



The Junior Composers Institute celebrated its tenth anniversary in 2011. This unique Institute gives young composers an opportunity to hone their composing skills in a variety of genre. The students are guided by an excellent faculty and are enriched with guest composers and conductors. The *NDFMC Evelyn Sampson Award* of \$360 was given to **Amelia (Mimi) Brown**, 16, from Wahpeton, North Dakota. Mimi plays the piano, baritone saxophone, drums, and is learning guitar. She wrote her first complete piano piece called "Sparkling Waterfall" when she was 9. Her quote "I started writing because since I was very, very young I've always heard music in my head. For me, composing was the only way to show everyone else what I was hearing in my head!" Mimi attended the two-week Junior Composers session with these comments: "It has been an amazing experience. I got to make a demo recording of one of my songs and also got to see my orchestral piece performed by professional players! It was great!"

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