



# Notes

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## *Theme and Variations ....*

Simone and Agnès Maurer enjoyed their leave of absence so much, they have decided to make it permanent and have resigned after many years of dedicated service as coaches on the VMAC staff. We wish them the best on their future endeavors. Evelyn Estava and Louise Jaffe will be continuing in their place.

We were disappointed to learn that Nicole Aldrich, our fabulous vocal/piano coach, will not be able to join us for the 2010 season. Crisis was averted by our music directors, Gerall Hieser and June Infantino. They have located a ready, willing, and very able sub for Nicole who has much experience and expertise in voice, chorus, organ, piano, and even hand-bells! How lucky can we get!!

Regrettably, Alan Carriero also finds it necessary to resign, but again, our music directors have found a coach with a résumé to beat the band, so to speak, and a personality that goes well with VMAC.

Plans are well under way for VMAA to purchase music stands for all our playing rooms. Voluntary contributions to help defray this expense will be welcome. Our harpsichord is in the shop for much needed repairs, and is expected to be ready for Early Music come July.

As always, please get your applications in early so that the best balance of instrumentation can be achieved for each of the three weeks. I am looking out my window watching snow accumulate, while thinking about summertime, Vermont, and the magic of VMAC.

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## VMAA Financial Report

For the fiscal year ending 9/30/2009  
Prepared by Lincoln Brown, treasurer

### VMAC 2009

#### Revenue:

Application fees & registrations \$103,087.00

#### Expenses:

LSC charges	\$61,471.00
Staff fees & travel	36,471.00
Advertising	501.50
Printing	1,075.00
Postage and mailing	663.03
Office Administration	563.12
Operations	1,081.00
Social events	566.51
Dues to VMAA	2,750.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$105,142.16</b>
<b>Net VMAC income (outgo)</b>	<b>(\$2,055.16)</b>

### VMAA General Fund

Opening checking balance, 10/1/08 \$8,850.03

#### Income:

Net VMAC income/(outgo)	(\$2,055.16)
Dues	2,750.00
Contributions	3,175.00
Sales – T-shirts, totes, socks	514.00
Sales – rummage	317.00
Bank Interest	19.67
Investment Income	51.27
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$4,771.78</b>

#### Expenses:

Operations	\$653.32
Insurance	2,830.04
Library	212.80
Sales Items	252.00
Scholarships	400.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,348.16</b>
<b>Income (outgo) balance</b>	<b>\$423.62</b>

Closing checking balance, 9/30/09 \$9,273.65

#### Investments:

Account Valuation as of 10/01/08	\$98,324.66
Account Valuation as of 9/30/09	\$103,831.43

### The Bottom Line

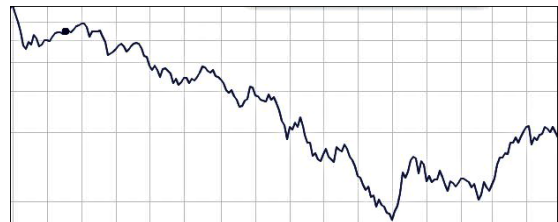
Checking account balance	\$9,273.65
Investment Valuation	103,831.43
Fixed assets (library, etc.)	28,000.00

**Total assets, 9/30/2009 \$141,105.08**

## VMAC on Facebook

Online social networking, anyone? VMAC increases your opportunities to stay in contact with friends from summers past with a new group on Facebook, the social-networking website started by college kids, but now used by kids of all ages. (That's us!) About 30 VMAC participants and staff members have already signed up, and a few have posted pictures or left comments. If you're already a Facebook user and haven't joined our group, please do. If you're not a Facebook user, here's a wonderful reason to sign up.

Our webmaster has sent personal invitations to all those who have given their e-mail addresses to VMAC, but anyone can join Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com>) and then the VMAC group. Just search for VMAC, and our group should pop up.



## Is the Recovery Here Yet?

The 2009 financial report for the Vermont Music & Arts Association, VMAC's parent organization, shows its investments have recouped some of their losses from the year before. But the total is still about 12 percent below where it stood in September 2007, which was \$118,888.37. And it's slightly below the cost of running the VMAC workshops for a year, which is the target for where we'd like it to be.

The year and a half since the financial crisis have been tough on everyone, but if you're able, please consider including a gift with your application this year. There's a line on the application form for adding a voluntary contribution. VMAA is a nonprofit organization, and contributions are fully tax deductible.

Gifts are one of the ways that help keep tuition increases to a minimum, something the trustees always strive for. If you attend other workshops, or receive their brochures, you'll see the difference. Some are several hundred dollars a week more.

Another way to help the bottom line is to increase attendance, so please encourage your chamber-music friends to come! Pat will be happy to send you additional brochures. Or you can direct people to our Web site (<http://www.vermontmusicandarts.org>) to find more information and download an application form.