

# **Roanoke Valley Music Teachers Association President's Report 2009-2010**

## **Membership:**

- RVMTA sponsored a "New Members Orientation and Coffee" August 21, 2009. The event was advertised and hosted by Vice President/Membership Chair Sherrie Andrews. The orientation was attended by approximately 15 guests and members.
- RVMTA had a total of 50 members for the year, including 7 students from Hollins University.

## **VMTA Fall Festival:**

- Saturday, November 21, 2009
- 134 students of 19 teachers registered
- 99 "superior" ratings
- 26 "excellent" ratings

## **VMTA Theory, Sightreading & Skills Tests:**

- Saturday, February 28, 2009
- 143 students registered for the Theory Test
  - 137 students passed
  - 4 students were absent
- There were no students registered for the Keyboard Skills of Single-Line Reading Skills Tests.

## **RVMTA Student Recital:**

- RVMTA held a "Rags, Jazz & Blues for All" Recital on March 14, 2010. Students from our member's studios performed. 22 students performed, representing 9 RVMTA teachers.

## **Scholarships:**

- There were two applicants for the \$500 RVMTA Scholarship.
  - The winner was David Johnson, a student of Lynne S. Kessler
- There was one applicant for the \$1000 Mae Stemple Scholarship. This scholarship is for undergraduate students who were former students of RVMTA members. If we have no undergraduate students apply, we open the scholarship up to RVMTA members who are candidates for their Masters or PHD in Music.
  - The winner was RVMTA member Kristofer Sanchack, a DM candidate from Indiana University.

## **Website:**

- RVMTA website has been an efficient and inexpensive means of communication for our members. We added advertising to the website this year and have found it to be very beneficial for members as well as businesses who purchased space. The website can be found at [www.rvmta.org](http://www.rvmta.org). Sarah Reaser O'Brien is our Webmaster.

## **Programs:**

- September 11, 2009: "Adjudication: Let's All Get on the Same Page"
- October 9, 2009: "Lyrical Performances, from the Heart" by Randall Hartsell
- November 13, 2009: "Instruments in Worship" by Ric McClure and friends
- January 8, 2010: Program canceled due to inclement weather
- February 12, 2010: "Chopin Preludes" by Richard Becker.
- March 12, 2010: "16<sup>th</sup> Annual Galbraith Masterclass and Teachers' Workshop with Evan Mack. Workshop was followed by a recital of Roanoke area students.
- April 16, 2010: "Improv 101" by John Salmon
- May 14, 2010: Scholarship Winners' Recital (RVMTA Scholarship winner David Johnson and Mae Stemple Scholarship winner Kris Sanchack) Recital followed by a business meeting and boxed lunch.

## **New Officers for 2010-2012:**

- President: Bittsy R. Hall
- President-Elect: Peggy Schaaf
- Vice President: Sherrie N. Andrews
- Recording Secretary: Terry L. Francisco
- Corresponding Secretary: Jean K. Williams
- Treasurer: Wanda G. Melchers
- Immediate Past President: Lynne S. Kessler, NCTM

## **Business Meetings:**

- Business meetings were held in September and May. The January meeting was canceled due to inclement weather.

Respectfully submitted by  
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