

Richmond Music Teachers Association

RMTA finished the 2009-2010 year with 85 members. The year was filled with exciting workshops, recitals, festivals, and competitions.

(September) The Annual Potluck Luncheon gave members the opportunity to receive their new yearbooks and discuss upcoming events in RMTA. This was held at the home of Lois Broadwater.

(October) Narciso Solero presented a workshop: "Bridging the Gap from Method Book to Major Repertoire." This was held at Jordan Kitt's Music and was very well attended.

(November) Students participated in the VMTA Fall Festival. Thanks to co-chairmen, Lynn Redford and Deborah Martin, for organizing this event at the University of Richmond.

(January) Members, students, friends, and spouses were invited to tour the newly renovated Carpenter Theatre at Richmond CenterStage and to observe a rehearsal of the Richmond Symphony. This took place on a Saturday morning, and proved to be very enjoyable and educational.

(February) Students of RMTA members participated in the VMTA Theory, Sightreading, and Skills Tests. Thanks to Fay Barss, Sharon Stewart, and Hope Erb for chairing these events which took place at VCU.

(March) The annual Bach Competition was held with 46 students representing 20 teachers. Judges were Dr. Amanda Halstead, Laura Candler-White, and Richard Becker. A recital in Perkinson Recital Hall at University of Richmond the next day featured all of the winners. Thanks to Ruta Smedina-Starke for serving as chairman and Natalya Vornovitsky for helping as co-chairman.

(April) Dr. Seymour Bernstein presented an all-day lecture, masterclass, and workshop at Second Baptist Church. The Richmond Music Study Club co-sponsored this wonderful event, and approximately 60 people attended. Thanks to Jennifer Scott, Vice President/Programs, for organizing and coordinating all aspects.

(May) The Central District Auditions were held at University of Richmond with 27 piano students and 2 string students. Judges for piano were Dr. David Schaffer-Gottschalk, Kimberly Peachy, and Carol Noona. The judge for strings was Rex Britton. Thanks to Jennifer Scott for chairing this event.

RMTA held four student recitals during the year in the chapel at St. Catherine's School with a total of 41 students representing 13 teachers. Thanks to Lois Broadwater for serving as Vice President/Recitals.

We have a referral program which was started by Vivien Chen in 1998. This year there were 63 requests for piano teachers. Each caller is given names of three teachers in their zip code.

RMTA awarded two scholarships (\$300 each) for students to attend a summer music camp. This spring the recipients were Justin Ott, student of Jeanette Harrison, and Matthew Thurber, student of Dr. Paul Hanson. Thanks to Betsy Cole Wells for serving as chairman of the scholarship committee.

Marty Dorrill, Corresponding Secretary, published four newsletters during the year. Our other officers who were not mentioned above are Debra Jordan, Vice President/Membership; Marjory Harvey, Recording Secretary; and Rita Gulliksen, Treasurer.

Submitted by,
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