



Notes

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

Mar 30, 2006

Meeting Notes from March 29, 2006

The meeting was held at Kim Sylvester's

10:00 - Music - taping of the 2 songs we sang in memory of Ruth Hill. As well, Bev Halasz played 3 compositions for us, including the one she wrote for Ruth.

Bernie Brown is in charge of music, and next month is open. Please give her a call to contribute.

10:30 Presentation topic. Judit was absent so we did not complete our Kodaly piece. However, Trisha Daniell brought the materials she's made for teaching intervals to students, consisting of a book, arranged according to the RCM exam requirements, with names of tunes and little graphics to help in the memory. We will continue with the Kodaly work for next meeting, but your contributions to this portion of the meeting are welcomed. Call Trisha about the schedule.

11:00 Business meeting. Some action and decision items from Friday's meeting will be found in their own sections on this page. Short bits include:

- Kim will send a **sympathy card to Heather Gow** on the loss of her husband.
- **Songfest**- we'll make an e-mail announcement soon about Songfest. (may be postponed until May 07)
- A committee of Lois F., Judit McIvor and Trisha Daniels has been struck to establish a policy for the **use and content of the group mailing list.**
- **Thank you notes** have been received from 3 recipients of the Festival Awards, and duly archived by Judith McIvor.
- Kim S. reported that she is participating on behalf of the CVMTA in a community group that is working to establish an **Arts and Culture policy for the valley.**
- Thanks to **Joy Ann for the Young Musician of the Week** work she does. She has enough through to Sept.

Upcoming Concerts and Events

April 30th - St. Michael's Presents in Chemainus. The CVMTA presents *Prelude to Summer* 7 pm. Kim, Bernadette, Christine, Judith, Tilly, Ann, Annette, and Judit are among the CVMTA member teachers performing. The "performers fees" will be donated to the Bursary fund. Call Rachel Perkyns for tickets, or get yours at Pianofest. Thanks to Rachel and Dwight for this opportunity!!!

April 30 - St. Edward's, Duncan Conconti Singers and Cowichan Valley Youth Choir. 1:30 pm.

Next meeting -

Friday April 21, Robyn Crosby's. Regular monthly meeting. Coffee at 9:30, music begins at 10! Everyone is welcome. call 749-3356 or email Ircrosby@shaw.ca for directions.

Website update

The new **Find a Teacher section** is up and running. Marilyn happily accepted the thanks of the group for the work to date. The project came in considerably under budget due to the efficiency of Shanaya of Webqualityhost. Judit is proceeding with the work on individual web pages for members. Several new members have noted that they have joined because of the website. Welcome!

Pianofest April 28 & 29 -

Registration closes April 1, with payment due to Ruth by April 7th. As of the 29th there were 83 entries. Anything questions call Ruth at 748-8314.

Ruth and Marilyn will do the **programs** (which are the schedules) and distribute them to the teachers before the classes.

Session assistants: Eleanor, Christine, Trisha Rankin and Trisha Daniell have volunteered. At least one more needed.

Dinner **Friday evening** between sessions will be at the Emerald Palace. Everybody welcome. Thanks to Sue Doughty who is providing accommodation for Yvette Rowland.

If you have unsold bags, please bring them to Pianofest to sell.

Medieval Weekend

Mark your calendars now for **October 20-21, 2006** This is the date for our History and Music weekend, this year focussing on the Medieval period. A series of workshops for ages 11 through adults will be held Fri. and Sat, with a concert Sat. evening. Committee is Kim, Sue, Judit, and Marilyn

RCM Dates announced

Piano - June 15th - 22 (with Gr. 10's to Victoria - date?)

Voice - June 7, 8th, and 23

Strings - June 9th

All sessions at the Bethel Baptist Church, in Duncan. Trisha reminds everyone that if there are any problems with dates, times, conflicts or errors, please just email her for a fast fix! tdaniell@telus.net.

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Remember to check past issues, and find a teacher or their phone number at www.cowichanmusicteachers.com Tell your colleagues!