



Notes

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

Jan 28, 2007

Happy New Year!!

Greetings to all who attended the meeting Friday at Christine's - wonderful turnout - and to those who couldn't make it! Christine and Judith McIvor played for us and then we moved directly to the business meeting - highlights follow. Our **topic next meeting - Performing** - will be on the floor at 10:10 - bring your suggestion and questions.

Stephane Lemelin Recital and Masterclass

April 14th - 1:30 and 7:30 pm.

Christian Reformed to be determined by a committee headed by Ann M. Suggestions - please call her. **Judit** will work on publicity. **Susan D. and Judith McIvor will organize an audition panel** for the 6 spots available for the masterclass, **now scheduled** for Sun. Mar 11 at Kim's Sylvester's Studio Musicalis starting at 2:30 pm. Please pre-register by Saturday, March 3 - email Ann (am-pm@shaw.ca)

Committee has now set prices: Masterclass \$10 per person, \$20 per family, and concert \$14 each, \$30 for a family. There will be \$5.00 surcharge for those who are not students or invitees of member teachers. Marilyn will print tickets ASAP.

Publicity for the CVMTA

A good chunk of the meeting was devoted to this important topic. Action items included:

Yellow Pages listing - Kim will order listing. We will use Brenda Braaten's cell number as our listing number and she will refer callers to the website. The yellow pages listing will also include the website. Bold listing for \$17 per month is approved.

Handbills for the festival will be made by Marilyn and distributed by Trisha. Additional handbills, pending approval at the next meeting will be made to distribute to schools, etc.

Business Cards from the CVMTA were also discussed. no immediate action.

pianofest 2007 - Website registration is now open.

More details are in the Pianofest attachment with this newsletter. Note that one program per family is now included, but extras may be ordered. Deadline for registration is Sat. Mar 17th. Dates are April 26th and 27th. Marnie Carter will be the adjudicator. Call Ruth Williams for more info or see www.cowichanmusicteachers.com

Next meeting -

Friday, Feb. 23 at Cheryl Baudin's. Regular monthly meeting. Coffee at 9:30, music by **David Walden** begins at 10! Discussion - Performing.

Directions to Cheryl's (1098 Manley Street) - Trunk Rd to (Maple Bay Rd) to Maple Bay. Turn left on Considine just after the ball field. One block, right on Manley street. First driveway on your right. Park on the side of the road or the upper driveway. Please don't park in the lower driveway **Phone 746-8682**

Misc. Notes from meeting Jan 26th

RCM report from Trisha. New website and on-line registration system is up and running. She notes that students may choose their times, and will be reminded by email, but that she can arrange changes if necessary.

May concert - Rachel and Dwight's series; teachers will be featured in May 27. **Any teacher** interested in performing should contact Ann. Ann has contacted Rachel and asked them to do a 2nd concert the following week in the south end, advertise them both and share of the proceeds. Their board of directors has not yet approved this.

Reminder from last fall about the on-line database of artists in the community. If you haven't already, please go to the site and list yourself. If you don't have your own website to list, you may wish to use www.cowichanmusicteachers.com. To find the directory and enter yourself, go to www.arts.cowichan.net

David Walden has suggested an evening recital of his collected Shakespeare Songs as a fund-raiser for the CVMTA. Christine will review and make suggestions for singers, etc.

Website update - Registration is now open for Pianofest. Easiest route is via the "member sign-in" at the bottom of the home page. E-mail Marilyn if you don't have your log-in password. The event listing is rather thin - is it worth doing? Comments please.

Treasurer's Report - 2006 saw expenditures of approximately \$9500, with an income of just \$150 less than that amount. Major sources of income includes registrations for Pianofest, songfest, medieval weekend, memberships. Expenditures include the "fests", the medieval weekend, bursaries, awards, and the website.

A note from Marilyn: apologies all for the delay in sending this out, and thanks for your care and cards and condolences - it all really helps, and is much appreciated .

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 Tell your colleagues!