

## Northern Virginia Music Teachers Association

### Chapter Report 2011-12

Our 62<sup>nd</sup> year, was a significant one for the 417-member NVMTA. There were major new communications systems and an attempt to streamline our Chairmanships. These efforts had several Champions, but most significant were the efforts of our President-Elect Elizabeth Blakeslee and our WebTeam of Martha Smith, Laura Bogart and Sarah Strom. Martha and Laura have continued the efforts begun under our Immediate Past President Jim Litzelman to bring the NVMTA into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Please visit our website to see what we have accomplished thus far.

Our Local Association's Fall began with a concerted effort to convince the MTNA Board of Directors to rescind their decision to end the National Performance Competitions in Brass, Strings, Voice and Woodwinds. With one third of our membership teachers of instrument other than piano, many of our pianist members voiced their outrage that their colleagues would be excluded from the MTNA's offerings. We were pleased that the Board of Directors listened to the voices raised in protest over this ill-advised decision.

We have had our full calendar of events again this year, with only our May meeting, June Board meeting and District Auditions remaining. Our Competitions and Festivals have included Fall Festival, Concerto Competitions and Festivals for Piano, Strings (Low and High), and Woodwinds, Achievement Awards for Voice, Piano, Woodwinds and Strings (Low and High), Piano Ensemble Competition and Festival, Bach-Baroque Festival, and Sonata Festival with an Honors Recital by those selected. We have administered the Theory, Keyboard Skills and Sight-Reading Tests of the VMTA. We have offered General and Judged Recitals on a monthly basis, and Honors Recitals have been given by those selected.

We were well-represented at the National Conference in New York City with Nancy Breth and Marjorie Lee making presentations, and Joann Haroutounian, Nancy and Marjorie greeted as MTNA Foundation Fellows. NVMTA added three National First Place winners to our accomplishments as Emma Resmini, a flute student of Alice Weinreb, won the Junior Woodwind, Brian Hong, a violin student of June Huang, won the Senior String and Niki Hua/ Antonia Stabile, students of Nancy Breth won the Senior Piano Duet Competition.

Our monthly programs for our membership have featured performances by our competition winners, Making Theory Fun by Rene Johnson, a presentation by Veda Zuponic on Technique for the Elementary/Intermediate Pianist, an extended Masterclass with Barbara Nissman, and a President's Forum on the profession of independent studio teaching.

I think it's fair to say that, as a Local Association, we are in sound financial condition, excited about improving our website and looking forward to a relaxing summer.

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