



# Nuances

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## Calendar

**MAPTA Sponsored Events are featured in this color.**

### Note...

There is no

**General Meeting**  
in January.

**Tuesday, Jan 12th**  
**Board Meeting**  
8:30 am - 10:30 am  
Farley's Pianos  
6522 Seybold Rd,  
Madison

**Saturday, Jan 16**  
**PianoWorks! For Kids!!**  
2:00 pm  
Steinway Piano Gallery  
**Free - Ages 7-16**  
(Rescheduled from Jan 9)

**Sunday, Jan 24**  
**Young Artist**  
**Recital Deadline**  
For Feb 7th Recital  
Contact Brian Hagen for more  
information

**Sunday, Feb 7th**  
**Young Artists Recital**  
1:00 pm - Warmups  
1:30 pm - Performance  
Capitol Lakes Retirement Center -  
Grand Hall -  
333. W. Main Street,  
Madison

**Tuesday, Feb 9th**  
**General Meeting & Program**  
9:00- 11:00 am  
"Techniques in Sound Warm-Ups  
through Classical Improvisation"  
Dr. Arthur Johnson of Lakeland  
College  
Christ Presbyterian Church  
944 E Gorham St,  
Madison

**Saturday, Feb 13th**  
**Key-Up for Kids**  
**Play-a-Thon**  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Hilldale Mall

**Saturday, Feb 13th**  
**Honors Recital**  
**Registration Deadline**  
5:00 pm

**Saturday, Feb 27**  
**Honors Festival Auditions**  
8:00 - 5:00 pm  
Friday, Feb 26 5-8pm if needed  
Madison Christian Community Church  
7118 Old Sauk Rd  
Madison

## President's Message *by Debbie Yee*

Happy New Year, !

A new decade has started and MAPTA is now into its fifth decade. It is an amazing testimony to the dedication of Madison Area Piano teachers, dealers and others that our organization continues to thrive and mature with the decades.

In February, there will be a special survey to find out what you, the essence of MAPTA, appreciate about your organization, would like to see changed and would like to see as new ideas. The entire board will review the feedback, share the results with all members and use the information to help plan for 2010-11 and beyond. Your input is both important and highly valued so please take the time to fill it out next month.

Also, be sure to note the registration form for the upcoming honors festival in February. This is the longest existing activity that MAPTA continues to offer to the intermediate and advanced students of MAPTA teachers. It is a great opportunity for these students to receive critiques from well-respected judges and to have the possibility to perform in a recital in Morphy Hall at UW-Madison.



A new year is upon us....  
Looking forward,

Debbie Yee  
MAPTA President

## PSP Update *from Ruth Heinecke*

Performers Supporting Performers will meet Friday, Jan. 16, 10:00 am. at the home of Cheri Lewis. We hope you will be able to join us for the PSP recital on Sunday, Feb. 28, 2:00 pm at Capital Lakes Retirement's Grand Hall, 333 W. Main, Madison.

The program for the recital will be included in the next issue of Nuances.

## Professional Goals *by Anita Schulz*

Professional Goals will meet from 9:00-10:00 on Tues., Jan 19; Tues., Feb. 16; Tues., Mar 16; and Tues., Apr 20, at Ward-Brodt in the room to the right of the associates' entrance. We will continue to work on defining responsibilities of MAPTA chairs.

Following each Professional Goals meeting, the PianoPlayTogether's Music Selection Committee will meet from 10:00-11:30 in Ward-Brodt's Presentation Room.

All MAPTA member are invited and encouraged to attend either or both meetings.

## Nuances Advertising

There is now a webpage that explains everything there is to know about submitting an event for publication in the Nuances calendar or advertising in Nuances. Feel free to forward the link and check it out for yourself!

[Advertising in Nuances](#)

## Honors Recital Auditions *from Patty Ladpli*

This year's [Honors Audition Registration Form](#) is included in this month's Nuances.

**Sunday, Feb 28**  
**PSP - Performers Supporting**  
**Performers Recital**  
2:00 pm  
Capitol Lakes Grand Hall  
333 W Main St,  
Madison

The registration deadline is **Saturday, February 13, 2010** at 5:00 pm. No late registrations will be accepted - this includes receipt of both the paper form and the registration fees. Please make sure to fill out the application form in full and please check all instructions on the form. Please note that there will be no e-mail registration this year...only paper registration forms.



### The Art of Practicing

with  
Timothy Mueller



#### Demonstration and Workshop

Ten ways to develop mindful listening, rhythmic vitality, and physical confidence in music practice. Based on Tim's work with Madeline Bruser, author of the book "The Art of Practicing."

**Farley's House of Pianos**  
**Saturday, Feb 20th at 7:30 pm**  
**\$15 MAPTA Members/Students**  
**\$20 Non-members**

Registration and Tickets: call  
Farley's at 608-271-2626

#### Quick Links

[MAPTA Membership](#)

[MAPTA Membership Form \(PDF\)](#)

[Contact MAPTA Officers and Board Members](#)

[MAPTA Members Only Site](#)

[Last Month's Issue of Nuances](#)



[Honors Registration Form](#)



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#### Quick Links

#### Chopin at the Keyboard

Explore Chopin's compositions, pianos, and method of playing

**Trevor Stephenson**, instructor

Jan. 28-March 4, Thurs. 7-8:30 pm  
6 sessions - \$200

Inquiries/registration - 238-6092 or  
[trevor@trevorststephenson.com](mailto:trevor@trevorststephenson.com)

There is a change in the date of the recitals: **The correct date is Sunday, March 14, 2010, at 2:00 & 4:00 pm**, rather than Sunday, March 7, 2010 as listed in the directory.

**Please also note the venue for the auditions to the Middleton Christian Community Church.**

The judges for the event will be: Karen Hill & Roman Kontorovsky.

All piano teachers with students registered to audition are needed to help out on audition day for at least 2 hours. If a teacher is not available, we need you to send someone to help in your place.

If there are any questions, please feel free to call either Shu-Ching Chuang (821-0148) or Patty Ladpli (628-3030).

#### Be a Chair by Debbie Yee

Come join the 2010/11 MAPTA Board! We need chairs for Membership, PSP, Website, Hospitality, Adult Music Socials and Honors Festival.



Contact me if you would like to become a part of the fun and future of our growing organization. Enjoy comradeship and share your ideas and expertise.

I look forward to hearing from you soon!

#### "Chopin at the Piano" Class starts January 28 by Trevor Stephenson

*Six-part class (January 28 - March 4) explores Chopin's compositions, pianos, and method of playing*



This Winter, in recognition of the 200th anniversary of Chopin's birth, I'm offering a six-part course on Chopin's piano music. We will meet at my home in Madison (5729 Forsythia Place) on Thursday evenings--7-8:30 pm--from January 28 through March 4.

The class will integrate discussion of Chopin's compositions with approaches to performing them. We will discuss various aspects of touch (including comportment of the hand and arm), phrasing, articulation, tempo, pedaling, and dynamics. We will also discuss Chopin's compositional role models-particularly Bach and Mozart (as well as the more sublimated influence of Schubert)-and how their music is present in both letter and spirit throughout Chopin's work. The curriculum will be organized by genre. Each week we will have an overview of all Chopin's works in a specific genre (e.g. Nocturnes) and then I will do a more in-depth performer's analysis of one or two specific works. Students are encouraged to bring their own copies of Chopin scores to the class.

Enrollment in the course is \$200. Info at [trevor@trevorststephenson.com](mailto:trevor@trevorststephenson.com) or (608) 238-6092.

#### Play-a-thon News from Renee Farley

**Key Up for Kids 2010 Playathon**  
**Saturday, February 13, 2010 from 9:00 - 5:00**  
**Hilldale Shopping Center**

Teachers can still reserve a block of time for their students to play, anything from 15 minutes-60 minutes. This is done by contacting [Connie Jones](#) by email or by phone at (608) 442-8302.

There are two sites to choose from: The Atrium and the Metcalf's Market (Sentry) area. Let's make the 18th playathon the best yet! Sign up for a great day of promoting piano playing and helping children at the Child Life program at the American Family Children's Hospital. The teacher whose studio brings in the most pledges will be awarded a \$100 gift certificate. Students bringing in \$100 or more will be in a drawing for a premium prize of a one-night's

Key Up For Kids

stay in a family suite at Great Wolf Lodge in Wisconsin Dells. There will also be coupons from area businesses to participants in the playathon. Tee shirts will be given to students bringing in at least \$25. To be eligible for the premium, all money must be turned in by February 28, 2010.

Madison Area Friends of Piano sponsors this event and wishes all of you a very Happy New Year!

If there are questions contact [Renee Farley](mailto:reneefarley@madisonareafofpiano.org) by email or by phone at (608) 271-2626.

### Free Pianos for Deserving Students



The Wisconsin Foundation for School Music and the Steinway Piano Society recently delivered six free pianos to area students who demonstrated financial need. The deadline for the first round of donations was December 2nd and the pianos were delivered the week of Christmas.

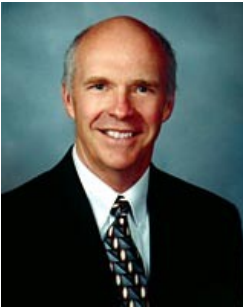
The WFSM accepts, processes and then approves applications for pianos from the Steinway Piano Society's [Piano Bank](#). Steinway Piano Gallery then takes care of the logistical details of delivering and tuning the instruments in the students' homes. All this is done at no cost to the families who receive the pianos.

Students 6-17 years old who agree to attend lessons and practice regularly are eligible for the program and are typically recommended by their school music or private piano teachers.

Complete eligibility requirements and application forms can be found at the Foundation's [website](#). The next deadline for applications is March 17, 2010.

### Piano PlayTogether 2010 by Diane Madsen

The theme for the 2010 Piano PlayTogether is "Harmony for Humanity - Making a Better World Through Music".



The ensemble concert will be held November 21, 2010 at the Oregon Performing Arts Center in Oregon, WI. Even though this date is over a year away we already can report some exciting developments that have shaped up over the last several months. Robert Vandall (*pictured left*) has been commissioned by MAPTA to compose a celebratory one piano/4-hands duet piece that will be used to open the concert. This in itself is exciting, but the icing on the cake is the fact that Mr. Vandall will be the conductor for the event as well. His commissioned composition will be performed for the first time at the concert and directed by the composer.

Another highlight is that MAPTA will be collaborating with Alfred Publications in presenting the ensemble event this time around. By exclusively using Alfred publications for the concert program Alfred will provide Robert Vandall's travel, hotel, and meals along with promoting the concert via posters, email broadcasting, a video invitation, and PDF Flyers that all MAPTA teachers will be able to download for use in their studios. This is just a sampling of what Alfred Publications will provide for this very special MAPTA concert.

The 2007 PPT had 192 students who participated. This time around we'd like to have 250 students performing so start planning to have your studio included now. If you would like to help with any aspect of the event please contact [Jeanne Felix](#) or [Diane Madsen](#), co-directors of the 2010 PPT.

Let's make this the best Piano PlayTogether yet!

### Find MAPTA on Facebook by Grant Billings

Stay connected with other MAPTA members on Facebook by becoming a member of the "secret" site. This is the invitation only page - only other MAPTA members are allowed. If you did not receive an invitation, send me an [email](#).



### Approved Board Meeting Minutes

MAPTA BOARD MEETING Tuesday Sept. 15, 2009/ In attendance: Debbie, Gloria, Grant, Joanna, June, Anita, Denise, Diane, Jeanne, Patty, Linda. The meeting commenced at 9:35 am.

President, Budget and Publicity: Debbie announced that the MAPTA archives boxes are taking up too much space. A committee including Debbie, Grant, and Joanna will go through the archives and reduce them to items that can be contained in plastic containers. The minutes from the May board meeting were approved and accepted as read and corrected. The budget was approved as amended. Grant suggested investigating google hit words for the MAPTA website since the contract with the yellow pages ad will not be renewed. The option for a MAPTA tracfone will be put into the Nov. meeting agenda. The idea was presented to contact all area school music teachers and inform them of MAPTA.

Fall Workshop/ Gloria: We should advertise to MAPTA WMTA, Federation, and surrounding areas. A possible location for a future workshop or MAPTA venue is the Madison Club (\$100 rental and \$12 per person for lunch).

Nuances/ Technology/ Grant: he will add to print "view this as a webpage" so those receiving Nuances by email can print out copies. The advertising policy was discussed and altered. A motion was passed that Grant can operate under alterations that will be voted on at the next meeting. The new MAPTA logo is missing the word "area". It is in the process of getting changed. A motion was passed that a generic password will be used for all MAPTA members. There will be a private only section for MAPTA members on the Facebook page. There will be a meeting on Oct. 16 at 8:30 am at Steinway for an explanation and demonstration of how to use Office Live. All board members are encouraged to attend and bring their laptops.

Upcoming MAPTA events were mentioned as consistent with the MAPTA calendar. YAR forms should be sent to Brian Hagen. YAR forms and reimbursement forms will be on Office Live. The Honors Recital date has been changed from March 7 to March 14. The Fall adult social will be held Nov. 22 at 7 pm at the home of Cheri Lewis.

PPT/ Diane and Jeanne: Alfred will provide airfare, hotel, food, and advertisements to MAPTA and surrounding areas to promote Robert Vandall's visit to Madison as conductor of the next PPT. Alfred will also donate one copy of each piece to MAPTA and a gift to each participant. MAPTA will pay the \$500 commissioning fee for Robert Vandall's duet composition and \$1000 his 2 day visit. Vandall will only be conducting the second rehearsal.

YCF/ Shad: The winners recital took place on Sunday, Sept. 13. There were 23 entries and 2 adult entries in the festival.

Professional Goals/ Bylaws: The bylaws draft was approved with several changes.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15. The next board meeting will be at 8:30 am on Tuesday November 17 at Steinway Gallery.

#### Final Thought...

*"Teaching is the greatest act of optimism"*

--Colleen Wilcox

*Do you know someone who could benefit from joining MAPTA? Send them this issue of Nuances by clicking the link below.*



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#### Submissions

Complete submissions of articles, events or other piano themed features are welcome. We need them by the 21st of each month to be considered for publication.

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