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## "In-a-Chord" NEWS

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been a pleasure to serve in IF Music Club these last months. All the board members have been generous with their time and it takes every person to keep the ball rolling. I would especially like to thank Linda Neeley for all the time she spent on the booklet and Jeanette Weaver, for year after year opening her home for the Opening Social. Our festival board has also, already, spent hours in preparing for February and March.

We have been working steadily on the Centennial Celebration Concert with suggestions from all sides. It will be a wonderful concert and a tribute to all who have contributed to our community through Music Club the past 100 years. So, put February 25, 2012 on your calendars. It will be something we all will not want to miss, teachers, students and all who love music.

I have read through the past President's Report of Club Activities from 1951. It was during this time they were raising money for the "Concert Grand Steinway" and the Concert Organ for the Civic Auditorium. They were very 'zealous' in guarding Music Club funds and curtailing all undue expense so that they could hand over as much money as possible to Altha Bradbury, who was the Project Chairman. She contacted service clubs and industrial organizations with "enthusiasm that has made the whole community Piano Conscious." They had a March Musical Fashion Show that "helped swell the piano fund."

This same year they had a project encouraging funds to buy a "Radio Phonograph" for the orthopedic ward of the hospital. They took records (phonograph records) to both hospitals... adult records to the Sacred Heart Hospital and children's records to the LDS Hospital.

It sounds like the Choralaires started as a 'Music Club Chorus' performing at various functions. That year Music Club had a membership of 102. Quote, "We have supported and discussed federation projects, club magazine and have attended state and national meetings. We have supported legislation, radio programs, musical movies, our own symphony orchestra, the Community Concert Association by letter, phone calls and ticket selling . . . We hope we have paved the way for a bigger and better Music Club." Eldna K. Wood (1951-1952 President) ends her report with, "Such conventions (State Federation Music Club) makes us realize the broad scope of Music Club and fills us with a desire to accomplish many of the things possible in the Federation. We have only scratched the surface of what can be done, and We Can Do So Much More---**To those who come after. Please carry on**\_\_".

I would like to tell her, Music Club *has carried on* its purpose in full force. If she (and those who have gone before) could know the wonderful women that have, for so many years, built on the foundation those before have laid, they would be pleased that their efforts were not for naught, but definitely made a difference in our community as well as spread across the country.

We have streamlined our activities to adjust for the times, and added even more to carry out our purpose:

**We praise and thank Thee, Father, for the gift of music. Through us, as channels of Thy grace, may this blessed legacy be shared with all mankind. Grant that we may exemplify in our own lives the harmony of Thy great purpose for us.**

**Give us magnitude of soul, and such understanding hearts that we who make music may be as players upon rightly tuned instruments responding to Thy leading.**

**Let us with renewed consecration dedicate ourselves to the purpose of our Federation, to bring the spiritualizing force of music to the inner life of our nation. Open our minds that divine knowledge and wisdom may teach us how best to execute our pledge.**

Sincerely,  
Marie Decker

#### Music Club Calendar

November 4-5 IFMTA/EIMTA Sonata Competition

November 4 Kevin Olson Workshop

December 5 Choralaires Christmas Concert



### FJH Piano Teacher's Workshop

Kevin Olsen will be presenting a workshop at Piano Gallery Music Superstore on Friday, November 4 at 9:00 a.m. to noon.

The topic is "Succeeding at the Piano – a Method for Everyone!"

Please RSVP at 524-4420.

### CHORALAIRES CORNER

The theme of our Christmas Concert is "The Joy of Christmas". We will be singing many familiar fun and uplifting Christmas favorites. Richard Dyer will be our guest soloist this season. We will also have dancers, a children's group, and perhaps a visitor from the North Pole! We invite everyone to attend our concert. Children over 8 will probably enjoy it most. It is free and open to the public.

Our concert is at the Hillcrest Performing Arts Center on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and starts at 7:00. We now have 50 ladies in our choir. We will do auditions again on Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at Piano Gallery from 6:30-7:00 for new ladies who would like to join us for the spring season. We will begin practices on Tuesday, January 10 and Thursday, January 12.

## IDAHO FALLS MUSIC CLUB CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

We are planning a big Centennial Celebration for Saturday, February 25, 2012 at the Colonial Theater at 7:30 p.m. We hope to have a delightful pre-show around 7:00.

The concert will include a variety of numbers—group, choir, solo, scholarship winners, etc.—and will include some remarkable history we are researching.

**THIS WILL BE AN EVENING WELL WORTH ATTENDING!**

Lorraine Taylor is heading up this special event. We appreciate all the work she and her committee are doing to make this a memorable event for the music club.

### *Notes from the past.....*

- On March 8, 1953 the Idaho Falls Music Club presented the Idaho Falls Civic Auditorium with a Steinway Concert Grand Piano and Concert Grand Organ.
- Final note from Virginia N. Williams (Mrs. Ruland) President 1952-1953 (membership 122):  
To those who come after me----  
  - Coming together is a beginning,
  - Keeping together is progress,
  - Thinking together is unity,
  - And Working together is success!
- Festival Entrants 1953                      124 students  
Festival Entrants 2011                      1200 students
- 1953-1954 Membership - 139
- Idaho Falls Music Club Chorus was federated in 1954 and will be known as the Choralaires. They were instrumental (by giving concerts) in helping to raise money for the piano fund.
- The first (end of the year) President's Report was given in 1916.
- The piano for the University Place Auditorium was purchased and celebrated at a concert there Friday, September 6, 1985. It was a 25 year project.

### IFMTA AND EIMTA

#### Sonata/Sonatina Competition

Competition: Friday, November 4 -  
Saturday, November 5  
Winners Concerts: Saturday,  
November 5 at 12:30 and 2:30  
University Place Auditorium  
1784 Science Center Drive

The next issue of our newsletter will be coming out the first of January. If you have anything for the newsletter contact Janice Rankin. Call me or send me an email at [musigames@yahoo.com](mailto:musigames@yahoo.com).

Here are some ideas for some seasonal games you can play with your students:

- Turkey Shoot—Label some pictures of turkeys with the letters of the music alphabet. Teacher holds up a flash card. Using a nerf gun, the student identifies the note and shoots the turkey that has the correct letter name.
- A Christmas "Quodlibet" ---The Bach family enjoyed singing a "quodlibet" at their family reunions. In quodlibet singing, everyone sang whatever they wanted to sing. They would often shout the words in an attempt to get someone else to make a mistake! Assemble your students in small groups (or a group of "one" if anyone is feeling brave). The groups then all sing together a Christmas song of their choice and try to get one of the other groups to "mess up" by singing their own song with vigor! If a group makes a mistake, they need to sit down---see which group will be the last one standing! (If your song is short, just keep repeating it!)
- If you do a gift exchange at your group lessons, try mixing up the gifts a little. Have the students sit in a circle holding a gift. The teacher selects an interval card and calls out the interval. (ie: up a fifth; down a third, etc. The students pass the gift to the right for ascending intervals and to the left for descending intervals.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### **Idaho Falls Arts Council (208) 522-0471**

November 11-12, 14-15, Colonial Theater, "Hairspray"

November 25-26, Monday 28, Fri-Sat December 2-3, 7:30 p.m., Colonial Theater, Playmill Theatre's White Christmas

December 9 & 10, 7:30, Colonial Theater, Idaho Ballet Theatre's The Nutcracker

December 17, 7:30, Colonial Theater, Snake River All Stars Christmas' Past

December 20, 7:30, Colonial Theater, Jon Schmidt and Steven Sharp Nelson

### **Idaho Falls Symphony (208) 529-1080**

November 19, 7:30, Civic Auditorium, "American Dreams" featuring Emma Rubinstein, violin

December 14, 7:30, Civic Auditorium, "A Nutcracker Christmas"

### **BYU-Idaho, (208) 496-3170 or 1-800-717-4257**

November 5, 7:30, Hart Auditorium; Golden Dragon Acrobats from China

November 11, 7:30, Barrus Concert Hall, Imani Winds

December 3, 7:30, BYU Idaho Center, A BYU Idaho Christmas with Brian Stokes Mitchell

December 10, 7:30, Kirkham Auditorium, Swingin' Christmas featuring sax player Ed Calle

### **ISU - Stephens Performing Arts Center. Box Office Phone (208) 282-3595. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.**

November 3, Paul Revere and the Raiders

December 15, Mindy Gledhill Christmas - "Winter Moon" with the Teton Chamber Orchestra