

**Charlottesville Music Teachers Association
VMTA June Conference Report
2011**

The Charlottesville Music Teachers Association had a busy and productive year. We welcomed six new members, making a total membership of 78.

Our **programs** this year focused on aspects of music pedagogy. Presentations included: *Studio Policies, Group Class Activities and Memorization*. In April, our featured guest speaker, Suzanne Guy, presented a half-day program of *Timeless Teaching Tips*. Additionally in March, we held a *Members' Recital* at University Village.

At our annual **Student Youth Recital** in November, students performed a program of "*Music in the 20th Century*". Our **Adult Student Recital** in February included selections for voice, clarinet, piano and organ in a nicely varied program.

The CMTA annual **Piano Concerto Competition** was held in January 2011, at Westminster Canterbury. Three students competed and the judges were VCU faculty members Ruta Smedina-Starke and Russell Wilson. The winner was Sarah Frederick, who performed the first movement of the Shostakovich Concerto No. 2 in F Major, Op. 102. Sarah won \$250, and the opportunity to perform the concerto in May with the Youth Orchestra of Charlottesville Albemarle.

In February, 285 students (representing 34 teachers) participated in our 22nd annual **Music Festival**. Participants included: 22 advanced, 108 intermediate, 126 elementary and 9 "comment only" students performing music for piano, organ, wind, string and harp. The ratings were as follows: Double Superior—58, Superior—89, Excellent—100, and Very Good—9.

A total of 15 students (representing 5 teachers) took the **VMTA Theory Tests** in March, with the test levels ranging from Level 2 through Level 9. Eight of these students also took the Sight Reading Tests. All students received ratings of Superior, Excellent, Very Good, or Good. In June, five students participated in our annual **Yvaine Duisit Theory Olympics**, in which music theory is presented in a game format. We will be looking into ways to attract more students to these events.

In May, we held our first fund-raiser: '**Swing into Spring**', **A Musical Play-a-Thon**. Over 90 students (representing 23 teachers) performed on cello, harp, violin, flute and piano. We raised over \$3000 in pledges and donations. The proceeds will be used toward the many programs that CMTA offers to young musicians in our community-- including student scholarships, prizes and tuition assistance offered in collaboration with our sister organization, the Wednesday Music Club.

The following slate of officers for 2011-2012 was installed at the May meeting:

Co-Presidents	Barbara Moore, Michele Carragan
Vice-President	Susan Black
Secretary	Patricia Dougherty
Treasurer	Kelly Matthews
Membership	Noriko Donahue

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Dougherty, Co-president 2010-2011