



Nuances

The Newsletter of MAPTA

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Calendar

MAPTA Sponsored Events are featured in this color.

Thursday, Feb 4

Help for Haiti Concert

7:15 pm
Steinway Piano Gallery
Free - Donations Accepted

Saturday, Feb 6

PianoWorks! For Kids!!

11:00 am
Steinway Piano Gallery
Free - Ages 7-16

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

Friday, Feb 12th

Standards Committee

9:00 am
Debbie Yee's House
5718 Piping Rock Rd
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

Tuesday, Feb 16

Pro Goals Meeting

9:00 am
Ward Brodt
PPT Music Selection
Meeting follows at 10:00 am

Sunday, Feb 21

Jazz Concert

4:00 pm
Farley's - \$20
proceeds go to
Haitian Relief

Thursday, Feb 25

President's Message *by Debbie Yee*

Dear ,

Yeah! It's February!!

I am always excited when this month arrives... it is a short one and it means that Spring is on the horizon.



Beginning this year, it also marks the month that MAPTA will send out an annual **Member Survey**. Their year's survey is only a dozen questions and will take less than five minutes to complete. Please take the time to provide the board of directors with your feedback and suggestions.

[Click here to take the survey](#)

February is also a month chock-full of exciting piano events in Madison for teachers and students:

- Feb. 7 is the monthly YAR at Capital Lakes.
- Feb. 13 is the Play-a-thon at Hilldale Mall organized and conducted by members of MAFOP
- Feb. 20 is the WSMA auditions for Madison public schools
- Feb. 21 is the Federation Festival held at Ward-Brodt Music Company
- Feb. 27 is the auditions for the Honors Festival

It is quite a tribute to our piano community that so many different types of opportunities are offered. I hope everyone will be able to take advantage of some, if not all, of these wonderful events.

Please take special note that there are two new committees that are launching this month. Looking forward

Debbie Yee
MAPTA President

PianoWorks! For Kids!! Saturday, February 6th



Steinway Piano Gallery will present **PianoWorks! For Kids!! on Saturday, February 6th at 11:00 am**. Admission is free.

The program is a fun and interactive workshop that demystifies the piano and gets elementary and middle school students excited about making music.

The program begins with a short, catchy video tour of a piano factory followed by hands-on exploration inside a real Steinway to learn how 12,000 parts come together to make music.

Honors Recital Auditions *by Patty Ladpli & Shu-Ching Chuang*

The Honors Recital auditions are coming soon. The registration form is available on our website or by following this link: [Honors Audition Registration Form](#).

Concert Preview
9:30 am
Farley's - Free

Friday, Feb 26th
Standards Committee
9:00 am
Debbie Yee's House
5718 Piping Rock Rd, Madison

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

Sunday, Feb 28th
Young Artist Recital
Registration Deadline
for March 14 Recital

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

Friday, Mar 12
Free Concert featuring
Steinway Artist
Christopher Taylor
8:00 pm
Mills Hall

Saturday, Mar 13
UW MTNA Student Chapter's
Chopin Extravaganza
9:00 am - 6:30 pm
Free Event including Lunch
UW Music Hall
Contact [Jess Johnson](#)
for more information

Sunday, March 14
Young Artist Recital
1:00 pm
Capitol Lakes

Honors Recitals
2:00 & 4:00 p.m.
UW Humanities Building
Morphy Hall

Saturday, Mar 20
Pedals, Pipes & Pizza
8:30 am to 3:30 pm
Lutheran Church of the Living Christ
110 N Gammon Rd
Free

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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Submissions

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

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The **deadline** for receipt of the registration forms and fees is **Saturday, February 13, 5:00 pm**. You may send the forms to either Shu-Ching Chuang or Patty Ladpli. No electronic registration forms will be accepted. We will send audition times out as soon as possible.



The Honors Recitals will be on Sunday, March 14, at 2:00 & 4:00 pm at Morphy Hall in the UW-Madison Humanities Building.

We look forward to an exciting event!

Professional Goals by Anita Schulz

Professional Goals will meet Tuesday mornings from **9:00 - 10:00 am on February 16, March 16, April 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 am** in Ward-Brodt's Presentation Room.

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

Haitian Relief Concerts Planned



The Steinway Piano Society and Farley's House of Pianos will each host benefit concerts in February to help the victims of last month's earthquake.

The UW-MTNA Student Chapter will hold their benefit for

Hope for Haiti this Thursday, February 4th at 7:15 pm at Steinway Piano Gallery of Madison. Farley's will hold their concert on Sunday, February 21 at 4:00 pm with proceeds being donated to Haitian Relief.

Tickets for the Farley's concert are \$20. There is no charge for the UW-MTNA benefit, however donations will be accepted.

Welcome our newest members, Kassy and Carol!



Join us in welcoming our newest MAPTA members!

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



Free Concert - All Donations will directly benefit [Hope for Haiti](#)

New Committees by *Debbie Yee*

Teachers' Studio Exchange

This past summer, Shad Wenzlaff and I experimented with a studio exchange. I observed him teach at his studio and he is planning to observe me at my studio sometime. I found that I gained more insight than I had expected and thought it might be a great idea to begin a list of teachers who are willing to open their studios for observation to fellow MAPTA teachers. Every month the list will be included in Nuances and hopefully will grow over time.

At present, teacher taking part include [Gloria Chuang](#), [Denise Taylor](#), [Shad Wenzlaff](#), and [myself](#). If you are interested in observing any of these teachers, you can contact them by clicking their name. To be added to the list, email [Debbie Yee](#).

Standards Committee

Have you ever had a parent or student ask you what level they are? Have you ever had a student say their friend is a higher level than them because they are at level 3 in a particular teaching series and they are only at a level 2 in a different series? Have you ever wondered what is elementary, early elementary, etc?

To help MAPTA teachers better answer these questions, the Standards Committee will begin meeting twice each month to brainstorm guidelines and measurement for student progress such as; what are our standards for technic, theory, sight-reading, etc.? How do we measure them? How do we communicate them?

The first meeting will be on **Friday, February 12 at 9:00 am** at my house (5718 Piping Rock Road). The second is scheduled for **Friday, February 26 at 9:00 am** at my house again.

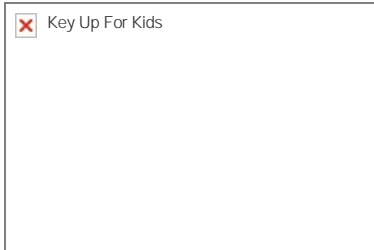
Please feel free to just show up to share ideas and enjoy coffee, tea and pastries.

Other Chairpersons Needed

Please let me know if you are interested in being a chair for Performers Supporting Performers, Adult Music Socials or Website.

Play-a-thon This Month from *Renee Farley*

It is not too late to participate in the **Key-Up-for-Kids Playathon at Hilldale Mall on Saturday, February 13**. There are a few openings at the beginning of the day and near the end of the day. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to share their piano talents with the community and give a personal public service at the same time.



The students perform their piano pieces for donations. All of the money donated goes to the American Family Children's Hospital/Child Life Program. This program relies on donations to provide their services. The money is used to provide toys, games and supplies for many music and art activities for patients and their siblings during their stay at AFCH. Call Connie Jones at 442-8302 if you would like to reserve some time for your students.

The playathon is sponsored by Madison Area Friends of Piano. This organization is comprised of piano dealers, piano technicians and piano teachers. MAPTA is a member of this group. The MAFOP board would like to thank MAPTA for its 2010 donation of \$250.00. This money helps defray expenses such as mailings, Playathon materials and Monster Concert supplies. The piano dealers donate the pianos and moving for the events. Members donate their time for these two events. The AFCH helps with publicity and tee-shirt production. Businesses have donated premiums to players, monetary donations to the cause, or items for the Child Life program. Magic 98 donates air time announcements. No monies raised at the playathon are used for administrative costs. Students that bring in \$100 or more by February 28 will be in a drawing for a one-night stay in a family suite at Great Wolf Lodge in Wisconsin Dells. A prize will be awarded to the teacher whose students generate the highest donation total.

If you have questions contact [Renee Farley](#) by email or by phone at (608) 271-2626.



The Eddie Piccard Jazz Quartet with special guest **Greg Abate** will perform in concert **Sunday, February 21, 2010 at 4:00 PM** at **Farley's House of Pianos**, 6522 Seybold Road in Madison. Tickets are \$20. Reserve tickets by credit card by calling Farley's at 608-271-2626 or in person at Farley's House of Pianos or Orange Tree Imports on Monroe Street. Admission includes a reception. Seating is limited. Visit www.farleyspianos.com for more information. Visit www.eddiepiccard.com and www.gregabate.com for more about the artists. **PROCEEDS FROM THIS CONCERT WILL BE DONATED TO HAITIAN RELIEF.**

Exploring Music Resources by *David Karbler*

There are some new issues from the FJH Music Company...



In Recital with All-Time Favorites, Books 1-6. Edited by Helen Marlais. *This series comprises a great collection of popular arrangements of children's classroom songs, traditional favorites, and a wide variety of popular folk songs. The series is carefully leveled into the following six categories: Early Elementary, Elementary, Late Elementary, Early Intermediate, Intermediate, and Late Intermediate.*

A teacher duet part accompanies some of the earlier levels. All books include a CD with complete performances designed to assist with recital preparations and are priced between \$6.95 - \$7.95

Write, Play, and Hear Your Theory Every Day, Book 2. Helen Marlais with Peggy O'Dell and Kristen Avila. \$7.95. This second volume helps students continue learning their theory in the most beneficial way - by playing, writing, and combining it with ear training at the same time! Students are asked to write the answers to theory examples, play them, and then do ear training activities to reinforce each theory concept. An accompanying CD plays each example and can be used at the lesson or at home.

Dance Preludes for Piano Duet. Timothy Brown, edited by Phyllis Lehrer. \$7.50. This advanced duet is from the FJH Contemporary Keyboard Editions series, designed for pianists with an interest in music of the late 20th and early 21st centuries. It gives pianists an opportunity to explore exciting rhythms, varied tempos, mixed meters and modal melodies - everything you would expect from modern music. The work takes its inspiration from Polish folk songs and, in particular, from the Dance Preludes for Clarinet and Piano, by Witold Lutoslawski.

New sheet music solos include:

The Little Red Caboose by Mary Leaf. Early Elementary
The Butterfly by Nancy Lau. Elementary
The Autumn Song by Kevin and Julia Olson. Late Elementary
Clown Rag by Kevin Costley. Intermediate
Deep River arr. by Mary Leaf. Late Intermediate

Concert Preview

MAPTA members are invited to a concert preview on Thursday, February 25 at 9:30 a.m. at Farley's House of Pianos, 6522 Seybold Road, Madison. This event previews the Madison Symphony Orchestra's concert weekend of Feb. 26-27-28. The featured concerto soloist for this series is pianist Stephen Hough. The speaker at the preview will be Bill Lutes. At the MSO concerts Mr. Hough will be playing Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1 in B Flat minor. The concert will also include Dawn by Estonian composer Heino Eller and Symphony No. 1 by Sibelius. The guest conductor will be Anu Tali from Estonia. Ms. Tali also appeared with the MSO last season. There is no cost to attend this concert preview but an RSVP is requested. Please call Farley's at (608) 271-2626 if you would like to attend. This event is sponsored by the Madison Symphony Orchestra League.

PSP Recital Feb 28th from Ruth Heinecke

Performers Supporting Performers will present a recital on **Sunday, Feb. 28, 2:00 p.m. at Capital Lakes Retirement Center's Grand Hall, 333 W. Main, Madison.** Convenient parking is in a ramp right across the street from the main entrance.

Our program will include the following performers and selections:

Cheri Lewis - *Nocturne in Eb, Opus 55/2 Nocturne in E, Opus 62/2, Frederic Chopin*
Ruth Heinecke - *Sonata in C, K. 309, III. Rondeau, W.A. Mozart*
Manuel Solórzano - *Kylikki Opus 41, II. Andantino, Jean Sibelius*
Brian Hagen - *from Songs Without Words, On the Seashore, Felix Mendelssohn and Tell Me a Bedtime Story, Herbie Hancock*
Gloria Chuang - *Fantasiestuck Opus 12, Robert Schumann*
I. Des Abens II. Aufschwung III. Warum? V. In der Nacht
Patty Ladpli - *General Lavine - excentric, Claude Debussy*

We hope you will be able to join us, and stay for the general meeting following the recital.

Free Pianos for Deserving Students



The Wisconsin Foundation for School Music is currently accepting applications from deserving students for pianos from the Steinway Piano Society's [Piano Bank](#).

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.**

Approved Board Meeting Minutes by Joanna Grace, Secretary

MAPTA BOARD MEETING Tuesday Nov 17, 2009/ In attendance: Those present for the

meeting included Debbie, June, Joanna, Grant, Anita, Jeanne, Denise, Renee and Ben. The meeting commenced at 8:40 am.

Secretary: (Joanna Grace) read the minutes of the Sept. board meeting. They were approved as read with minor corrections.

Annual Fall Workshop: Gloria Chuang will present a report at a future meeting. Discussion ensued as to the terrific program by Dr. Andrew Hisey and the concern of the low attendance and lack of Publicity Chair to help publicize MAPTA events outside of MAPTA.

Programs: (Karen Boe) The next general meeting is Feb. 9 (see directory and Nuances for more details).

Performers Supporting Performers: (Ruth Heinecke) The next meeting will take place on Friday Nov. 20 at 10 am the home of Patty Ladpli

Exploring Music Resources: David Karbler from Ward-Brodt is the new EMR Chair!

Nuances: (Grant Billings) Grant presented the revised advertising policy. Those present approved the policy with minor changes. Grant also presented some options for a MAPTA recording/ picture taking policy. No consensus could be made at this meeting. Discussion will follow at the next board meeting. The MAPTA logo was corrected.

Website: (Ben Garber) We currently pay \$40/ month for maintenance and hosting of the MAPTA website. Ben proposed to investigate other website options to include a more functional, updated site with local access to make changes and updates. Those present speculated on how MAPTA and the public could benefit from a revised website and internet presence. Concern about MAPTA directory privacy was presented and discussed in regard to password protected parts of the website. The possibility was raised to not have directory information on the site and to maintain a Facebook forum for MAPTA members, thus removing the need for password protected parts of the site. Committee Chairs would need to know that their email addresses are on the web. Ben will present new website options with financial proposals at the January board meeting.

Publicity: (No Chair)

Referral: (Linda Johnson) no report

Honors Recital: (Patty Ladpli and Shu-Ching Chuang) The recital date has been changed to Sunday, March 14.

Young Artist Recitals: (Renee Farley and Brian Hagen) The September recital featured 12 students from 5 teachers and the October recital featured 10 students from 4 teachers. There is often a high enrollment for December requiring two recitals.

Piano Play Together: (Diane Madsen and Jeanne Felix) Robert Vandall's commissioned piece for MAPTA is completed and paid for. The title for the level 4 piece that will open the concert has not yet been titled. It is expected that the piece will be published by the month of June. Ten pianos will be needed for this year's event. MAPTA has received a large amount of duet music from Alfred at no charge!

Piano Composition Festival: (Shad Wenzlaff) Shad is working on grant writing for sponsorship for the 2010 festival.

Professional Goals: (Anita Schulz) The bylaws were approved at the Nov. 10 general meeting. Anita sends a thank you to all who worked on this document. The next meeting at 9 am on Dec. 1 at Ward-Brodt will feature discussion and re-working of the duties for each committee. Joanna will continue to coordinate Panera donated goods for meetings.

Membership: (Denise Taylor) Denise reported that there are 92 members: 71 active, 7 associate, 3 institutional, 2 students, and 9 honorary lifetime members. The revised by-laws do not include a student category for membership in upcoming years.

Treasurer: (June Zeeh) June is writing a letter to cancel the Yellow Pages ad for next year. The Yellow Pages come out in February. Grant will investigate if the current referral number can be transferred to a Tracfone. In the meantime, MAPTA will keep the current phone number and phone plan. The reimbursement forms for MAPTA committee expenses are available on Office Live. June is willing to email forms to those board members that email her a request. June must receive the reimbursement form and related receipts before issuing reimbursement. Details of the treasury report presented at this meeting will not be published in the minutes, however, MAPTA members may contact June for a copy of the report.

Other Business: Debbie Yee and Grant Billings have discussed the creation of a digital survey to find out more what current members need and want from MAPTA and how MAPTA is or may not be serving their interests.

The next meeting will be held on January 12 at 8:30 am at Farley's House of Pianos. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.

Find MAPTA on Facebook by Grant Billings

Did you know that, by becoming a member of the "secret" site, you will get MAPTA calendar event updates on your Facebook page? It's just like how other events and birthdays appear now!





Free Pedals, Pipes & Pizza - March 20th *submitted by John Krueger*

The Madison Chapter of the American Guild of Organists/Association of Church Musicians is presenting a program to introduce young people ages 11-16 to the organ; it is Pedals, Pipes & Pizza. As leading piano teachers in the community, we hope that you might be interested in encouraging some of your piano students to attend. We will explain and demonstrate the pipe organ. The students will also see the inside of an organ and have an opportunity to play a piano piece on it.

Please note the principal purpose of the day is to help students learn about the pipe organ and how it functions. The primary interest is not in recruitment of students for immediate organ study. If there happen to be students who would like to start organ lessons, we would strongly recommend they continue piano study while studying the organ.

The Pedals, Pipes & Pizza event will begin at Lutheran Church of the Living Christ, 110 North Gammon Road, Madison, and will last from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 20. We will also visit Resurrection Chapel at Oakwood Village West and Covenant Presbyterian Church, both near Mineral Point Road.

The event is free and will include a pizza lunch. If you have students whom you feel would be interested in attending this introduction to the organ, please send me their contact information. We will then contact the students and their parents.

Thank you for your consideration of this request as well as your cooperation. Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,
[John R. Krueger](#), Coordinator: Pedals, Pipes & Pizza
422 Maple Avenue, Madison, WI 53704-5841
608-249-0679



The Final Note



"Simplicity is the final achievement.

After one has played a vast quantity of notes and more notes, it is simplicity that emerges as the crowning reward of art."

--Frederic Chopin

Chopin's 200th Birthday will be celebrated on February 22, 2010

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