



## **RMTA Winter Newsletter 2014**

### **Letter from the President**

Dear RMTA members and friends,

During this time of thanksgiving and holiday festivities, I am always so thankful for our RMTA team! Thank you for all the contributions and hard work you put into our association. Teaching music to our students is such a gift and a blessing. And, all the many things you do within RMTA and within your studios helps these young students love music now and in the future.

It has been great to see you at our October workshop with Joanne Kong, and I know you all have enjoyed the fall student recitals and fall festival! As we head into the winter season, we look forward to many great events, such as our RMTA members recital, February workshop with Gabriella Ryan, and many more gatherings. Please keep an eye out on our website for the monthly updates.

Be sure to mark calendars for a few dates! The MTNA National Conference is in Las Vegas, Nevada from March 21-25, 2015. And, the VMTA Annual Conference will be July 16-19, 2015 at Wintergreen Resort.

Thank you all for being a special part of RMTA! I hope you have a fantastic holiday season, and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Many thanks,  
Jennifer Scott  
RMTA President

### **Website and Facebook**

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

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

## **VMTA Theory, Sight Reading, and Skills Tests**

The VMTA Theory, Sight Reading, and Keyboard Skills Tests will be held in the afternoon on Sunday, March 1, 2015. The postmark deadline is set for January 31st.

The tests will be held at VCU in the Singleton Center for the Performing Arts and the James Black Music Center. If a student is taking tests in two different buildings, a parent must be available to escort the student to the appropriate building. Parents should be told to wait in the lobby while the student is taking a test.

Exact testing times will be scheduled once applications are received. Remember, any application received AFTER the postmark deadline WILL NOT be accepted. Please make sure the application is correct before submission.

Fees are \$12 per test. All other details are found in the RMTA Yearbook. Remember that sample written and listening tests for theory are found on the VMTA and RMTA members area of the website. These can be great resources to help prepare your students.

Many thanks to our team of volunteers who are helping to streamline the testing this year.

Contacts:

Theory Day: Wesley Pollard, [wesley@rhapsodypiano.com](mailto:wesley@rhapsodypiano.com)

Theory Applications/Checks: Kim Peachy, [peachykeys@peachymusicstudio.com](mailto:peachykeys@peachymusicstudio.com)

Sightreading and Keyboard Skills: Fay Barss, [faysmusic@gmail.com](mailto:faysmusic@gmail.com)

Single Line Sightreading: Hope Armstrong Erb, [hope.armstrong.erb@gmail.com](mailto:hope.armstrong.erb@gmail.com)

Questions of Theory Testing: Jennifer Scott, [jspianostudio@yahoo.com](mailto:jspianostudio@yahoo.com)

---

## **Winter Programs**

The RMTA Members Recital will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Gellman Room of the Richmond Public Library, 101 East Franklin Street. If you would like to perform, please email Phillip Patrick. The deadline has been extended until December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Gabriella Ryan will present a workshop on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in her home, 9411 Farmington Drive. The workshop will explain the process required to become a certified teacher through MTNA. This is a breakfast meeting, so please bring a dish to share!

The RMTA Music Extravaganza is new this year. The date is Saturday, March 14, 2015, with a registration deadline of February 1<sup>st</sup>. This event is a non-formal recital opportunity for participants to perform for friends, family, and the Richmond community. It will be held at Regency Square Mall, 1420 N. Parham Road.

More details about these events can be found in the yearbook.

Phillip Patrick, Vice President, Programs, [studio88pianokeys@gmail.com](mailto:studio88pianokeys@gmail.com)

## **Member Updates and Information**

Itzel Hamill, Vice President, Membership

Welcome to new members and renewing members! Please add these to your roster.

Melody Calley, 14800 Walthall Dr., South Chesterfield, VA 23834  
(804) 243-1438, [melodyspianostudio@gmail.com](mailto:melodyspianostudio@gmail.com)  
(piano)

Lauren Darrell, 8810 Brawner Dr., Henrico, VA 23229  
(540) 292-2553, [lauren@bluevark.com](mailto:lauren@bluevark.com)  
(piano, accompanying, voice)

Jacob Ungerleider, 120 N 2nd St #202, Richmond, VA 23219  
(802) 258-0764, [jacob.ungerleider@gmail.com](mailto:jacob.ungerleider@gmail.com)  
(piano, theory, guitar)

Chad Inch, 4700 Jacobs Glenn Dr., North Chesterfield, VA 23236  
(804) 677-7356, [inchpianostudio@gmail.com](mailto:inchpianostudio@gmail.com)  
(piano, accompanist, theory)

Deborah Lamb, 13610 Edmondthorpe Rd., Midlothian, VA 23113  
(804) 379-3933, [noteability@verizon.net](mailto:noteability@verizon.net)  
(piano, theory)

Deborah Martin, 1670 Inspiration Drive, Richmond, VA 23235  
New phone number (804) 387-0459, [pianowitchofthewest@verizon.net](mailto:pianowitchofthewest@verizon.net)  
(piano)

Dana McComb, 1910 Sorrento Place, Richmond, VA 23238  
(804) 740-2828, [djmccomb@verizon.net](mailto:djmccomb@verizon.net)  
(cello, theory)

---

## **RMTA Student Recitals**

The RMTA student recitals are held at 3:00 p.m. on Sundays in the chapel at St. Catherine's School, 6001 Grove Avenue. The dates for the winter recitals are January 25 (postmark 1/12) and February 22 (postmark 2/9).

Betty Ann Spiers, Vice President, Student Recitals, [erspiers@comcast.net](mailto:erspiers@comcast.net)

---

Next RMTA Newsletter: April 15, 2015. Please send entries to [aedunton@comcast.net](mailto:aedunton@comcast.net).