

## *ABC's* of MFMC Festivals

*A*ll teachers and students participating in Festival must belong to the Federation. Join a club, start a club, or pay individual dues! State dues deadline is Nov. 1 (note this is a change starting 2012).

*B*uy an official Federation Festivals Bulletin. Read all pages that apply to your students' events. General Rules (pp.1-6), Section Rules (i.e. Piano, Strings), Event Rules (i.e. Piano solo, Violin Concerto). Don't break the rules, you'll break a student's heart when they are disqualified.

*C*arefully, using the rules in the Bulletin, pick events and selections for your students. Tips: Don't start too hard, and don't forget the Theory event!

*D*o not use illegal photocopies of music! Just don't. It violates U.S. law and NFMC rules.

*E*ach district has a fabulous chairman who will help you. Help her by getting your forms and fees in as she requests. Tip: keep good records.

*F*or a Festival to be a success, each and every participating teacher must chip in volunteer time, either during preparation, day-of, or follow-up.

*G*old and Silver Cups are a great option for motivation and rewarding students.

Have fun and make great music! (Ha-ha German scale letter!)

### Useful websites:

[nfmc-music.org](http://nfmc-music.org) (National Federation of Music Clubs)

[msmusicclubs.org](http://msmusicclubs.org) (Mississippi Federation of Music Clubs)

(also, publishers like [halleonard.com](http://halleonard.com), [fjhmusic.com](http://fjhmusic.com), [alfred.com](http://alfred.com), [kjos.com](http://kjos.com))

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