



October 12th, 2005

# Notes -

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

## The Eurhythmics Workshop Weekend

What a wonderful weekend that was! Dr. Henke was truly amazing, seemingly indefatigable and full of creativity and skill. There were 7 classes plus the teachers evening, and we averaged over 50 participants per class. In all more than 150 people took at least one class, with many taking 3 or more!! The costs were low enough that many could take a chance on participating, and because we had a good amount of fund-raising money in hand, we could take a chance on low fees. As it was the weekend did break even, thanks to all the support from the teachers - your enthusiasm made it all possible.

Ann Mendenhall said, "I am really impressed and amazed with how much eurhythmics has changed some of my students' way of listening to and thinking about music.." As for me, I'm always trying to think of ways to get the sound and feeling of a long connected line with such a percussive instrument as the harp - and now have a few new ideas to take to my students and my own playing. I was also amazed to see all the adults studying music who thought it worth their weekend time to improve their craft. Inspiring!

## Membership fees

As mentioned last week we wish to add a "find a teacher" section to our website that list teachers, their locations and their instruments. There will also be a "Teacher profile" section. The group however did not wish to raise fees, and instead we have instituted a new membership policy as follows:

The membership year will be Sept. to August. Fees for 2005-2006 will be \$25 and are due now (this is a change from our previous calendar year system). Those who have not renewed their membership by Dec. 31 will not be listed on the website, and will be removed from the mailing list.

Memberships for the partial year from March on through to the end of August will be \$15.

Marilyn and Judit will work on the website, with the bulk of the work being contracted to Island Computing Team who did the original work. The budget will come out of our regular membership fees. To renew your membership, or to become a member, please contact Kim Sylvester.

## Next meetings -

**Friday, Nov. 11th. 9:30 am Ann Mendenhall's** - A "notes exchange" for the Eurhythmics course. Ann has a copier and we can reconstruct from memory as well.

**Friday Nov. 18th 9:30 Black Coffee . Business meeting.**

**Friday, Nov. 25th, 9:30** Monthly meeting **Christine Gillespie's** e-mail for directions [j.peterg@shaw.ca](mailto:j.peterg@shaw.ca)

**Saturday, Dec. 17th,** Cowichan Golf Club at 11:45 am. Christmas meeting lunch.

## November meeting -

**Focus on Grade Two** -Please bring your favourite materials for piano, voice and all other instruments in grade two to the November meeting and spend a few minutes talking about why you like them.

**Fundraising** - Should we do another concert? any other ideas? Bring them to the meeting!

## Pianofest April 28 &- 29 - Songfest anyone?

Ruth has booked an adjudicator for Pianofest which will run as last year in the Bethel Baptist church. We'll begin Friday morning if necessary and will be finished at 4:30 Saturday.

The voice teachers are discussing the possibility of doing a similar festival for voice students on the weekend before or after Pianofest; if you are interested in working of this project, please contact Kim Sylvester or Sue Doughty.

## Upcoming Concerts and Events

**Nov. 4th and 5th Victoria Conservatory.** Lieder Workshop with Rena Sharon

**Nov. 12th 7 pm,** Evangelistic Tabernacle, 1300 Princess St., Nanaimo. 40th Anniversary Gala Recital of the Mid-Island RMTA. The World Premiere of the Vancouver Island Suite will be presented, with the composer Stephen Chatman attending.

**Nov. 13th Sunday - Jubilate Choir and the VI Harp Ensemble** "Celebrate Mozart" St. Peter's Anglican, 3 pm.

**Last Sunday of each month** - St. Michael's Presents concert series in Chemainus. Contact Rachel for more info. 7 pm

**Dec. 3rd.** Deadline for entries for Cowichan Music Festival.

**To see your event here - e-mail the details to me!!**

## 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!