



# Notes -

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

March 30, 2005

## Pianofest

Late registration closes April 4th, with over 85 entries to date! Thanks, all! The schedule and program will be available within the next week, with the classes on April 29 and 30.

There are lots of little jobs to be done - if you can spare a hour or two, please call Ruth Williams, 748 8314.

## Eurhythmics Workshop

In the planning stages for October 20 - 23, is a workshop for music teachers, school teachers, and students of all ages. 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. Teachers are asked to consider adding this event to their regular schedule and fee structure for the fall term. Group rates may apply.

## Membership Pins

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.!!

## Upcoming Concerts and Events

**April 3**, St. Edward's Church, Opus 1, "The Seven Last Words of Christ" 2 pm

**April 9th/ 10**, in Nanaimo and Victoria respectively, Chor Leoni "Thunder of God"

**April 24th**, St. Edward's Church, Concelli Singers and Cowichan Valley Youth Choir - 2 pm

**April 29/30** Bethel Baptist Church, **Pianofest**

**May 1**, Duncan United Church, "May Bells Ringing" Jubilate Choir, Vancouver Island Harp Ensemble, Cascadia Bell Choir, Cowichan Valley Youth Choir 3 pm

**May 15th**, All Island Harp-In, Providence Farm 10 - 3 pm. Call 709-2395 for details

**May 20-22** BC Choral Federation ChorFest "Go For Baroque" is being hosted in Duncan this year by Opus 1. yellandpa@shaw.ca for registration information .

## Next meetings -

**April Business meeting**- April 8th, Mellow Side Cafe in Cowichan Bay, 10 am. Item to be discussed include Pianofest, the new website, Eurhythmics Workshop in October, Canadian Music recital/festival/affair for November, and other items that anyone wishes to bring forward. **All welcome to participate.**

**April General Meeting** - Connie Masson's house, Friday, April 22, 9:30. Note that this is **not the 4th Friday**, but has been moved to the 22nd because Pianofest begins 29th. Members, prospective members, and guests all welcome.

## Website news and suggestions

As part of doing the on-line registration project for Pianofest, we have now a website. At the moment it only holds Pianofest info, but it presents the possibility of doing much more. To see it type [www.cowichanmusicteachers.com](http://www.cowichanmusicteachers.com)

Terry Anderson attended the March meeting with reams of suggestions for the website, from beginning a virtual library, to the usual website suspects of calendars of events, and membership info. He also suggested want ads, student and parent resources, chat forums, and retail advertising.

Volunteers, anyone? This could be a great project, but will take lots of time. The first stage is planned to be a "Find a teacher" section. Marilyn will be working on this with the intention of having it up and running for the late summer, in time for those shopping for a music teacher for the fall.

We also heard about [www.practicespot.com](http://www.practicespot.com) a website that teachers may find of interest. This is an unbelievable collection of free material - worksheets, sight reading practice pages, and other resources of all kinds. There is so much stuff there it would take weeks just to read it all. Students can use it as well as teachers, and for many of your computer-wise students, it could be a fun connection. Thanks Terry.

## Thanks to Kim

We're giving thanks, and three resounding cheers this month to **Kim Sylvester**, for her work as the membership person! And looking for a replacement... Will you consider being the person who collects the fees, and keeps a list of addresses and phone numbers for those who have paid up? Please call Kim.

## Join the Cowichan Valley Music Teachers Association

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