



# Notes -

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

April 26th, 2005

## Pianofest

Putting the Festive back in Festival - the first CVMTA Pianofest is almost here! Students of all ages - 93 entries in 17 class sessions - are preparing for next weekend where they will play for their fellow students, their teachers and for adjudicator Ann Wilson Unger. Each student will have time with the adjudicator at the piano and she will comment about the musical styles and their performance for the benefit of all attending.

The new registration system was pretty much of a success, making for a fairly trouble free entry process, and leading us to think we can do more of these... There is already talk that perhaps next year's event should be for voices and other instruments! So if you're a piano teacher or if you teach other kinds of music, please try and drop for a session or two. Each session is approx. an hour in length. We begin with Baroque (gr. 3-5) at 12:30 pm Friday April 30, and continue through till the Adult class from 8:10 - 9:30 that evening. Classes resume Saturday morning with Baroque (prelim - Gr. 2) at 9 am, and Pianofest winds up with the Romantic class (gr. 7-9) from 3:20 - 4:10. (Email [mrummel@goldcity.net](mailto:mrummel@goldcity.net) if you want a complete schedule.) Hope to see you there - Bring a friend!

An in the hope of providing a pleasant and welcoming atmosphere, we're asking for anyone who can help be a "greeter" at the door to contact Judith McIvor to schedule a time.

## Upcoming Concerts and Events

**April 29/30** Bethel Baptist Church, **Pianofest**

**April 30** - Cowichan Centre Michael Onwood in Recital. 8 pm

**May 1**, Duncan United Church, "May Bells Ringing" Jubilate Choir, Vancouver Island Harp Ensemble, Cascadia Bell Choir, Cowichan Valley Youth Choir, 3 pm

**May 14**, Cowichan Consort Choir & Orchestra Concerto Concert 8 pm Duncan Christian Reform Church - Faure's requiem, Barber's Adagio for Strings, and Mendelssohn's violin concerto

**May 15th**, All Island Harp-In, Providence Farm 10 - 3 pm. A day of music making for all levels of harp. Call Marilyn 709-2395 to register.

**May 20-22** BC Choral Federation ChorFest "Go For Baroque" is hosted in Duncan this year by Opus 1. [yellandpa@shaw.ca](mailto:yellandpa@shaw.ca) for registration information.

## Next meetings -

**May Business meeting**- May 13, 10 am Mellow Side Cafe in Chowichan Bay. Items to be discussed include Pianofest review and wrap-up, the new website, Eurhythmics Workshop in October, Canadian Music recital/festival/affair for November, and other items that anyone wishes to bring forward. **All welcome to participate.**

**May General Meeting** - Judith McIvor's, Friday, May 27, 9:30. Location is at 1312 Janet Place, or call Judith for directions at 746-4670. Members, prospective members, and guests all welcome.

## The Popular List for Piano Exams

Trisha Daniell reported that most other RCM exam centres are hearing lots of selections from the Popular Music list - which is much less true in Duncan She brought with her a number of sources for pieces on the list, and talked about (and played), some of her favourites. The complete list is on the [rcmexaminations.org](http://rcmexaminations.org) website, and you can call Trisha for further info. Her recommendations for books and sheet music worth having for their popular selections included:

**Hockey Night in Canada.** Sheet music arr. By Howard Cable (available for gr. 7 and gr. 4 RCM)

**A Child's Garden of Music** - New compositions by Chee-Hwa Tan inspired by the poems of RL Stevenson. Pieces for grades 1 and 2. Frederick Harris

**Today's kids' Songbook** - great TV themes! Hal Leonard

**More Popular Piano Solos** - contains a number of gr. 4 selections. Arrangements by Fred Kern, Mona Rejino and others. Hal Leonard.

**Astrological Preludes** by Terry Winter Owens. Gr. 1 & 2 (?) pieces. Frederick Harris

## Retirement Pot Luck honouring Bev Halasz

Everyone is invited to a pot luck dinner at Joy Ann Bannerman's, to help celebrate the long and much-valued career of Bev Halasz, one of the founding members of the Cowichan Valley Music Teachers Association. June 4th, 5 pm, 6752 Herd Road in Maple Bay across from the Maple Bay Firehall, beside the park.

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

E-mail this newsletter to a music-teaching friend, and invite them to the next meeting! There is fun and friendship to be had - See you there!