

Harrisonburg Music Teachers Association
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The Harrisonburg Music Teachers Association currently has 19 members. On September 12 we had our fall kick-off meeting with a wonderful presentation on "The Collaborative Pianist" given by Dr. Tracy Cowden. September 29 HMTA and JMU co-sponsored a recital and master class by renowned Canadian pianist Janina Fialkowski. Our November meeting focused on teaching tools which included props such as boomwhackers, homemade games, computer programs, etc... In February we had a collaborative recital which featured students accompanying vocalists and instrumentalists. This was such a success we plan to do it again next year. March 6 we had VMTA theory and sight reading testing at JMU and 18 students participated. March 27 was the 13th annual EMU/HMTA Piano Festival with approximately 90 students entered and 25 received double superior ratings. In April, we hosted Beverly Henkel who gave us a presentation on her new teaching series Piano ABCs. Her compositions were wonderful and her use of conducting in her teaching is a creative idea most teachers had not thought of. On April 24 the VMTA Valley District Auditions were held at JMU. Our final meeting of the school year will take place June 12 and we will elect officers for 2010-2011 at that time. HMTA and JMU are excited about hosting the upcoming state convention in November and we hope to see you all there.

Respectfully submitted:
Kama Miller-President