



RMTA Summer Newsletter 2014

Letter from the President

Dear RMTA members and friends,

Thank you all for an amazing past year and all of your contributions to RMTA!! And, as we enjoy the start of summer, I hope each of you finds time to relax and rejuvenate before our next new season. I am already enjoying time with my little boys and family. It will be a great summer!

At our June RMTA Admin Board meeting, we had good conversation and discussion about our new RMTA year. Each officer and chair is working hard to get ready for our 2014-15 events and activities. Please be sure to come and celebrate with us at our September potluck and meeting!

The annual VMTA conference will be coming up soon and will take place on July 17-20, 2014 at Wintergreen Resort. It's a celebration of VMTA's 50th anniversary. Please be sure to sign up and join in on this wonderful event. Hope to see many of you there!

The VCU MTNA Collegiate Chapter has a new slate of officers! We look forward to getting to know them this year at some of our activities. Many of them will be joining the conference at Wintergreen, too.

On behalf of all of us at RMTA, thank you for all of your time and support for our organization! Life can be hectic at times between work and schedules, but just know that you are a valued member of our organization, and we thank you for that! Let's enjoy the summer and look forward to another great year in 2014-15!

Thank you, and have a terrific summer!
Jennifer Scott

VCU MTNA Collegiate Chapter – New Officers

Congratulations to the new officers of the collegiate chapter!!

President: Gloria Ramirez

Vice President: Valerie Perham

Treasurer: Janette Corcelius

Secretary: Danielle Gibbons

Website and Facebook:

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

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

Central District Auditions Report
University of Richmond, Perkinson Recital Hall
May 17, 2014

Level 1A

First Place: Arthur Ding, student of Paul Hanson
Alternate: Harry Yu, student of Ming Lu
Second Place: Anna Newell, student of Ruta Smedina Starke

Level 1B

First Place: Allyson Wang, student of Ruta Smedina Starke
Alternate: Erin Lim, student of Kim Cho

Level 2

First Place: James Shen, student of Paul Hanson
Alternate: Edson De Guzman, student of Paul Hanson

Level 3

Second Place: Romy Chu, student of Paul Hanson
Third Place: Elena Zhou, student of Debby Lamb

Judges for the piano auditions were Dr. Rebecca McCord and Dr. Karen Walker.
Judge for the voice student was Fran Ahern Coleman.

Level 3 (Voice)

First Place: Elizabeth Levit, student of Hope Armstrong Erb

Twelve teachers participated entering one voice student and 18 piano students.
Submitted by Kim Cho, Chairman

RMTA Achievement Award Winner

This year, RMTA established its first Student Achievement Award within its organization. The purpose of this student award is to recognize and encourage students to participate in musical activities within our organization throughout the year. We want to reward students for their continued dedication to music education. We also want to recognize the RMTA teacher who has supported and motivated their student.

The Richmond Music Teachers Association proudly recognizes its 2014 RMTA Achievement Award recipient. **Congratulations to Allyson Wang, student of Ruta Smedina-Starke.**

We are very proud of Allyson Wang's commitment to her music this year. She participated in many VMTA and RMTA events, such as the VMTA State Auditions, Central District Auditions, VMTA Theory testing, RMTA Bach Competition, and many of RMTA Student Recitals during the year.

The student achievement award will be an engraved trophy. The teacher achievement award will be a nicely engraved plaque. Allyson Wang and Ruta Smedina-Starke will be presented with these awards at our September 2014 Opening Meeting. Allyson will also perform for us at the meeting, so we look forward to hearing her!

RMTA Student Recitals 2014-2015

The RMTA student recitals will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sundays in the chapel at St. Catherine's School, 6001 Grove Avenue, Richmond, VA 23226.

Dates and Postmark Deadlines:

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| October 12, 2014 | Postmark: September 29 |
| November 9, 2014 | Postmark: October 27 |
| January 25, 2015 | Postmark: January 12 |
| February 22, 2015 | Postmark: February 9 |
| April 19, 2015 | Postmark: April 6 |

Betty Ann Spiers, Vice President for Student Recitals, erspiers@comcast.net

Dates for Events in 2014-2015

Annual Kickoff Meeting and Potluck Luncheon

Saturday, September 13, 2014 11:00 a.m.

Home of Lois Broadwater, 1308 Camden Drive, Richmond, VA 23229

After the meeting there will be time for discussion about the new Antitrust Compliance Guide.

Betty Ann Spiers will give a summary of the guidelines 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Fall Festival

Saturday, November 22, 2014

Postmark: October 20

University of Richmond, Booker Hall

Fee: \$12.00 per student per event

Chairmen: Debby Martin 387-0459 and Lynn Redford 561-0331

Theory, Skills and Sight Reading Tests

Sunday, March 1, 2015 Postmark: January 31

Virginia Commonwealth University, Performing Arts Building

Fee: \$12.00 per student

Chairman for Sight Reading and Skills, Fay Barss, faysmusic@gmail.com

Announcements

Officers and Chairmen: Please submit updates and information for the 2014-2015 RMTA Yearbook to Phillip Patrick studio88pianokeys@gmail.com by August 1, 2014.

Members: Please renew your dues by August 1st so that your membership information can be included in the new yearbook.

Music and Arts will be hosting an Alfred piano teacher workshop featuring Robert Vandall on Monday, July 28th at 9:00 a.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Call 358-1981 and let them know you would like to attend. It will be held at 4701 West Broad St.

Next RMTA Newsletter: September 30, 2014. Please send entries to aedunton@comcast.net.