

FSMTA District V Report - Fall 2009

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The local groups of District V have opened the year in various ways.

CFMTA held a Fall Prelude, complete with Continental breakfast, featuring virtuoso works by guest artists Michael Rickman (piano) and Routa Kromovitch (violin). Door prizes were awarded: two sets of tickets to the Festival of Orchestras, and one free make-over by master hair stylist Michael Rains.

In October, Nancy Shackelford will present “A Menagerie in Your Studio,” an insight into the various personality types we encounter weekly.

A Play-a-thon at the Fashion Square Mall in November will benefit the Steinway charitable piano donations funds. Last year over \$1200 was gifted.

December holds a “Festival of Old Instruments” with students performing on the harpsichord, 18th century square piano, and chamber pipe organ.

VCMTA held a luncheon for members and their families.

October will bring a program by Dallas Weekley and Nancy Arganbright in their home.

BMTA held several Anatomy of a Piano sessions at a local music store. Students and parents got to see the inside (action) of the piano with an explanation of the working parts and pedals, and an introduction to some of the latest innovations in piano technology.

Master classes are planned for January and March following respective recitals.

A TEACHER ALERT e-mail has been established to address problems encountered with a student or other concerns noteworthy to all teachers. Several teachers were made uncomfortable recently by a male “prospective” student who made an appointment to interview, looked around the house a bit too much, scheduled lessons, then canceled at the last minute before the first one. Problem students leaving with unpaid accounts may also be addressed.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Heffield
 District V President