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

Pianofest 2005 - AND - 2006

May 31, 2005

Pianofest was very well received by parents, students and teachers, by all reports, and so the decision has been made to repeat the event next year. Ruth Williams will again book an adjudicator and Marilyn will do the registration/program. Likely date is the weekend of April 28/29th, 2006. 93 entries were received. Kudos to Ruth for the well organized duration and timing of classes, which was appreciated by all concerned. About \$600 of our "fundraised" dollars were directed to this event. A portion of the registration fees went to the new registration system which will be used for future events.

As well, a group of voice teachers including Kim S., Sue D., and Rachel P. will discuss and recommend to the question of doing a similar event for voice on a subsequent or slightly earlier weekend. Decision to be made October or November.

The Eurhythmics Workshop Weekend

Plans are proceeding for this, which is likely to be our main event of the fall term, Oct. 20 - 23. Full details in a printable handout format will be in your email soon!

Outstanding Business

And in the "Never-enough-time" department. Here are some things that need attention (June business meeting?) :

Urgent: Decision needs to be made about **bursaries for next teaching year**. It was suggested, (but not discussed) that we invite all students to apply, add our own comments, and leave it to a small committee to determine recipients. **PLEASE** send comments to Ann Mendenhall, ASAP. Have your say, as it will be finalized at business meeting June 10.

We need someone to be the **membership** person. Collect the money (chiefly), hand out the forms and take them back in, and fax a copy to Marilyn for the computer/website records. 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.

An idea was floated at the last business meeting for the CVMTA to be the organizing body for a concert series season ticket for the many choir concerts in the valley. Comments? Marilyn is (gently) pursuing and would appreciate your input.

Kim S. has agreed to go back to submitting the meeting notices to the newspapers as her stint at the Arts Council is nearly over. Thanks Kim!

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!

Next meetings -

Retirement party - Pot luck at Joy Ann Bannerman's, to help celebrate the long and much-valued career of **Bev Halasz**, one of the founding members of the CVMTA. 6752 Herd Road in Maple Bay across from the Maple Bay Firehall, beside the park. This is our last general meeting till Sept.

June Business meeting- June 10th, 10 am Mellow Side Cafe in Cowichan Bay. Decisions needed: website (teachers listings) and scholarships. **All welcome to participate.**

Two pianos - eight hands

The meeting last Friday opened with a fine treat of 2 pieces played by 8 hands on 2 pianos. Thanks to Judith McIvor, Christine Gillespie, Susan Doughty, and Ruth Williams for providing the hands! We resolved to try to start with a little music each month. It's up to us. Volunteer!

At last month's 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. So think now of your preliminary and grade one tips to share in September.

Concert Attendance Competition

Cut-off date will be **May 31** this year, but the prize will be awarded at the September meeting, when, it is hoped, the publicity will bring on renewed interest in this for the upcoming year. For the uninitiated: Teachers encourage and record concert attendance by their students. The studio with the best numbers gets to hold the annual trophy for the year!

Upcoming Concerts and Events

June 4th - 5pm Joy Ann Bannerman's Pot luck to honour Bev Halasz. (founding CVMTA member)

June 7th, 7 pm Burns Room Duncan United Church. **Cowichan Valley Music Festival Society AGM**

June 8th, 7 pm, Cowichan Centre for the Arts, **Arts Council AGM**

June 12 - Providence Farm, 3 pm. Ensemble Laude Medieval Women's choir of Victoria will perform a concert of medieval music, "Come Verdant Spring". Included in the ensemble are two CVMTA members! Details 709 2395

June 26th, St. Michael's Music Series. Rachel Perkins and Dwight Siemens perform 7:00 pm (both CVMTA members!)