



Notes

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

Jan. 30, 2005

Photo-thon September 25, 2005 !

Plans are moving forward for this event, which is one of the 3 items to be given their final "nod or no" at the business meeting Feb 11. This plan has been developing over the past 4 months as a fundraiser and awareness-raiser for the CVMTA and our music community. All musicians of absolutely all "stripes" will gather for a giant group photo, copies of which will be available for sale. If you have any questions or comments, please email Brenda Braaten: eartraining@shaw.ca.

Piano Fest

The 3rd of the new business projects to be discussed is an idea for "Pianofest" which would take place at the end of April or early in May. It is conceived as a 1 or 2 day event for all piano students- beginners through advanced, children though adults - to celebrate their music, and play it for an adjudicator who would follow each performance with verbal comments and a demonstration or mini-lesson about the playing. The goal would be to help students prepare for June exams as well as to celebrate and promote the piano and its players!

Ruth Williams is attempting to contact possible clinicians and a decision will be made Feb. 11th.

Thanks to Christine and Peter

We're giving thanks, and three resounding cheers, to Christine and Peter Gillespie who have kept the financial records for the CVMTA for the past 7 or 8 years. Their work is much appreciated, but they report that their turn is over now, so we need to find a replacement. If you can consider taking on this work, you are invited to call Ann Mendenhall, our esteemed leader, and you, too, may be esteemed - as treasurer!

A New Meeting plan

The new plan for meetings of the CVMTA will see a business meeting held the 2nd Friday of the month, where items of new business will be discussed, and eventually approved or rejected. The last Friday of the month will be our general meeting, where we will bring info to the whole group for comments and discussion, and where we will have a little professional development time as well as time to visit and share our news.

We've begun with 3 potential projects brought to the general meeting last week. Those attending were asked to indicate their support for those projects. If you haven't returned your form to Ann, **please** do so by Feb. 7th.

Join the Cowichan Valley Music Teachers Association

email Kim Sylvester: studiomusicalis@shaw.ca for membership info. Receive *Notes* each month, and support your fellow music teachers!

Next meetings -

February Business meeting- Feb. 11, 9 am - 10 am at Ann Mendenhall's. Decisions about the 3 "new business" items - *the Photo-thon*, the *Eurhythmics Workshop*, and *Pianofest* will be made. **All welcome to participate.**

February Meeting will be a supper meeting, Feb. 20, approx 5:00, following the Teachers Chorus performance in the Music Festival. Location: Kim Wah restaurant at 5871 York Road in Duncan. Members, prospective members, and guests all welcome.

February IPTBAH Committee meeting- Pioneer House Restaurant at 10 am, Feb. 25. This meeting will do some preliminary planning for next (if any) concert, possible date, format, etc. Anyone with input, opinions yay or nay, or interest in working on same are most welcome.

Eurhythmics Workshop

In the planning stages for fall '05 is a 3 day workshop for music teachers, school teachers, and students. The clinician will be Dr. Herbert Henke, Retired Prof. of Eurhythmics and Music Education at Oberlin College. Eurhythmics is a form of musical training comprising rhythm, dynamics, tone and form. Its heart is the education of the individual's kinaesthetic sense, using games and simple exercises. It is suitable and useful for students and teachers of all instruments and at all levels. There will be a small fee attached; the program costs will be underwritten by our fundraising efforts to date. Members have been surveyed at the last meeting and by email, but the final decision must be made soon, so it is important that responses be returned to Ann by Feb. 7th.

Festival News

The *Teachers Chorus* will be singing Sun. Feb. 20 at 2:30 or so. Following that, the chorus and all other CVMTA members are welcome to celebrate the festival at a gathering at the Kim Yah restaurant. This is our official February meeting - please join us.

Membership Pins and List

New (and beautiful!) membership pins have arrived. Call Kim Sylvester if you haven't received yours. Additional pins are also available to members for \$10 each. The membership list is nearing completion for distribution to schools, community centres and music stores. Join the CVMTA and get on the list!!