



## NOTES

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### *Theme and Variations*

As always, much goes on behind the scenes all year in preparation for our much-anticipated VMAC season.

We have all our amazing coaches on board once again for the 2018 season.

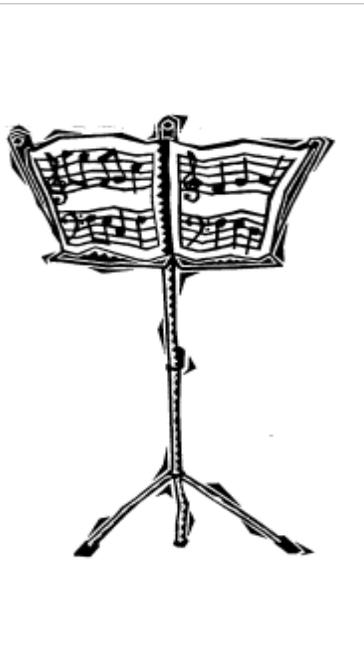
However, due to medical issues, Jeff Stewart, our dedicated registrar and general 'go to' coordinator, will not be on site at VMAC this season. Thanks to the high-tech world we live in, he will be connected via various electronic devices -- phone, computer, email etc. -- and will have taken care of all the prep work. Sarah Borgati, our manager, is familiar with much of the nitty-gritty, and our long-time intrepid participants will roll up their sleeves where necessary.

Pat McQuiddy, who will be present for all three weeks, is prepared to fill in the blanks being willing and very familiar with the tasks. As Jeff says, "she taught me everything I know about running VMAC."

Reminders: BYO bed linens and towels. Arrangements can be made for those unable to carry the extra luggage.

Voluntary contributions to cover the cost of wine at the evening gatherings will be collected at registration.

See you soon,



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*Please share this with a friend  
who might like to come to  
wonderful VMAC!*

**VMAC 2018: July 8 – 29**

## 2018 Works of the Week

### String works:

Haydn String Quartet, Op.20, No. 2  
Mendelssohn String Quartet in E minor, Op. 44,  
No. 2

### Piano/String works:

Clara Schumann Piano Trio in G minor, Op. 17  
Dohnányi *Piano Quintet, No. 1*, Op. 1

### Wind works:

Nielsen Wind Quintet, Op. 43  
Ewazen Roaring Fork Quintet for Wind  
Instruments

### Piano/Wind works:

Poulenc Sextet, FP 100

Measure numbers for these works can be found on the website at [www.vermontmusicandarts.org](http://www.vermontmusicandarts.org).



## A Guide to Preparing for VMAC WOWs

- Get the score and number the measures. Total measure numbers can be found on the VMAC website.
- Listen to recordings to become familiar with the piece, how it develops, what patterns reappear, and how individual parts fit into the whole.
- Focus on practicing the technically and rhythmically tricky sections in order to play them at a reasonable speed.

## Rehearsal Pre-Scheduling with Lincoln Brown

To facilitate scheduling of all multi-session coached groups meeting to play Works of the Week or any other piece (strings, winds, pianos, voices, or mixed), please contact Lincoln Brown no later than June 30th with the following information:

- Provide the names of all the participants in the group and the name of the coach committed to the group.
- Specify which week the group will be meeting.

Pre-scheduled groups are not restricted to WOWs, so any piece participants want to work on in multiple

sessions with a coach can be prescheduled. Lincoln can be reached at (607) 220-9196 or [clincolnbrown3@gmail.com](mailto:clincolnbrown3@gmail.com). This will help prevent the time conflicts of years past. Please remember, there can be no more than 2 such groups per participant.

## VMAC Online Store



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Participants can go online and purchase a wide variety of items with the VMAC logo and other free clip art at the VMAC store. VMAC T-shirts and totes will be available onsite in Lyndonville again this year.

## Conductors for Large Ensemble

This year we have a special treat. Three of our esteemed VMAC coaches will be conducting the Sunday evening large ensemble.



Lee Ann Newland will be leading the large ensemble week 1. We will play the Overture to the Magic Flute by Mozart and Vaughan Williams' Folk Song Suite.

Susan Shaw will conduct week 2, and Rick Shapiro will conduct week 3.



"Can Wolfgang come out and play?"

## Gelli Printing

This summer in the Art Room, participants can explore the art of Gelli printing. In case you are wondering, Gelli printing is a brand new fad, so new that Bill didn't even know about it before last year. Gelli printing is a type of monoprinting done on a new kind of plate made out of gelatin and requires no printing press. You can produce beautiful, one-of-a-kind artwork with amazing colors and textures using paint, stencils, leaves, rollers, sponges, and much more. Bill has been experimenting with different techniques on paper and will also be applying this technique to fabric. If you are interested in trying Gelli printing on fabric, Bill has a



few t-shirts from last year or you can bring your own shirt, fabric, or other surface to print on. There will be a small charge for the t-shirts. Bill also has some linoleum blocks from previous years that can be used with the Gelli prints.



As in previous years, participants will have the opportunity to draw or paint, or use other supplies provided or brought from home. Bill is happy to give some instruction with your work or let you work on your own if you wish. Even if you don't have time to make a project, please stop by to experience what other people

are working on. Bill looks forward to seeing everyone again this summer.



## Reminders

Check your music library for any sheet music you would like to donate to the VMAC Rummage Sale.



If you are planning to cook or prepare a meal in the kitchen of the Bole common room, please bring your own pots, pans, and dishes.



The annual meeting of the Vermont Music and Arts Association (VMAA) will be held on Thursday evenings of each week in the Rita Bole Dormitory Community. Topics for review include VMAA's finances, new developments, and suggestions for improvements. Nominations for vacant seats on the board are also accepted at this meeting. Elections are conducted confidentially online (or paper as requested) in the Fall.

Please bring your own sheets and towels. If this is not possible, please contact Jeff to request sheets and towels from the college supply.

## Return of Massage Therapist David Hammond

David Hammond, our local massage therapist, will be returning this summer to provide expert massage therapy. If you are interested in scheduling an appointment, please contact him. He will be introducing himself at the Sunday evening gathering before the large ensemble. Payment for massages can be arranged directly with David.

## Fun Night!

Do you have a talent you would like to share it with a willing audience? Fun Night is an excellent opportunity to tell a joke or story, premier that vuvuzela concerto you composed, or otherwise entertain your friends with your latest material.

I always wanted to be a Gregorian Monk



but I never got the chants