices Taekwondo, has won both Spanish poetry contests, Chinese speech contests and piano competitions.

I'm looking forward to meeting Lang Lang on Wednesday. And I'm really looking forward to meeting Ruth Ann Chincanchan.

Jack Fishman

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About Jack Fishman

Jack Fishman has spent over 30 years with orchestras, 10 as a double bassist and over 20 in orchestra management. He earned B.M. and M.M degrees from The Juilliard School in NYC. Before coming to San Antonio in September 2008, he was the executive director of the Long Beach Symphony in Southern California.

**See related picture
in online version,
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Texas Federation of Music Clubs

Cletis Williamson, First Vice-President

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Dear TFMC members and friends,

In serving TFMC as First Vice-President, it is my honor and delightful duty to present our outgoing President a memento from the members commemorating her term of office. It will be such fun to present Carla Johnson with a "love gift" at the close of the convention in Waco this spring.

I am using the Musical Messenger as a means to contact each TFMC member, officer, and friend to join me in honoring Carla. She has represented our state and national organization with efficiency, expertise, and with much charm and grace. She has traveled all over speaking knowledgeably and has made excellent decisions in guiding our Federation. I know everyone will want to honor her for her dedicated service.

For the President's gift, Carla has chosen to establish a scholarship to her alma mater at the Texas Tech School of Music. Checks may be made out to Cletis Williamson or, to receive a tax deduction, checks may be made out to the Texas Tech Foundation with School of Music entered on the subject line.

Please send your check/contribution no later than March 15 to:
Cletis Williamson
TFMC First Vice-President
619 Breckenridge Rd.
Ranger, TX 76470

Thanks for your generous participation.

See you at Waco,

Cletis

OFFICIAL CALL

Texas Federation of Music Clubs 96th Annual Convention

March 31 - April 2, 2011

Waco Hilton Hotel (254)754-8484 www.waco.hilton.com

[113 S. University Parks Drive, Waco 76701](#)

Reservations by March 9, 2011; Room rates, \$105 plus tax; mention TXM

Free shuttle service from the airport; call hotel or use kiosk in the baggage area; free parking

NAME _____ Local Club _____ District _____

Office(s) or Chairmanship(s) _____

Life Member? yes no Initiated? yes no Rose Fay Thomas fellow? yes no First Time at State Convention? yes no

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Guest(s) _____

SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 31

Finance Committee..... 9:15 a.m.

Executive Committee.....10:45 a.m.

Lunch on your own

TFMC Board Meeting..... 1:15 p.m.

TFMC Convention..... 2:00 p.m.

Dinner.....6:00 p.m.

Organ Concert.....8:00 p.m.

Reception following concert

Friday, April 1

Life Members Breakfast... 7:15 a.m.

Business/reports/music.....8:45 a.m.

Lunch Buffet.....12:00 noon

Reports/music..WFWC..... 1:15 p.m.

Coffee break..... 3:00 p.m.

Meeting continues.....3:20 p.m.

Semi-formal Banquet.....6:00 p.m.

Artist Concert..... 8:00 p.m.

Young Artist Reception.....9:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 2

Business/Reports.....8:45 a.m.

TFMC Festival Chorus..... 10:30 a.m.

Luncheon highlighting juniors.11:45a.m.

Adjourn.....1:45 p.m.

REGISTRATION FORM

EVENT	Price	No.	Total
Registration Fee (required)	\$25	_____	\$ _____
or One Day Registration	\$15	_____	\$ _____
Thursday Dinner	\$18.50	_____	\$ _____
Life Member Breakfast	\$13.50	_____	\$ _____
Friday Luncheon	\$10.75	_____	\$ _____
Friday banquet	\$21.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday luncheon	\$ 19.50	_____	\$ _____
Total Registration			\$ _____

Make checks payable to TFMC, due by March 19, 2011

To: Dorene Allen, TFMC Treasurer

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Odessa, TX 79761

(432) 367-2827 E-mail: ldoreneallen@yahoo.com

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

Those giving reports (officers, chairmen) please bring or send two copies of your report.

Please bring items for the Silent Auction

"Lifers" bring your hats

Rose Fay Thomas Fellows bring your medallions

IPFAC life members bring your medallions

MEMORIAL SERVICE - SEND NAMES of members who have died from March 2010 - March 2011 TO JANE BOWERS, bjsbowers@aol.com or 7836 Grassland, Ft Worth, TX76133; (817)247-2975)

Calendar of Club Report Due Dates

Due Date	Form #	Form Description	Receiving Chairman
March 1		Parade of American Music	Regional Chairman
March 1		American Women Composers	National Chairman
April 1	AR 14-1	Club Opera Report	State Chairman
April 1	AR 7-1	Music in Schools and Colleges	State Chairman
April 1	AR 7-1	Music in Schools and Colleges	State Chairman
April 1		Chamber Music	State Chairman
April 1	AR 3-1	Crusade for Strings	State Chairman
April 1	AR 5-1	International Music	State Chairman
April 1	AR 6-1	Music in Poetry	State Chairman
April 1	AR 11-1	Sacred Music	State Chairman
April 1		Music Service in the Community-Choral	State Chairman
May 1	AM 7	Folk Music	State Chairman
May 1	FI 9-3	Chapter PPA Report	State Chairman
May 1	PR 3-1	Radio/TV Report	Regional Chairman
May 1	AR 9-3	Together We Sing	State Chairman
May 1	AD 2-1	Arts Advocacy	State Chairman
May 25	AR 12-1	National Music Week	State Chairman
End of Year	ME 7-1	Senior Club Reporting	State Chairman
June 1	JR 1-1	Junior Club Rating Sheet	National Chairman
June 1	ME 7-2	Senior Club State Report	State President, NFMC HQ, NFMC Chairman

Calendar of Events

Opera in the Ozarks Governing Board meetings, March 4-5, 2011, Oklahoma City, OK
 TFMC 96th convention, March 31 - Apr. 2, 2011, Waco Hilton; District IV host
 National Music Week May 1-8, 2011; theme "Music. . .An Instrument of Universal Expression"
 TFMC State Festival, May 21, 2011, San Marcos
 NFMC 56th Biennial Convention, June 7-12, 2011, McLean, VA
 Opera in the Ozarks Federation Days, July 20 - 23, 2011 Eureka Springs, Arkansas
 TFMC Fall Board Meeting Aug. 26-27, 2011, Embassy Suites Love Field, Dallas



Starla Blair, NFMF Chairman of the Council of State Presidents and official NFMF guest at the 96th annual TFMC convention.



Dr. James Cockman III, 2009 Young Artist in Piano



Ruth Ann Chincanchon wins essay contest to meet Lang Lang. See story, page 5



TFMC president Carla Johnson (right) stands with District VI personnel and the Parade of American Music proclamation from Texas Gov. Rick Perry.



Dr. Joyce Jones at the organ

Corpus Christi club accepts generous gift

When Thursday Music Club Corpus Christi undertook the task of raising \$2000 to bring their endowment with Del Mar Foundation up to \$10,000--the amount required to use endowment earnings--they had no idea that President Emeritus of the now-defunct Harmony Club was sitting on a veritable "gold mine."

Says former President Betty Allen, "I always meant for the money to go to Thursday Music Club. I was just letting it sit in a CD and earn interest until it seemed the right time to present it. Well, this was the right time!" Betty Allen and Billie Peckenpaugh completed the necessary paperwork to have a check prepared for Thursday Music Club.

At the December meeting, Betty and Billie told the "tale" of the funds and presented the check to the club Treasurer with a flourish worthy of a maestro. "They kept this from me so I would be completely surprised," said Treasurer Beverly Randolph. "And it was, indeed, a complete surprise!" Members are thrilled that the money will significantly enhance the Thursday Music Club endowment account at the Del Mar Foundation, enabling them to present more

scholarship money to deserving Del Mar College music students than they ever have before. President Jerry Bushong said, "It's wonderful that we will always have this legacy from Thursday Music Club to benefit music students in the south Texas area. We are deeply grateful to the Harmony Club, and especially to Betty Allen and Billie Peckenpaugh for reserving these funds to present to TMC. This is a great gift."



President Jerry Bushong, Past President Betty Allen, Treasurer Beverly Randolph, and Past President Billie Peckenpaugh are shown here accepting a check for \$4,401.80 from the Harmony Club.



Texan Francis Christmann (second from right) welcomes guests to the reception at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City following the presentation of Young Artist Daniel Seigel (left) in November. Also pictured are Drs. George and Ouida Keck, Dr. Zuill and Lana Bailey, and Carolyn Nelson. Mrs. Bailey is NFMC president, Dr. Ouida Keck is a past NFMC president, and Carolyn Nelson is NFMC First Vice-President. (Photo by Texas Justice Phil Johnson)