



# Notes

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

June 15, 2005

## It's Nearly Summer!!!

Although we are not having a regular meeting this month (or until September, for that matter) there is quite a bit of ongoing business that we all need to know about. Here's what happening on several fronts.

### The Eurhythmics Workshop Weekend

Plans are proceeding for this, which is to be our main event of the fall term, Oct. 20 - 23. Full details in a printable handout format will be sent in the next few days as a separate file that you can (please!!!) copy for your students and musical acquaintances.

Schedule looks like this:

**Sept 20** (Thursday evening) *Introduction to Dalcroze Eurhythmics for Adults*

**Sept 21**, (morning) *Piano Improvisation*; (1:30 - 4:30) *Intro to Eurhythmics I*; (evening) *Aural Skills Masterclass*

**Sept 22** (morning) *Choral Singing and Improvisation*; (1:30-4:30) *Intro to Eurhythmic II*; (7 - 9) *Teachers' Evening*

**Sept 23** (1:30 4:30) *Intro to Eurhythmics III*

In order to keep costs as low as possible, and to get as large a gathering as is possible, we're hoping that teachers will register their students, collecting fees and submitting their registrations on their students behalf. It is shaping up to be an incredible weekend - let your students know now, and book the dates for yourself as well!

The venue is (tentatively) the Sylvan United Church in Mill Bay. We have had no quotes from other places, so if you're working on one of those, please call Ann in the next few days.

### Membership person needed - please!

We still need someone to be the **membership** person. Collect the money (chiefly), keep track of the forms. Not too onerous, but we need to spread the work around. If you have about 3 inches of file drawer room and can make copies of the forms, your help would be really appreciated. Call Ann.

### Concert Attendance Competition

The Studio Award for concert attendance will be made at the September meeting. To participate in next year's competition, remember to get your students involved and start recording concert attendance when lessons begin in September.

### Next meetings -

**Bursary committee meeting** - shortly after July 15. Contact Ann Mendenhall.

**September 9th Business meeting** - 10 am gathering our wits and info about the Henke workshop. Pioneer Restaurant

**September 30th General meeting** - Ann Mendenhall's in Glenora, 9:30 am. Everyone welcome to all business and general meetings!!!

### Bursary Applications now available

The process for awarding bursaries for this teaching year is a bit different from last year's. The new system works like this:

Applications may be submitted by any CVMTA member's students. (applications are pg. 2 of this newsletter - please make copies for your students. Advertisements are also being placed in the newspapers. We're hoping that even if you've finished teaching for the year, you'll be able to contact your students and invite them to apply. Deadline is July 15th, and applications will be submitted to Brenda Braaten

Teachers will be asked (by email) to add comments to applications received. A committee of Ann M, Brenda B. and one or two others (volunteers please? Kim?) will then review and award up to a total of \$1500 in bursaries.

Any questions or if you are willing to be on the committee please email Ann - please contact Ann: [am-pm@shaw.ca](mailto:am-pm@shaw.ca)

### Upcoming Concerts and Events

**June 17th, 7:30**, Duncan United Church. Ashley Foot, Kristopher Epps, Beverley Medford, and Nina Foot in concert of classical, Broadway, and Canadian classics

**June 26th, St. Michael's Music Series.** Chemainus Rachel Perkins and Dwight Siemens perform at 7:00 pm .

### September meeting - Focus on Grade One

At the April meeting, it was suggested that we could spend a little time each meeting sharing our favourite teaching materials, techniques and pieces, one grade each month. The September 30th meeting at Ann Mendenhall's will feature resources for voice and all instruments in preliminary and grade one level materials. Bring your favourites to share.

### 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!