



The South African Society of Music Teachers
Die Suid-Afrikaanse Vereniging van Musiekonderwysers

Pretoria Chairperson's report - by Ilse Myburgh

This document was included in *The South African Society of Music Teachers'* annual meeting on 13/2/2015, (henceforth referred to as SASMT) as a summary of the meetings held on 24/01/2015, 14/02/2015, 18/04/2015, 15/08/2015, 16/08/2015, 22/08/2015, and 11/10/2015. The following is an overview of events that took place in and around Pretoria.

- We recognise the sterling work and lifelong achievements of the following members:
 - ❖ The **South African National Youth Orchestra Foundation** acknowledged Diane Heller for her continuous support to the orchestra.
 - ❖ The **South African Academy for Science and Art** awarded the Huberte Rupert honorary award to John Roos for his unrelenting work and support of music in South Africa and abroad.
 - ❖ To our honorary members, Dr Mimi Coertse, Marié Gaerdes and Elma Britz and Life member Marietjie Hesse for their loyal care of the SASMT.
- Those who regard the SASMT as only a "Society For *Piano* Teachers" must please take note of the wonderful contributions from their esteemed SASMT colleagues:
 - ❖ The **South African Viola Society (SAVS)** had a Viola day on 15 September 2015 at St Mary's Diocesan School for Girls, Pretoria.
 - ❖ The **Gauteng's Chamber Music Course for Primary students** was held in the beginning of 2016 at the University of Pretoria.
 - ❖ The very successful 2015 **National II Vento Competition for Woodwind and Brass** hosted by Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool.
 - ❖ University of Pretoria presented 'Principal's concert: **Sounds of South Africa** on Sunday, 6 September 2015.
 - ❖ **Pretoria Youth Symphony Orchestra** rocked the music calendar on 15 August 2015 with a concert entitled *Around the World on a G-string*.

- ❖ The **Phillip H. Moore Music Competition** finals were held in Pretoria on Saturday 29 August 2015. The adjudicators for the 2015 competition finals were Arisa Voges, Wessel van Wyk and Peta-Ann Holdcroft.
- ❖ The annual **Atterbury Piano Competition** took place in September at the Atterbury theatre.
- **New Books:** Grade 10 Music Textbook has been approved by the Department of Education for use in all schools and may be ordered from the national catalogue. This is the first music textbook that covers the entire CAPS document by Mariaan Feenstra to assist Class Music teachers.
- **Personalia:** We acknowledge the life and work of Pieter de Villiers, Bernard van der Linde, John Antoniadis, Anton Els, Melville van der Spuy, Erica Swart, Bonnie Osterhoff, Louise Botha, Weiss Doubell, Japie Human, Wilfried Stolze, Schalk Visser, and Estelle Burger.
- The **SASMT student concerts:** We urge all SASMT members to support these annual concerts. The Pretoria student concert was held on 8 November 2015 in Faerie Glen at Valleisig N G Kerk..
- Please support local **concerts** and invite your students to attend as well.
 - ❖ The **5th Unisa National Piano Competition** was held on 18 July 2015 at the Z.K. Matthews Hall.
 - ❖ The Pretoria **Eisteddfod** facilitates youngsters in giving them an opportunity to perform in front of their peers. Our deepest gratitude to the organisers of these all important events. These developmental projects require ongoing attention and support.
- Gisela Scriba co-ordinated the Gauteng-Northwest-Mpumalanga **Regional Conference** on 31 October 2015 at Pretoria High School for Girls. The enthusiastic speakers: Desiree Wiggill, Dr Elize Kruger and Elfreda Penzhorn gave lectures on a diversity of subjects that contributed to a successful and enriching morning.
- The Pretoria centre enjoyed an afternoon at Elfreda Penzhorn's home watching a DVD about the Progetto Martha Argerich, which she attended in Lugano during June 2015.

Please take note of the following event:

- The 94th Annual General Meeting and National Conference of the SASMT will be in Pretoria on 1 and - 2 April 2016 at Unisa's Enoch Sontonga Hall focusing on *Holistic Music Teaching*.