



Notes

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

May 31, 2007

Notes from the meeting held May 25th, 2007

Thanks to Trish for hosting the meeting on short notice. Music was provided by Judit Kabath and Ruth Williams, who previewed some of the music they're doing at the Teachers Concert. Beautiful!

And extra thanks to Connie Masson who provided the organ recital before our April meeting. (The meeting was brief, as we gathered prior to the beginning of Pianofest, and no newsletter was done) The music was wonderful, both to hear and to watch!

Mood Swings

As I write, the first of these has been performed, to great acclaim at the St. Michael's church in Chemainus. The second performance is Sunday in Mill Bay at Sylvan United. 2:30 pm.

In addition to the performances, the CVMTA Theory Awards for this year will be presented at the concert.



Concert attendance Competition

Competition closes June 3rd, enabling studios to "count" students' attendance at the Mood Swings concert. Get your totals to Ann Mendenhall, by June 4th, to be in the running for the \$8.4 million that will be awarded.

Pianofest and Songfest Notes

Both were very successful, with more than 100 (total) performers of all ages and levels working with two fabulous adjudicators. Both events collected just enough to cover costs with a tiny bit to add to the workshop fund. Thanks to Ruth, Kim, and Sue, and to all the volunteers who helped keep it running smoothly.

Next meeting -

Pot Luck Year End Gathering and meeting, June 11th, Judith McIvor's, 1312 Janet Place. Call Judith for start time 746-4670

Misc. Notes from meeting

June 3, 2:30 concert Sylvan United, Mill Bay - *Mood Swings - Serious musical fun.* Ushers/ticket takers needed. No refreshments at intermission. Ticket still available - Don't miss it.

RCM report from Trisha. She showed those in attendance the new website system. Note that students must download their form that they bring to the exam. Ask Trisha for help if you need it.

Cowichan Consort Concerto Competition. (This is info from the April meeting) Sheila Sandys-Wunsch reports: There will be a competition, and an opportunity for young performers to play with the symphony next May. Need not be a concerto, and more than one person may be selected to play. For info, **email Sheila:** swunsch@islandnet.com

Ann M. will buy insurance for the Sylvan concert and try to include dates of all our events for next year as well.

Results of our meeting with Joan Wilson (music festival) - discussion about all of our points has been deferred to their September planning meeting.

Deadline for bursary applications will be Sept. 30. We won't know amounts available until after the two upcoming concerts

We discussed having a more formal plan for budgeting starting next year, where we channel our income into 3 separate areas:

- an awards and bursary fund
- an advertising/public awareness/website support fund
- a fund to be our cushion for sponsoring events which may or may not be entirely self-supporting (e.g. history workshops, piano and songfest, artist masterclasses/recitals.)

Touring Pianist Pavel Egorov We decided not to attempt to bring in 2008, but rather to look ahead to 2009 if he can, or if not, 2010.

Dues for September 2007-August 2008 will remain at \$30, and statement of intent to join will be due on September 1st, with payment deferrable until Sept. 30. **New benefit for members** a free email address. (yourname@cowichanmusicteachers.com) Please call or email Marilyn if you are interested.

September 28, 2007 meeting will be held at Christine Gillespie's.

Let's build the Cowichan Valley Music Teachers Association

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