

**Charlottesville Music Teachers Association
VMTA Report June 2012**

Officers for 2012-2013: Presidents: Barbara Moore and Michele Carragan; Vice President/Programs: Susan Black; Secretary: Patricia Dougherty; Treasurer: Kelly Matthews; Membership: Noriko Donahue

Programs: The Charlottesville Music Teachers Association has had a very successful year. Following the example of the National Association, we focused on collaborative music by electing a non-pianist as program chair. As a result, our monthly programs this year have given us all a fresh perspective to our teaching. These programs for teachers included sessions on Rhythm from a Jazz artist's perspective, Conducting, Using History in the Private Lesson, The Art of Accompanying, Music in Alternate Careers (presented by a professor of a local college that has a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies) and the World of Opera (presented by the local director of the Ash Lawn Opera series).

Student Activities: Our student activities have been successful this year as well. At our annual Student Youth Recital in November, students performed a program of "*Music in Baroque Style*", including several in-style compositions by the students. We replaced our annual Piano Concerto Competition, which had a monetary prize and a performance of their concerto with the local Youth Orchestra, with a more low-key Piano Concerto Festival. Six teachers and 12 students participated in this event and it was more inclusive of younger and less accomplished pianists as well as advanced ones and exposed a wider group to the joy of playing concerti. Next was the Adult Student Recital where 7 teachers entered 8 students representing piano, organ, voice and clarinet. There was no common theme but performance was well done.

Also in February, we had our 22nd annual Music Festival where 271 piano, organ, wind, string, and harp students played for a set of judges. Thirty-four teachers participated in this event. Our last student activity is the Yvaine Duisit Theory Olympics scheduled for June 9th. We have chosen to skip the VMTA Theory tests for 2012 as we continue to evaluate how to best involve more of our teachers in the program. We hope to reinstate these tests for 2013.

Service Upgrades: We have made great strides this year to update some of our services. We developed an electronic referral system on our website which replaces the referral chairmanship position for next year. This new system is self-sustaining and completely impartial. We have also been working on revising our membership handbook and all the activity sheets for all the officers and chairs. In addition, we have redesigned our e-newsletter to be more visually stimulating and also more succinct.

Membership: Despite the recovering economy, many local teachers remain committed to the Association. We currently have 78 members, including several new ones. We held our elections at our May Breakfast Meeting and the same officers will continue with their positions from last year. We are still actively recruiting members to fill a couple chairmanship positions that have opened up for the next year. We are confident we will be able to fill these positions.

Overall, it has been a great year with interesting and successful programs and activities.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Moore and Michele Carragan, Co-presidents 2011-2012