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

Meeting Notes from Jan 28th, 2006

This was the first meeting under the format determined at the Nov. meeting, which includes:

9:30 - coffee, goodies, and chat. Thanks for your contributions!

10:00 - Music !! Bernie Brown is in charge, and will schedule your offerings of anything you'd like to perform. (245-7707 - ted_brown@telus.net From piano to choreography, the field is wide. Please contact her if you'd like to share at the Feb. or subsequent meetings. This month she played Mozart for us, and accompanied **Kim Sylvester** for two beautiful songs (Fauré, and A.L. Webber)

10:30 - workshop discussion topics - materials, learning styles, examinations, new trends.... co-ordinated by **Trisha Daniells**. Members are invited to be a presenter on a topic of their choice. Contact Trisha to schedule.

11:00 Business meeting. Action and decision items from Friday's meeting will be found in their own sections on this page.

Website Project

As part of the service to our members, we are working on a website that will include a *Find a Teacher* section, with biographies and photos, as well as contact information for all member teachers.

Teachers will soon receive an e-mail to confirm their current info, and are requested as well to e-mail to Judith Kabbath the more general studio and professional information they want presented. If you need a digital photo taken, please contact Judith and she will come out and take your photos.

In addition to the website work, we are doing more and more of our communication by e-mail, and the meeting included a reminder to use the blind copy function when sending mail to everyone so as not to publish web addresses indiscriminately. Thanks for your consideration.

Upcoming Concerts and Events

Sunday, January 29, 2006 at 7pm- St. Michael's Presents:
English Songs and Duets - Paul Boughen, Grant Mellestrand, Naomi Barclay, Rykie Avenant,

Next meeting -

Friday Feb. 24, 9:30 am Judith Kabbath's. Regular monthly meeting . Coffee at 9:30, music begins at 10! Everyone is welcome.

Ruth Hill Memorial -

Ruth Hill, long time Piano chair of the Cowichan Valley Music Festival passed away this month. A memorial service will be held Feb. 4th. The CVMTA has been asked to provide some music in her honour and will do so with 3 songs and piano. If you are singing, please note the new time for rehearsals of: Jan 29, 7 pm Christine's, 12 Sat. 4th. The service will be **Sat. Feb. 4th pm.**

Pianofest April 28 & 29 -

Ruth has booked **Yvette Rowledge to be the adjudicator for Pianofest** which will run as last year in the Bethel Baptist church. This is a noncompetitive festival, with verbal adjudication only, and a brief time for each student to work with the adjudicator. There will be a maximum of 2 entries per student. All classes will be grouped according to style of music and grade level, with a separate class or classes for adults at any level.

The Education Series -

Following our hugely successful Eurythmics weekend last October, we discussed the possibility of making this weekend of workshops an annual event. A committee of Sue Doughty, Kim Sylvester, Marilyn Rummel and Judith Kabbath has been formed to investigate and plan for such a weekend, beginning with a Medieval Music weekend in 2006. If you'd like to join the committee, please contact one of the above members.

Bursaries and Awards

We have agreed to fund the following awards this year:

Theory Awards - trophies for all students whose marks are 80% and above, as well as gift certificates for the more senior grades to a total of \$400. **Thanks to Brenda's Bratz** for the donation to assist with these awards.

CV Music Festival - we're presenting 5 awards: three piano, one instrumental and one vocal, each in the amount of \$100.

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!