



# Notes

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

Sept. 30, 2006

## Notes from meeting, Aug. 30

It was a wild and wonderful meeting on Friday, Sept. 22nd at Connie's - great deal of business discussed; hope I can get the flavour of it here. Major topics included "the business of teaching" and the Medieval Workshop which have their own sections herein. The rest of the meeting included:

**RCM report from Trisha.** They'll no longer be sending out forms or flyers about exams - registrations will be done on-line, as will schedules and marks (though marks will be sent by mail, and downloaded forms may be mailed in) She also reported that Theory grade names will be changed - see the website: [www.rcmexaminations.org](http://www.rcmexaminations.org) for details.

**Pianofest dates:** April 27/28

**Songfest dates:** May 4/5

**Memberships** are overdue - unpaid members will have their status on the website moved to "inactive" which means they won't show up until the membership is paid. Ruth: [rwilliams@telus.net](mailto:rwilliams@telus.net). Still working on the problem that not everyone has a teacher's page, and not everyone wants one. Marilyn will discuss with Shanaya next month. Some temporary pages are in place of them.

**Treasurer's report.** Approx \$4000 at hand, with commitments of \$1500 for Bursaries and \$3000 budget for Medieval Weekend.

**January Teacher's concert.** Still a possibility, with Bernie now taking on the "performer organizing" job. She will email everyone in the next while to see if there is enough labour available for the other work necessary.

**May concert** - Rachel and Dwight's series; teachers will be featured in May, with a 2 performance schedule likely.

**Bursary deadline extended to Sept. 30.** Forms on the website. Return completed forms to Brenda B. (address and fax on forms)

**Greeting Card fundraiser.** We have, thanks to Ann's connection the chance to sell some beautiful greeting cards as a fundraiser. Agreement to proceed in new year.

**Festival idea** - General agreement that we will ask that all piano classes be non-competitive. Ann to write to the Festival people.

## Upcoming and Events

**Bursary Deadline looms!** - Last minute reminder that Bursary application must be in by Sept. 30th. Form is on the website.

**Sound Advice Presentation** - Sept. 26 at Long and McQuade

**Benefit Concert Sun Oct. 1 - 2 pm** - St. Edward's to raise funds for **St. Peter's Anglican new roof**. Vocal, choral, and small ensembles and Ron Kilian, Piano

## Next meeting -

**Friday, Oct. 27, at Ann Mendenhall's** Regular monthly meeting. Coffee at 9:30, music begins at 10! Presentation (10:30 ish) of Sound Advice new publications. E-mail Bernie: [ted\\_brown@telus.net](mailto:ted_brown@telus.net) to play.

## Medieval Weekend

All teachers: we're counting on 300 registrations to make the budget, so everyone's efforts will be thankfully received. Please try to register each of your students in at least one class - even small kids will be able to come to the **concert Sat. 7 pm**.

Remember that the deadline for the *amazing early bird prices* is Sept. 30th. After that, all classes are \$15 each (still a bargain!) Need poster? forms? registration setup? Please call **Marilyn 709-2395** or e-mail [mrummel@goldcity.net](mailto:mrummel@goldcity.net).

### Volunteers and assignments for the weekend:

**Monday morning Oct. 16th** - stuffing the registration/entry tags, and last minute fixing - all welcome. place TBA

**Hall set-up and decorating** - Judith will organize, with help from Trish, and anyone else? **Everyone** - phone Judith if you have any suitable medieval decorations, banners, costumes, suits of armour, etc.

**Fri/Sat 20&21** - Registration table - Sue, Brenda, Ruth

**Juice and cookie breaks** - Trish will organize, Christine and Judit to help. Judith is looking for donations from Supermarkets.

**Remember** - register your students - and don't forget to register yourselves! It's going to be much fun and great learning.

**Thanks to Dave at Duncan Music for a wonderful season-opener party!!**

We had a lengthy discussion about our fees, our training, and the system of billing we use. Hourly studio fees range from \$30 to \$45 per hour. Most teachers reported counting their total number of classes in the year, and billing the total over 10 months, and collecting post-dated cheques

Most interesting was a discussion of the routes people had taken to a teaching career, with a lot of talk about the value of the many continuing education opportunities offered in Victoria and in Vancouver. Special mention was made of the ongoing series conducted by Winifred Wood at the VCM.

## 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](http://www.cowichanmusicteachers.com) Tell your colleagues!