



# Notes

A monthly compendium of news and notes from the Cowichan Valley Music Teachers Association meeting.

April 28, 2006

## Meeting Notes from April 28, 2006

### Songfest May 26 & 27 -

Spearheaded by Kim Sylvester and Sue Doughty, who thought the piano people shouldn't have all the fun, Songfest appears for the first time May 27 & 28, 2006!

All voice teachers are invited to register their students for up to 2 classes, plus the group song class. It will be held at St. John's Anglican, in Duncan. Adjudicator is **Dr. Marvin Regier**. Full details may be found on the web; the registration area is open there till May 6 only - [www.cowichanmusicteachers.com](http://www.cowichanmusicteachers.com)

It is short notice, but we wanted to get up and running, and are hoping for wide support from the voice teachers. Volunteers to be the "teacher on duty" for one or more sessions would be appreciated. Call Sue D. 746-2326

### Medieval Weekend

Plans are proceeding for the Pro-D music weekend, "Really Deep Roots Music" which will focus on music (and life) of the European Medieval period. Mark your calendars now for **October 20-21, 2006!** Elizabeth MacIsaac, well known educator and performer of Early Music will lead the team of clinicians. Classes for teens and adults, students and teachers, will include an Introduction to Medieval music, Instrumental music of the period, How to Sing Medieval Music (for choir members and directors), a Medieval Dance, and a finale concert featuring the clinician performers.

Info will be up on the website soon, in the interval, remember that this is our major educational event of the year, and we count on teachers registering all their students for at least one of the classes. Some teachers build it into their teaching year, if you are one of those, you may wish to note that the first class will be \$12.00, with a decreasing price per class as students register for 3 or more.

### Pianofest April 28 & 29 -

**Pianofest** has just wrapped up as I go to send this out - more than 125 registrations were received from 10 teachers - Bravo all! Full report next month...

### CVMTA E-mail list Guidelines

The committee presented a page of guidelines which we agreed to today. They'll be coming as a separate page, and will also be posted on the website. All members are asked to read these, and abide by the policy.

## Let's build the Cowichan Valley Music Teachers Association

Remember to check past issues, and find a teacher or their phone number at [www.cowichanmusicteachers.com](http://www.cowichanmusicteachers.com) Tell your colleagues!

### Next meeting -

**Friday May 26, Judith McIvor's.** 1312 Janet Place, Maple Bay. Regular monthly meeting. Coffee at 9:30, music begins at 10! Everyone is welcome.

**June meeting** - will be a pot-luck evening at Ruth and Garth Williams, June 23, 5 pm.

### Website update

The new **Find a Teacher** section is up and running, as is Songfest Registration. If you haven't had a look - now is the perfect time. Go to [www.cowichanmusicteachers.com](http://www.cowichanmusicteachers.com) There are several sections listed on the left, including "Find a Teacher". There are several people who have individual pages completed (look at Ann's, Marilyn's, Trisha D's) You find them by searching for the teacher by location or instrument, then clicking on the "more info" link at the far right of the listing. (I also use this as a handy e-mail and phone list). If you want a page of your own, send the info to Judith - [kabath@telus.net](mailto:kabath@telus.net) and she'll turn it into a webpage!

Now is time to consider how we will advertise this service to the public. Tilly has agreed to research costs for various types of ads; she'll report next meeting.

### Bill C-271 update

Last year a bill was introduced to the house allowing tax deductions for music lesson. This bill died when the election was called. She provided the link to the parliamentary website to check for its re-introduction, but doesn't say if she would have supported the bill. To check, see:

[www.parl.gc.ca](http://www.parl.gc.ca) or email our MP at: [crowdj@parl.gc.ca](mailto:crowdj@parl.gc.ca)

### Upcoming Concerts and Events

**April 30th - St. Michael's Presents in Chemainus.** The CVMTA presents *Prelude to Summer* 7 pm. Kim, Bernadette, Christine, Judith, Tilly, Ann, Annette, and Judith are among the CVMTA member teachers performing. The "performers fees" will be donated to the Bursary fund. Call Rachel Perkyns for tickets, or get yours at Pianofest.

**April 30 - St. Edward's, Duncan Concerti Singers and Cowichan Valley Youth Choir.** 1:30 pm.

**Summer Session for Theory Teachers:** Victoria Conservatory or call Brenda Braaten - 743-4826