



Notes

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

Oct. 27, 2006

Medieval Weekend Report

Everyone has reported a wonderful experience and response by attendees - what great clinicians! There were 114 people pre-registered in 333 class registrations (or about 3 classes per person), plus another 30 or 40 registrations or tickets sold at the door. Income exceeded expenditures by approx. \$300, with that balance going forward in the Bursary/workshop fund! Congrats to all who worked so hard, learned so much and who dared to have so much fun!

Trish Rankin took photos, including this one, which will be posted on the website soon.



Based on the success of this event we have decided to proceed with our **History of Music** series. A committee of Kim, Sue (?) David Walden and Marilyn will begin to plan the next year's event soon...other people are most welcome to join in the planning. Call Marilyn 709-2395 or email mrummel@goldcity.net. if you want in!

Sound Advice

Brenda Braaten presented a great overview of the new series of theory and ear training books that have now been published by Frederick Harris. Based on their well-received "**Sound Advice**" series, they've been completely re-written with all new sound recordings and narration. Available widely, they are suitable for beginners through keyboard harmony study, and are published in a series of 8 books. Thanks and Congratulations, Brenda.

Bursaries - 7 students have been awarded bursaries in the amount of \$200, and 2 students were awarded \$50 each for a total of \$1500. **Thanks to all for the donations and the fundraising that makes these possible.**

Upcoming and Events

Ladies Aries and Dances - Sat. Nov. 4th, 3 pm at **Providence Farm**. See the Sarabande in action and thrill to the Gigue. Tickets are only \$20 for a family - or \$13 each! The 17th Century woman in music and dance.

Next meeting -

Friday, Nov. 24 at Trisha Daniells Regular monthly meeting. Coffee at 9:30, music begins at 10! Discussion - Practicing!! Bernie will play.

Misc. Notes from meeting, Oct. 27th

Festival Syllabus - Ann has not yet met with the Festival people about making the piano classes noncompetitive, but will follow this up. She plans to enter all **her** students that way, thus making it possible to enter by age category, regardless of the grade level.

RCM report from Trisha. New website and on-line registration system is up and running. She notes that student number lookup needs the exact name, so if you can't find a student, double check their last received to find any missing initials or second names.

January Teacher's concert. **We will not proceed** with this in the proposed form at least, as there was insufficient volunteer numbers. But look below for another interesting possibility...

May concert - Rachel and Dwight's series; teachers will be featured in May 27. **Any teacher** interested in performing should contact Ann. Ann will contact Rachel and Dwight and ask them to do a 2nd concert the following week in the south end, advertise them both and take a share of the proceeds with the balance going to the Bursary/workshop fund.

Trisha Daniells presented a couple of tunes from a **new piano series** she's discovered: "in Recital, published by FJH Music. 6 volume series, available from (at least) Tom Lee Music. More info is at: www.fjhmusic.com/piano/inrecital.htm

Kim Sylvester reports that Arts Cowichan is assembling an on-line database of artists in the community. She will enter the CVMTA; all others please go to the site and list yourself. If you don't have your own website to list, you may wish to use www.cowichanmusicteachers.com. To find the directory and enter yourself, go to www.arts.cowichan.net

David Walden has suggested an evening recital of his collected Shakespeare Songs as a fund-raiser for the CVMTA. If anyone is interested in singing or organizing please email him at dwalden@ryerson.ca. Could be a substitute for the January concert - the songs are beautiful - for solo, duet and choir.

Website update- Some small additions are up as of today, with others coming in the next few. Look for the teacher sign-in at the bottom of the home page. That will get you to a printable member list. Call Marilyn for your log-in password. Next to come - an events listing! And look for the Medieval photos soon.

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!