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Calendar

MAPTA Sponsored Events are featured in this color.

Monday, Mar 8

Making the Music Dance
 8:30 pm
 2 Piano Concerts
 with live dance improvisation
 Steinway Piano Gallery
 Free

Friday, Mar 12

MAPTA Board Meeting
 8:30 - 10:30 am
 Shad's Piano Place

**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

Sunday, March 14

Young Artist Recital
 1:00 pm
 Capitol Lakes

Honors Recitals

2:00 & 4:00 pm
 UW Humanities Building
 Morphy Hall

Tuesday, March 16

Pro Goals & PPT Meeting
 9:00 - 10:00 am
 Ward Brodt

Thursday, Mar 18

PianoWorks! For Grown-ups
 6:30 pm
 For parents and teachers
 Steinway Piano Gallery
 Free

Saturday, Mar 20

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

Sunday, Mar 21

**Master Class with
 Denise Taylor**
 Noon
 Capitol Lakes Grand Hall
 333 W Main St
 Free

Saturday, Mar 27

PianoWorks! For Kids!!

President's Message *by Debbie Yee*

Dear ,

It's March - and the first day of Spring is finally upon us. Plants begin to sprout new life and trees begin to bud. Likewise, MAPTA begins to plan for a new upcoming year in March.



On April 6, incoming Program Chair Patty Ladpli will hold a Program Committee meeting at her residence. General meeting topics and fall workshop content will be discussed with much input coming from last month's successful Member Survey. Please consider adding your valuable input by attending the meeting or by email or phone.

In addition to April 6, be sure to add the March 14 Honors Recital at Morphy Hall to your calendar. It will be a beautiful afternoon of music.

Looking forward

Debbie Yee
 MAPTA President

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

PianoWorks! For Kids!! Saturday, February 6th



Steinway Piano Gallery will present two PianoWorks! programs in March. Admission is free.

The "grown-up" version of **PianoWorks!** on **Thursday, March 18 at 6:30 PM**, is the perfect workshop for parents considering upgrading from a used piano or keyboard and who are uncertain about what to look for in a good piano.

On **Saturday, March 27 at 11 AM**, an encore of last month's **PianoWorks! For Kids!!** workshop 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 piano to learn how 12,000 parts come together to make music.

Professional Goals *by Anita Schulz*

Professional Goals will meet Tuesday mornings from **9:00 - 10:00 am on March 16 and 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.

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

Tuesday, Apr 6
Programs Planning Meeting
9:30 am
Patty Ladpli's House
9406 Whippoorwill Way
Middleton

Sunday, Apr 11
Young Artist
Recital Deadline
For Apr 25 Recital
Contact Brian Hagen for more
information

Tuesday, Apr 13
General Meeting & Program
9:00- 11:00 am
"Preview of Fall 2010
Piano Play Together"
Diane Madsen and Jeanne Felix
Christ Presbyterian Church
944 E Gorham St

Sunday, Apr 25
Young Artists Recital
1:00 pm - Warmups
1:30 pm - Performance
Oak Park Place East
Granview Hall
718 Jupiter Drive

Tuesday, May 11
Annual Brunch & Meeting
8:30 - 11:30 am
Oakwood Village West
6209 Mineral Point Rd
(Sign-up forms will be
available soon)

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

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Do you know someone who could benefit from joining MAPTA?

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Free Master Class March 21st from Irmgard Bittar

Denise Taylor will conduct a Master Class at the **Capitol Lakes Grand Hall**, 333 W Main Street, on **Sunday, March 21. at Noon**. Dr. Taylor will work with students on compositions by Scarlatti, Beethoven, Mozart, Schubert and Brahms. The event is open to the public.

Free Pianos Deadline 3/17 by Grant Billings



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.**

Teacher Studio Exchange from Debbie Yee

In addition to [Gloria Chuang](#), [Denise Taylor](#), [Shad Wenzlaff](#), and [myself](#), [Joanna Grace](#) has added herself to the list of teachers interested in exchanging observations of each other's studios.

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.

Find MAPTA on Facebook

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](#).

UW Chopin Extravaganza submitted by Jess Johnson



To celebrate the 200th anniversary year of the birth of Frederic Chopin, the School of Music presents a two-day festival of his music.

On **Friday, March 12** at 8:00 PM, our very own Christopher Taylor will be performing a free concert in Mills Hall featuring Chopin's Sonata No. 2 in B-flat minor and Sonata No. 3 in B minor. Please encourage your students to attend his concert which is sure to inspire everyone and will kick off our celebration of Chopin's extraordinary life and music!

On **Saturday, March 13, 2010** in MUSIC HALL from 9 AM to Noon, middle school and high school students will perform in master

classes taught by UW piano faculty.

- At 1:30 pm, a community music recital presents teachers and amateur pianists in an informal setting of performance and personal reflection about Chopin.
- At 3:30 pm, a marathon performance of the complete mazurkas will feature most piano majors (both undergraduate and graduate) at the School of Music.
- At the midpoint of the marathon, about 4:45 pm, a reception in Music Hall lobby will allow

The School of Music thanks the Evjue Foundation and Chancellor Emeritus Irving Shain for their sponsorship of the extravaganza.

ALL EVENTS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

We hope that you will join us for this celebration of Chopin's life and music!
Warmest wishes,

Jess Johnson, Chair of Keyboard
Martha Fischer, Ina Selvelieva, John Stowe, Christopher Taylor and Todd Welbourne

"I expect you not only to master music; I expect you to save the planet."



Before her Overture Center debut last month, Steinway Artist **Xiayin Wang** took the time to talk with Nuances Editor Grant Billings about her passion for music education and her advice for teachers and students.

[Follow this link to read the interview](#)

Jeanne Felix wanted to share **Karl Paulnack's** welcome address to The Boston Conservatory incoming class in 2004. It is amazingly insightful and inspiring. Read the [full text of his address here](#)



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 the Pedals, Pipes & Pizza event at Lutheran Church of the Living Christ, 110 North Gammon Road, Madison, 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.

Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

[John R. Krueger](#), Coordinator: Pedals, Pipes & Pizza (608) 249-0679



Programs 2010-11 *by Patty Ladpli*

The planning meeting for next year's programs topics for general meetings is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 6 at 9:30 AM** at Patty Ladpli's house, 9406 Whippoorwill Way, Middleton. Please bring your ideas. If you cannot attend, please feel free to send to me an [email](#) before the meeting. Thank you!

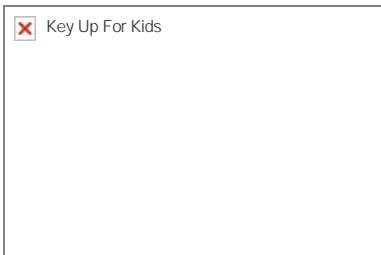
Spring Adult Music Social *from Cheri Lewis*

The Spring Adult Music Social will be held on **Sunday, April 18th at 7 PM** at the home of Judy Ferreri, 3118 Timber Lane, Verona, WI 53593

Please encourage all of your adult students to participate in this fairly informal event structured to help pianists at all levels to become more comfortable sharing their music with others. Pieces can be memorized or played with music. Adult students who would like to first learn more about the social are also welcome to attend without playing that evening. Those attending are requested to bring a small plate of cookies or other food to share.

Call Cheri Lewis at (608) 222-5125 if you have any questions or Judy Ferreri at (608) 469-2235 if you need directions.

Play-a-thon 2010 *from Renee Farley*



Madison Area Friends of Piano thanks all of the teachers, students, piano technicians, staff from AFCH and committee volunteers for the very successful 2010 Key-Up-for-Kids Piano Playathon held February 13th.

The students have raised over \$10,000 so far for the American Family Children's Hospital and the money continues to come in throughout the month of February. Students can still turn in pledge money to their teachers who will then send it to MAFOP treasurer Connie Jones.

The drawing for the Great Wolf Lodge premium package will take place at the March 4th MAFOP meeting. The results of the teacher whose studio brought in the highest donation amount will also be known at that time. There are still tee shirts available for students turning in donations of \$25. or more.

We are pleased to note that the following Hilldale merchants contributed to the Playathon: M&I Marshall & Ilsley bank (monetary donation to AFCH), Playthings (wooden play toy to AFCH) and the Flatiron Grill (discounted student dinner). We also thank Pedro's for dinner coupons to the players, Magic 98 for on-air promotions and Great Wolf Lodge for the gift certificate for a family of four for a night at the Wisconsin Dells Great Wolf Lodge. We also thank Channel 15 and Channel 3 for live coverage at the playathon. And, we thank Hilldale Shopping Center for hosting us every year. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

When one thinks of the economy today, it is especially gratifying to support such a worthy cause in such a significant way. Bravo to all of you!



Hear Armenian-born pianist **RAFFI BESALYAN** play Rachmaninoff & Gershwin in a **benefit concert for the Madison Symphony Orchestra on Sun., May 2, 2010 at 4:00 PM at Farley's House of Pianos, 6522 Seybold Road, Madison.** Tickets are \$60 (\$30 tax deductible) and can be ordered by calling at Farley's at (608) **271-2626** or through the Madison Symphony Orchestra League c/o Evelyn Jennings, **836-0619**. Proceeds from this concert will go toward education and outreach programs of the MSO.

2010 Young Composer's Festival by Shad Wenzlaff, YCF Chair

Although it's barely spring, it's not too early to start thinking about student submissions to the MAPTA sponsored Young Composer's Festival. It's oftentimes useful to assign "two measures a week" for students who struggle with notation and the discipline of submitting compositions to the festival. So if March has 4 lessons, April and May 4 each, plus summer lessons, students will be successful in writing and notating a 24+ measure composition in time for the festival deadline!

Dr. David Dies, Assistant Professor of Composition, Lawrence University (and UW-Madison School of Music graduate), will adjudicate our festival this summer. **The deadline for composition submissions will be Friday, July 30, 2010.** In other words, both the printed and the recorded CD or Digital MP3 versions of compositions must be in the chairperson's hands/possession by the time mail is delivered on July 30 please. This festival is open to MAPTA and non-MAPTA teachers and their students (an additional fee is imposed for non-MAPTA teachers/students). This is a "statewide" competition.

Solo piano compositions will be judged by level. Students deemed "First Place" and "Runner Up" in each category, by our guest judge, will be invited to perform in a Sunday September 2010 recital event. For the sake of leveling competitions, students with duets will be asked to contact Shad at least 2 weeks prior to submission this year.

Shad will coordinate an "info session/workshop" for teachers, which will be scheduled for early June. Pending funding and grant selection, MAPTA may be able to host Dr. Dies for this event. This session/workshop will also include ways to motivate students who might otherwise be reluctant to learn how to properly notate their original musical ideas. Interested teachers should contact Shad early to demonstrate level of interest, and help coordinate/facilitate such an offering.

More information to come! Watch next month's Nuances for a submission form and details!

Piano Play Together by Diane Madsen



The selection process is almost complete!

Over the last several months the 2010 Piano PlayTogether music selecting team has been scouring the multitudes of piano ensemble music to find the perfect pieces for this exciting event which will be held on Sunday, November 21, 2010.

The theme "*Harmony for Humanity: Making a Better World through Music*" has been a challenge, but a wonderful array of pieces that covers Levels I through VII has been selected. And new to this event will be an ensemble piece for adult students so that they can be a

part of the fun. The event will open with a performance of the MAPTA commissioned original composition by Robert Vandall.

Be sure to attend the General Meeting in April when the music selection committee presents the pieces that will be used in this popular MAPTA concert event.

The Final Note

*"Time is the best censor, and
patience a most excellent teacher."*





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