

OFFICIAL CALL
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS
55th Biennial Convention



"Music....Inspires!"

ROSEN PLAZA HOTEL
Orlando, Florida
June 1-7, 2009

A registration badge is necessary for attendance at every NFMC Convention Function.

Full Registration: \$75.00 - Entitles the registrant to a program book, admittance to all open meetings and programs, evening concerts and receptions.

Daily Registration: \$25.00 - Entitles the registrant to a program book and admittance to all open activities for the day/evening.

Student and Junior Full Registration: \$25.00.

No charge for Registration Badge of Single Meal Function.

Registration Hours: Tuesday, June 2, 2 pm-7 pm;
Wednesday, June 3 - Saturday, June 6, 8 am – 5 pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Workshops are open to all registrants. Each state is encouraged to have at least one representative attend each workshop. Observers may attend committee meetings unless they are designated "Closed". The Chairman may allow questions and discussion by observers if time permits.

BOARD ATTENDANCE:

(NFMC Bylaws, Article VI, Section 2C): An unexcused absence from more than one Board session shall be considered a resignation. Board members are asked to inform the Recording Secretary if they must request an excuse for an absence.

WORKSHOPS:

The Convention is a planning, reporting, and educational session that includes numerous workshops. If conflicts arise, plan to attend one workshop and have other members from your state attend another workshop in order to benefit from all offerings.

CONVENTION LOCATION:

The Rosen Plaza Hotel is located at 9700 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819-8114. Telephone: 407.996.9700.

NOTE: There are 2 Rosen Hotels on International Drive. The Rosen PLAZA Hotel is located across from Pointe Orlando.

Hotel Reservation Cut-Off Date: MAY 4, 2009

Each individual is responsible for making his/her reservation.

Registrations online are encouraged:

- Enter www.RosenPlaza.com on the internet
- In left column, click *Reservations*
- Beneath information blocks, click *"groups"*
- Click *"yes"* on security information questions
- Enter attendee Code **1330** – click *"attendee login"*
- Click *"yes"* for security information
- Proceed with dates, credit card info, etc.

For telephone reservations: Call 1-800-627-8258. Be sure to identify the **National Federation of Music Clubs meeting** in order to receive the group rate of \$119.00 per night plus 13.5% tax. Check-in-time: 3:00 pm; Check-out time: 11:00 am.

Convention rates are available for three days following the meeting on space-available basis. Tours available at hotel.

PARKING: Complimentary on-site parking for hotel guests.

HOTEL AMENITIES: Business Center; Heated swimming pool with whirlpool and cascading waterfall; Nearby Pointe Orlando shopping complex; hairdryers, iron/ ironing board, telephones, safes, voice mail, high-speed internet access; remote control color cable televisions, in-room coffee/tea, and alarm clock. Complimentary transportation is available to Universal Studios, Islands of Adventure, City Walk, Sea World and Wet N' Wild.

ARRIVAL INFORMATION:

Orlando International Airport – 15-minute trip - \$29 round trip. To obtain a \$3 discount coupon, go to www.nfmc-music.org to print Mears Transportation Discount Coupon. Present coupon to Mears representative at airport.

HOTEL RESTAURANTS:

Café Matisse – Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
Lite Bite open 24 hours; Rossini's Pizza; Lobby Lounge.

WEARING APPAREL:

Apparel suitable for warm weather/air-conditioning. Fine dress for Formal Opening, concerts, and receptions; formal attire for the final banquet. (Black tie is required for male escorts of state presidents.) White attire is requested of the Board representatives at the Memorial Breakfast. **American Festival Chorus:** White shirts or blouses/dark slacks or skirts; dark ties.

VOTING:

See enclosed Voting Credentials Application for instructions.

PROPOSED CHANGE OF BYLAWS:

See enclosed Proposed Bylaw Changes

MEMORIAL SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS:

See enclosed Memorial Service Contribution application.

REPORTING PROCEDURE:

All Officers & Division Chairmen will present a convention report.

April 24th is postmark deadline for Committee Chairmen to send written one-page report to his/her Division chairman.

May 4th is postmark deadline for Division chairmen to send compilation of Division committee reports to NFMC Headquarters.

May 4th is postmark deadline for Officers to send one-page report to headquarters. Reports will be compiled for convention registrants.

Division Chairmen will introduce all committee Chairmen in his/her Division to the General Session and will present an over-all Division report within a specified time allotment.

State Presidents will present 2-minute reports at convention.

MAKE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS EARLY to ensure space in the Hotel for the Convention. **Orlando is a prime tourist area!**

Remember: May 4th deadline for hotel reservations!