

MICHIGAN
FEDERATION
of
MUSIC CLUBS

 *CounterPoint*

Spring 2024

MFMC 106th
ANNUAL CONVENTION
May 16-18, 2024

CONTENTS INCLUDE

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
THE COMMITTEE'S MESSAGE
CONVENTION SITE INFO
CONVENTION SCHEDULE
REGISTRATION FORMS
AND MORE



Choral Day
Saturday, May 18

MICHIGAN FEDERATION *of* MUSIC CLUBS

MFMC COUNTERPOINT 2024 SPRING CONTRIBUTORS

Alisha Snyder, *MFMC President*
Bea Wassenberg, *2024 Convention Chair*
Jackie Livesay, *2024 Convention Chair*
Kaye Rittinger, *MFMC Communications Chair*
Gail Mitchell, *2024 CounterPoint Editor*

CONTACT MFMC

If you have any questions regarding the convention, please contact Jackie Livesay at jackielivesay@comcast.net.



The Michigan Federation of Music Clubs is affiliated with the National Federation of Music Clubs.

2024 CONVENTION COMMITTEE MESSAGE

Michigan Federation of Music Clubs has long been a multi-faceted organization. Its members include professional musicians, amateur musicians, music teachers, music students, parents, benefactors, and volunteers. These diverse members have one thing in common – a love of music!

On May 16–18, 2024, we will gather in Lansing for our Annual Business Meeting and Convention. This is an opportunity to acknowledge, explore, and enjoy our common goals – the support of American music and composers, the promotion of music education, and the sharing of ways to provide quality music in our communities. Members who have been part of MFMC for decades can enjoy meeting new members, many of whom have just begun their music careers.

The Convention Committee has planned a variety of performances, from a lecture and recital by MSU Director of Piano Pedagogy Dr. Derek Polischuk, to a presentation by the Edelweiss Alphorn Club of Mid-Michigan. Also featured will be opera professor Richard Fracker, violinist Megan Crawford, guitarist Dr. Anur Alakavuklar, harpist Belle Coty, and bassoonist Ian Morin.

In addition to these presentations, National Federation of Music Clubs First Vice President Heidi Hong will be our guest speaker on Friday and we will enjoy performances by MFMC Award Winners that evening.

There have been many requests for Choral Day, so our Saturday emphasis this year will be choral, featuring a rehearsal and performance of an MFMC Massed Chorus led by Dr. Charles Norris from Grand Valley State University. Individual club choruses will also perform.

Please join us to celebrate our common interests and hopes for the future. We look forward to seeing all of you at the convention in May!

The 2024 MFMC Convention Committee

Bea Wassenberg and Jackie Livesay, Co-Chairs

*Sue Allen, Michele Armstrong, Mary Jane Timmer,
Steven Mastrogiacomo, Kaye Rittinger, Alisha Snyder*

MFMC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

This year, the convention committee is thrilled to invite you to join us in Lansing on May 16-18. In addition to our Annual Business Meeting for full MFMC members, there will be amazing and inspiring music, a meaningful time of remembrance during the memorial service, and great food. All of this will be topped off by a performance by our MFMC Award Winners.

We are also excited to offer Choral Day on Saturday. Whether you are part of a Federation chorus or just love to sing, you can join the mass choir!

We look forward to seeing you in May to network with colleagues, reconnect with old friends, and meet new MFMC members.

Sincerely,

Alisha Snyder, MM, MT-BC

Alisha Snyder
MFMC President



MICHIGAN FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS 2024 MFMC Convention Advertisement Form

You are invited to place your advertisement in the Convention Program Booklet, which will be in book form, measuring 8-1/2" high and 5-1/2" wide.

Please email your original, print-ready artwork, along with the following information, to Bea Wassenberg at beawass4music@gmail.com. Remember: a copy of a copy will not produce a clear advertisement!

Deadline for submission: April 22, 2024.

Club or Patron Name: _____ Contact Person (if different): _____

Email Address: _____ Telephone Number: _____

ADVERTISEMENT SIZE

Check the ad size that you would prefer:

Back Cover (4.75" x 7.5") \$325 _____ Inside Back Cover (4.75" x 7.5") \$275 _____

Full Page (4.75" x 7.5") \$175 _____ Half Page (4.75" x 3.5") \$125 _____

Quarter Page (2.25" x 3.5") \$75 _____ Quarter Page (4.75" x 1.625") \$75 _____

Eighth Page (2.25" x 1.875") \$50 _____ Greetings (listed on single page) \$35 _____
(Happy Birthday to..., Congratulations to..., etc.)

MFMC Appreciation Page \$15 _____ *Print your name here for inclusion:* _____

Autograph Page \$15 _____ *Sign or type your name in a script font on plain white paper.*

Make checks payable to "MFMC Convention." Mail this form and the check by April 22, 2024 to: Susan Allen, 211 N. Edgeworth Avenue, Royal Oak, MI 48067-2367.

MICHIGAN FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS

106th Convention Schedule, May 16–18, 2024

All events to be held at the Crowne Plaza Lansing West Hotel unless otherwise indicated.

DATE & TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
THURSDAY, MAY 16	OPTIONAL PRE-CONVENTION ACTIVITIES	
5:00 pm	Dinner at Bravo! Italian Kitchen	2970 Town Centre Blvd., Lansing
7:00 pm	Tour of MSU Music Facilities Recital by Richard Fracker, Tenor <i>MSU Beal Outstanding Professor, Area Chair of the Vocal Arts</i>	333 West Circle Drive, E. Lansing
8:30 pm	MFMC President's Afterglow	Crowne Plaza Lansing West Hotel
FRIDAY, MAY 17	CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES	
8:00 am	Registration opens	
9:00 am	MFMC 106th Annual Convention Opening Ceremonies: Welcome & Business Meeting, Part 1	
10:30 am	Break	
10:45 am	Lecture and Performance by MSU Professor Dr. Derek Polischuk and MSU doctoral candidates Jiwoon Sim and Sungyeon Ahn <i>Six Pieces Romantiques (Chaminade) and Twelve Waltzes and Finale (Jaell)</i>	
11:45 am	Break and Seating for Lunch	
12:00 pm	Lunch Buffet with guest speaker Heidi Hong, NFMC First Vice President Presentation of 25 & 50 Year Certificates, Citation Awards	
1:45 pm	Memorial Service, <i>MFMC Chaplain Marcia Nobel</i> <i>Music by harpist Belle Coty and bassoonist Ian Morin</i>	
2:30 pm	MFMC Business Meeting, Part 2 and Gift Basket Drawing	
3:15 pm	Performance by the Edelweiss Alphorn Club of Mid-Michigan	
4:00 pm	Break	
5:15 pm	Performance by violinist Megan Crawford	
6:00 pm	Seating for Dinner Banquet	
6:15 pm	Dinner Banquet	
7:30 pm	Award Winners Concert, <i>Beatrice Wassenberg, MFMC Awards Chair</i>	
8:45 pm	Convention Closing Remarks	
SATURDAY, MAY 18	CHORAL DAY	
9:00 am	Registration Opens	
10:00 am	Massed Chorus Rehearsal; <i>Dr. Charles Norris, Director</i>	
11:30 am	Break	
11:45 am	Lunch Buffet, <i>music by guitarist Dr. Onur Alakavuklar</i>	
1:00 pm	Choral Concert featuring individual MFMC Club Choruses and MFMC Massed Chorus 2024	
2:30 pm	Farewell	

MICHIGAN FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS

106th Convention, May 16–18, 2024
2024 Convention Registration Form, Page 1

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Convention and Meal Registration Deadline: April 22, 2024.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Club Name: _____

Office (if any): _____

Please refer to the hotel information on the next page to book your individual room.

THURSDAY, MAY 16 PRE-CONVENTION MEALS & ACTIVITIES

Dinner, Bravo Italian Kitchen (5 pm) (\$35/person; includes tax and tip) _____ Dinner attendees

2970 Town Centre Blvd, Lansing, MI 48912

Menu choices will be made at the restaurant:

First course: Italian Wedding Soup or Insalata Della Casa

Entrée: Lasagna or Chicken Caprese or Eggplant Parmesan with Herb Linguine (V)

Includes unlimited soft drinks, coffee, and tea; Focaccia Bread

Michigan State University Tour and Recital (7 pm) (Complimentary) _____ Tour attendees

Tour of newly renovated Michigan State University Music Facilities

Recital by Richard Fracker, *MSU Beal Outstanding Professor & Area Chair of the Vocal Arts*

Afterglow at Hotel (8:30 pm) (Complimentary) _____ Afterglow attendees

FRIDAY, MAY 19 CONVENTION MEALS

Lunch Buffet (\$35 per person) _____ Lunch attendees

Ham, turkey, or veggie wrap; fruit and pasta salads; Chef's Choice Dessert; and coffee, tea, or lemonade.

Dinner (\$40 per person) _____ Dinner attendees

All entrées served with a starch, vegetables, a garden salad, rolls, and Tuxedo Truffle Mousse Cake; coffee, tea, or lemonade.

Please select one entrée:

Pan Seared Norwegian Salmon with a Sweet Chili Glaze _____

Bavette Steak (grilled Medium) with a Red Wine Veal Reduction _____

Portabella Wellington (V) _____

This form continues on the back of this page. Please mail your completed form with a check to: MFMC SE District, c/o Susan Allen, 211 N. Edgeworth Avenue, Royal Oak, MI 48067-2367. Deadline: April 22, 2024.

MICHIGAN FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS

106th Convention, May 16–18, 2024
2024 Convention Registration Form, Page 2

SATURDAY, MAY 18 CONVENTION MEALS

Go Green Salad Buffet (\$26 per person)

_____ Lunch attendees

Romaine Salad with toppings: grilled chicken breast strips, diced bacon, shredded cheddar cheese, grape tomatoes, red onions, cucumbers, shredded carrots, croutons, Ranch and Balsamic Vinaigrette.

Cheddar Broccoli Soup, Chef's Choice Dessert; coffee, tea, or lemonade.

SATURDAY, MAY 18 CHORAL DAY (see separate form for singer registration)

TOTAL AMOUNT

Conference Registration (\$40 per person)

\$ _____

Thursday Dinner (\$35 per person)

\$ _____

Friday Lunch (\$35 per person)

\$ _____

Friday Dinner (\$40 per person)

\$ _____

Saturday Choral Day Lunch (\$26 per person)

\$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT

\$ _____

Please make sure to fill out your contact information on the front of this form. Mail your completed registration form with a check to: MFMC SE District, c/o Susan Allen, 211 N. Edgeworth Avenue, Royal Oak, MI 48067-2367.

2024 CONVENTION SITE

The 106th MFMC Convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza Lansing West Hotel. The hotel is located at 925 S. Creyts Road, Lansing, and it is conveniently situated near I-496, I-69, and I-96.

The special conference group room rate is \$155.68 per night (includes all taxes and fees). Breakfast is not included, but there is a restaurant on-site. Parking is complimentary. Check-in is at 4:00 p.m. and check-out is at 11:00 a.m.

To be guaranteed the conference group rate, your reservation must be made by **Tuesday, April 16, 2024.**

Reservations may be made by calling (877) 322-5544 and identifying yourself as a member of MFMC. Reservations may also be made online at www.crowneplaza.com/lansingwest using the group discount code MFC.



MICHIGAN FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS

106th Annual MFMC Convention Choral Day Registration Form

We invite all individual MFMC Club Choruses to join us on Saturday, May 18, for the MFMC Convention Choral Day! This form is to be filled out by each Club Chorus participating, as well as any individual singers not participating with a Club. Send completed forms and one check per club (or individuals not affiliated with a Club) to the address below.

Please limit choral performance time to *seven minutes*. The titles and composers of your performance selections, as they are to appear in the program booklet, must be sent to Bea Wassenberg at beawass4music@gmail.com or 1705 St. Clair River, Algonac, MI 48001. Phone: (586) 216-5101. *Deadline for Choral Day Registration: April 22, 2024.*

Please designate *one* representative to pick up registration materials on Choral Day between 9:00 and 9:45 a.m. for your chorus.

CHORAL DAY REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Club Name: _____ Chorus Name: _____

Director: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Piano Accompanist: _____

CHORUS MEMBERS ATTENDING (please print names)

- | | |
|----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 12. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 13. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 14. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 15. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 16. _____ |
| 8. _____ | 17. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 18. _____ |

Please attach an additional sheet if needed.

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration Fee: \$5 per person Number: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Luncheon Fee: \$26 per person Number: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Please include luncheon payment for anyone who has not previously paid for this meal in conjunction with Convention Registration fees.

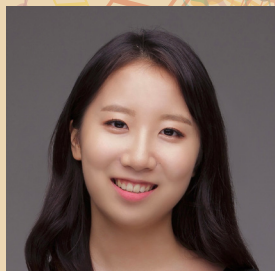
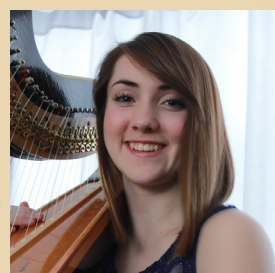
Total: \$ _____

Please mail your completed Choral Day registration form with a check to: MFMC SE District, c/o Susan Allen, 211 N. Edgeworth Avenue, Royal Oak, MI 48067-2367. Deadline: April 22, 2024.

MICHIGAN FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS
5110 28TH STREET #1118
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49512



MFMC 106th ANNUAL CONVENTION PERFORMERS AND GUESTS



Appearing at the 106th MFMC Annual Convention on May 16-18, 2024: (left to right) violinist Megan Crawford, conductor Dr. Charles Norris, NFMFC First Vice President Heidi Hong, bassoonist Ian Morin, harpist Belle Coty, tenor Richard Fracker, pianist Dr. Derek Polischuk, MSU College of Music doctoral candidates Jiwoon Sim and Sungyeon Ahn, and guitarist Dr. Onur Alakavuklar.