



RMTA Winter Newsletter 2013

Dear RMTA members and friends,

I hope that each of you has had a wonderful fall teaching season! We've had many great events this season, including our collegiate chapter mixer, student recital series, and the VMTA fall festival. We look forward to a great 2014 as well. Happy Holidays to all!

On October 26, 2013, Phillip Patrick and I attended the Local Chapter Presidents' Leadership Summit at JMU with the other leaders in Virginia. Many of our Virginia music associations are busy at work, and it was a great opportunity to share what we were doing in each group. Through this connection with other groups, each of us can learn and grow within our own association.

In November, we launched our new RMTA website and Facebook page! This has been an exciting four month project, so I hope that each of you enjoy the new site. We will try to do a small demo of the website at our January breakfast meeting. Also, we are welcome to adding photos to the website, so please send them to me if you'd like them included there.

Our Potluck breakfast is coming up on January 18th, so we hope to see you there! And, continue to encourage your students to participate in the RMTA Playathon event on February 1st. This fantastic event provides an opportunity for students to perform in our Richmond community and raise funding for the RMTA Collegiate Chapter Scholarship.

The MTNA 2014 National Conference will be in Chicago, Illinois from March 22-26th. And, the VMTA 2014 Annual Conference will be held from July 17-20th at Wintergreen Resort. Be sure to mark your calendars now.

Thanks to each of you for all your hard work and commitment to RMTA! We hope you have a wonderful holiday season!

Many blessings,
Jennifer Scott, RMTA President

RMTA Website: <http://www.richmondmta.org>

RMTA Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/richmondmta>

Fall Festival Report 2013
Lynn Redford and Deborah Martin

Number of Teachers Registering Students: 19

Students Registered:		Students Participating:
Level IA	40	39
Level IB	36	33
Level II	22	19
Level III	16	14
Level IV	3	1
TOTAL:	117	106

RATINGS:

	Superior	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair
Level IA	23	16			
Level IB	23	10			
Level II	11	7	1		
Level III	11	3			
Level IV	1				

2014 Bach Competition
Michael Ireland

The upcoming Bach Competition will be at Perkinson Recital Hall on Saturday, March 8, 2014 with the winners' recital and reception there also on Sunday the 9th at 3:00pm. Chairs are Michael Ireland, Kim Ryan, and Jeanette Harrison. The entry fee has been raised to \$25.00 per student. The application postmark date is January 29, 2014 and applications along with the teacher's check are to be mailed to Michael Ireland, 501 Douglas Road, Mineral, VA 23117.

Please remember that each choice piece must be attributable to a specific composer (not a group). No pieces may be taken from method books. When identifying the pieces to be played please be sure to include all information (e.g., Prelude and Fugue, f# minor, No. 14, WTC-II by JS Bach / Sonata in f minor, Op.2 No. 1 by Ludwig Beethoven). ALSO, PLEASE type or neatly print the application forms. Double check the spelling of each piece, each composer's and the student's name. We are looking forward to a wonderful event and hope all RMTA members will encourage their students to participate.

Theory, Sight Reading, and Skills Tests

This year, the VMTA Theory, Sightreading, and Keyboard Skills Tests will be held on Sunday, February 9th in the afternoon at VCU. The postmark deadline is set for January 11th.

1:30 p.m. for Theory Tests 3A, 3B, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

3:00 p.m. for Theory Tests primer, 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B

Details are found in the RMTA Yearbook with one important change to the printed yearbook:

Theory test fees are now \$12 per test.

Sightreading and keyboard skills will remain at \$8 per test as originally written. The online version of the yearbook has all correct information.

Sightreading and Keyboard Skills: Fay Barss, faysmusic@gmail.com

Theory and Single Line Sightreading: Hope Armstrong Erb, hope.armstrong.erb@gmail.com

Membership Updates

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Please add these members to the roster in your yearbook.

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RMTA Student Recital Series

Betty Ann Spiers

We've had good participation in our student recitals this fall, and lovely performances. Attend a recital and see what a nice opportunity this is to give your students a "trial run" or just another performance opportunity. Many thanks to Lois Broadwater and Sharon Stewart for their assistance this fall. Coming up after the winter break is the January 26 program, followed by February 23 and April 27. Please see the yearbook for postmark deadlines and information. E-mail applications must arrive by the deadline. If you have questions, please call 282-6808, or e-mail erspiers@comcast.net.

Potluck Breakfast Meeting

Phillip Patrick

Saturday, January 18th, 10:00 A.M.

Home of Fay Barss, 2022 Milbank Road, Richmond, VA 23229

Come and enjoy a wonderful potluck breakfast together! We will also enjoy time together in discussion groups to review music topics that interest all of the teachers! This includes everything from technique and repertoire to student policies, etc.

Playathon, co-sponsored by Rhapsody Piano

Saturday, February 1, 2014 10:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.

Regency Square Mall Center Court, 1420 N. Parham Road, Richmond, VA 23229

The RMTA Playathon is an exciting musical event where our students help to raise funding for the RMTA Collegiate Chapter Scholarship and student events. The Playathon provides an opportunity for our members and their students to perform in public while also expanding our involvement within the Richmond community.

Please send your teacher registration forms to Phillip Patrick (studio88pianokeys@gmail.com) by December 7th! Also, come by on February 1st to hear some of the great music!

The Spring Newsletter deadline is set for
April 15. Send information to:
aedunton@comcast.net