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Submissions

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

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Studio Exchange Teachers

Contact [Gloria Chuang](#), [Denise Taylor](#), [Shad Wenzlaff](#), [Debbie Yee](#) or [Joanna Grace](#) if you are interested in being a part of the Studio Exchange Program.

Board Meeting UpDate

The dates for several Board Meetings have been changed from those listed in the Directory.

Board Meetings will be held on:
November 2
January 25
March 1

The locations listed in the Directory are correct.

President's Message

[Debbie Yee](#)

Dear, !

November, the month of Thanksgiving, has arrived. After 42 years, MAPTA has many, many past and present individuals to thank for the longevity of this organization.



Please take time this month to thank any of the following members:

- Past-Presidents: I now am very aware of the tremendous amount of free time these individuals have given to MAPTA in order for it to continue to thrive.
- Other officers: The time the secretary, treasurer, vice-president and past-president devote to the maintenance of important records is invaluable to MAPTA.
- Committee chairs: Throughout the years many members have devoted numerous hours to organize and direct valuable activities for MAPTA.
- Businesses: Various businesses and individuals not associated with MAPTA have given valuable information and many times valuable resources.

Three members deserve special recognition for the tireless hours they have devoted to the upcoming Piano Play Together. Jeanne Felix, Patty Ladpli and Diane Madsen have devoted much of their free time to the organization and production of a spectacular event.

Please come and be a part of this momentous event on Sunday, November 21 at the Oregon High School, which will feature the premier of a composition written for MAPTA by Robert Vandall.

Looking forward...

Debbie Yee
MAPTA President

MAPTA Board Meeting Tuesday, Nov 2- 8:30-10:30 am
Steinway Piano Gallery, 6629 Mineral Point Rd, Madison

[Click here for driving directions](#)

Young Artists Recital Sunday, Nov 7- 1:00 pm Warmups - 1:30 pm Performance
Capitol Lakes - Grand Hall, 333 W. Main Street

Practice begins at 1:00 pm with performances starting at 1:30 pm. If the playing time of all students for a single recital exceeds 45 minutes, two recitals will be held with the second beginning around 2:30 pm.

Contact [Brian Hagen](#) or [Renee Farley](#) for more information.

General Meeting Tuesday, Nov 9- 9:00-11:00 am
Christ Presbyterian Church, 944 E. Gorham St., Madison

A wonderful program, "Ways to Incorporate Music History in the Piano Lesson," will be presented by our very own Dr. Denise Taylor.

Even a basic knowledge of music history can enrich your students' piano lessons, but teachers might not know where to begin. Dr. Taylor will share, in an informal style, ideas to enhance your lessons with music history. Drawing from beginning, intermediate and early advanced piano repertoire from a variety of stylistic periods, she will give practical suggestions on getting

Welcome New Members

[Cynthia Stephan](#)

We are pleased to welcome two new members to MAPTA.

Sue Ellen Dubbert
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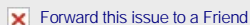
Sue Ellen is located near Franklin and Randall Elementary schools and specializes in teaching the Suzuki method.

Janice Wink
7707 Pamela Circle
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Janice has been a member of MAPTA for many years and is renewing her membership. Presently she is not teaching, but wants to stay in contact with MAPTA members and MAPTA events.

Spread The Love!

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

 Forward this issue to a Friend

your students fired up to play their pieces with greater understanding and enjoyment.

Remember, if you have young children at home, you can bring them along! Contact [Stacy Regehr](#) by Friday, November 5, to help organize our childcare sharing system.

Helping Children Practice Tuesday, Nov 9 - 7:00 pm Rhapsody Arts Center, Verona

Enjoy a free and informative presentation for parents that shares tips for making music practice fun and enjoyable for kids.

Contact Rhapsody Arts Center (608) 848-2045 for more information.



Round Table Discussion Group Friday, Nov 12 - 9:00 am Debbie Yee's house, 5718 Piping Rock Rd

The topic for discussion will be **Motivation: Methods, concerns or other issues related to motivating the student and maintaing our motivation.** Bring any questions and expertise that you may be able to share with other teachers.

The first session was quite successful with 5 teachers attending. We discussed various games to use for teaching and shared other teaching tips.

Come share games that you have used with your students! Contact [Debbie Yee](#) for more information.

Free PianoWorks!... Piano Care Saturday, Nov 13 - 10:30 am Steinway Piano Gallery of Madison, 6629 Mineral Point Road, Madison



Designed for adults who want to learn about maintenance and piano care. This program is one of a four part series.

[Click here to register](#) or [here for more information.](#)

PianoWorks is a free public service of Steinway Piano Gallery of Madison.

Piano Pioneers Book Drive

Not sure what to do with your old piano books?
Donate them to the Piano Pioneers Program!

Donations will be accepted through December 1st
at the following locations:

Steinway Piano Gallery (6629 Mineral Point Rd)
Ward-Brodt (2200 W Beltline Highway)
Rhapsody Arts Center (271 S Main St, Verona)
UW-Madison Campus (3561 Humanities Building,
455 N. Park St)

For more information contact [Paola](#) or [Jenny](#)



We'll accept any piano books - all levels, all methods, all repertoire - anything!

Piano Play Together Rehearsal Sunday, Nov 14 Steinway Piano Gallery, 6629 Mineral Point Rd, Madison

[Click here for Driving Directions](#)

See article below for more information.

Pro Goals Tuesday, Nov 16 - 9:00-11:00 am Ward-Brodt, 2200 W Beltline Hwy

The Professional Goals Committee meets on the third Tuesday of October, November, January, February and March from 9:00-11:00 am at Ward Brodt.

For more information, see the Membership Directory or contact [Anita Schulz](#).

The 19th annual Key-Up-For-Kids Piano Playathon is Saturday, February 12, 2011 from 9 am to 5 pm at Hilldale Shopping Center on Midvale Blvd. Piano teachers will receive a letter in November with information for both teachers and students playing at the event.

This is an opportunity for students to play piano for pledges or on-site donations that will help children at the American Family Children's Hospital. The Child Life program at the hospital is supported by donations, not patient or insurance funds, and offers children positive recreational activity not associated with medical treatment. Directions on how to sign up for time are included in the letter. Joanna Grace will be doing the scheduling for this playathon.

MAFOP wishes to thank all the students and teachers that participated in the Monster Concert on October 30, 2010. This was held at Barnes & Noble at East Towne Mall. Barnes & Noble generously donated a percentage of the day's profits to the American Family Children's Hospital.

Next MAFOP meeting: Thursday, Nov. 18 at 8 AM Connie & Joel Jones' home. All MAPTA members are welcomed to attend.

Questions? Contact [Renee Farley](#) (608) 271-2626.

Performers Supporting Performers *Friday, Nov 19 - 1:00 pm*
Judy Ferreri's house, 3118 Timber Lane, Verona

Any MAPTA members interested in playing for each other in an informal home setting are welcome. Music need not be memorized. Contact [Ruth Heinecke](#) (608) 437-4634 for more information.



Sonatina Festival *Saturday, Nov 20*
Competition - Rhapsody Arts Center, Verona
Awards Recital - Full Compass Systems, Madison



2009 Sonatina Festival Finalists

The 10th Annual Sonatina Festival will take place at Rhapsody Arts Center in Verona with the Awards Recital following at Full Compass Systems in Madison.

The annual event raises awareness, appreciation, and understanding of the sonata and sonatina musical forms and promotes music education.

The competition is open to students of all ages and levels of study from Wisconsin, Illinois, and Iowa. Last year's festival included 168 entrants with 53 finalists and \$400 awarded in scholarships.

Contact Rhapsody Arts Center (608) 848-2045 for more information.

[Click here for driving directions to Rhapsody Arts Center](#)
[Click here for driving directions to Full Compass Systems](#)

Piano Play Together Rehearsal *Saturday, Nov 20*
Oregon HS PAC, 456 N. Perry Pkwy., Oregon

[Click here for Driving Directions](#)

See article below for more information.

Piano Play Together *Sunday, Nov 21- 2:00 pm*
Oregon High School Performing Arts Center

[Diana Madsen](#)

Thank you for all of your registrations for the upcoming Piano Play Together. Deborah Ferris is adding the finishing touches to her narration to lead us into our theme of "Harmony for Humanity: Making a Better World Through Music". We have a total of 220 students registered with 23 teachers represented. It is exciting for the committee to see the interest in the Piano Play Together sustain and grow.

All teachers involved should have already received a copy of the [rehearsal schedules](#). If you have not received your copy, please contact Patty Ladpli for one. Teacher assignments are also being worked on, and when final, each teacher will be given a copy. *It is up to each teacher to let his/her students know of their rehearsal times for each rehearsal.* Please remind your students to allow extra time for travel and parking. They should be checking in at the first rehearsal (Steinway Piano Gallery) no later than 15 minutes prior to the start of their rehearsal. These rehearsals are run to the minute and they may miss their rehearsal if they are late. Only one family member/guardian should accompany the student.

At check-in at Steinway Piano Gallery, each student will receive specific information for the 2nd rehearsal in Oregon.

It is each teacher's responsibility to prepare their students. This includes insuring the piece is up to tempo, dynamics are observed and the student knows how to follow a conductor.

"Fanfare Celebration" (commissioned piece) will be videotaped during the concert. Since it is a world premier performance, MAPTA would like to post the performance on YouTube. We need all parents of students, or students (over 18), and teachers performing in "Fanfare Celebration" to sign a written consent to MAPTA's recording policy. These forms are being collected by Diane Madsen.

MAPTA is going to have available piano book bags for a suggested donation price of \$8/bag. These bags will feature the MAPTA logo and the date and theme of this year's PPT. These bags will be available at the rehearsal.

Important dates:

Mandatory rehearsal - Sun. Nov . 14 - Steinway Piano Gallery of Madison

Mandatory rehearsal - Sat. Nov . 20 Oregon Performing Arts Center Oregon H.S.

PPT Event - Sun. Nov 21 Oregon Performing Arts Center

Contact co-chairs [Diane Madsen](#) or [Jeanne Felix](#) with any questions.

Fall Music Social Sunday, Nov 21- 7:00 pm
Cheri Lewis' Home - 1706 Wild Oak Circle, Madison

[Cheri Lewis](#)

Please encourage all your adult students to participate in this year's Fall Adult Music Social. The event is fairly informal and will 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 at (608) 222-5125 if you need directions or have questions.

Young Artist Recital Deadline Sunday, Nov 21

The next Young Artist Recital will take place on Sunday, December 5, 2010 at Oak Park Place East's Grandview Hall, 718 Jupiter Drive.

For information, see the Membership Directory (Page 14) or contact [Brian Hagen](#) or [Renee Farley](#).

Free Pianos for Needy Students - Deadline Wednesday, Dec 15

Keyboard, old piano or no piano? If you know of any students who need a good piano but can't afford one, the Steinway Piano Society can help.

In cooperation with the Wisconsin Foundation for School Music, the SPS Piano Bank makes free pianos available to qualifying students. The deadline for applications is approaching!

For more information or to receive an application, contact [Andrea Mauch](#) (608) 850-3566.



Two students receiving free Piano Bank pianos last August

MAPTA Continuing Ed Scholarships



Scholarship funds are available to MAPTA members for attendance at non-MAPTA events, such as regional and national conferences, events, etc. \$500 has been allocated for such scholarships for the 2010-11 year.

A teacher must [fill out this form](#) and forward it to the Vice President (currently Dr. Gloria Chuang). Upon board approval and following the event, the member will submit an article for *Nuances* (about 200 words) and make a short presentation about the content at a MAPTA General Meeting. Recipients will be reimbursed after submission of the article, and completion of presentation.

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about piano teaching, and gain valuable knowledge which can in turn be shared within our MAPTA community!

Upcoming... Honors Festival

[Helga Swatzak](#)

It is our honor to co-chair the Honors Festival 2011. Although it is still early in the year, we would like

to encourage you to start thinking of any students you might have, 10 - 18 year olds, who might want to work towards the auditions taking place on Saturday, February 19th, 2011.

Students may play one or two pieces from memory within a 10-minute time slot for two wonderful guest judges. We highly encourage the preparation of unique and imaginative repertoire by lesser known composers, and look forward to an exciting Honors Recital on Sunday, March 6th.

The Registration Form will be available in an upcoming issue of Nuances.

Janet Smith & Helga Swatzak

Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the preceeding Board Meeting are published in Nuances in accordance with the bylaws.

September 28, 2010, 8:30 am, home of Debbie Yee

Present: Anita Schulz, Debbie Yee, Joanna Grace, June Zeeh, Jeanne Felix, Denise Taylor, Shad Wenzlaff, Renee Farley, Gloria Chuang

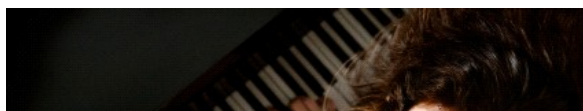


1. Minutes read from May 25 meeting by Denise. Approved.
2. Treasurer's Report: All money moved to Summit Credit Union except Janus account. Total assets are \$11,194.73. Income for September is \$9.83, expenses \$1,538.89, includes program facilities rental (including 2009-10 year which was never paid), trac phone, Piano Composition Festival. Treasurer's Report approved.
3. Final budget: Anita moves to add \$125 to hospitality. Approved. PPT needs to add \$100 for additional fee for piano tuning. Shad motioned to increase PPT expenses to \$3075, approved. Membership expenses have already come in higher, motion approved to increase membership expenses to \$450. Diane moved to change President category to President/Administrative to reflect that it includes banking fees, Treasurer's expenses. Budget is \$200 for President/Administrative category, approved. Motion to accept budget with today's amendments, approved.
4. Annual Workshop: Gloria mailed almost 200 brochures this week, received 9 checks so far, date is Oct. 15. Early registration due Oct 1. Bring Beethoven sonata books. Joanna will coordinate calling some people to try and increase attendance.
5. Programs: Set for the year except the May brunch, which still needs planning.
6. PSP at Cheri Lewis's house, Friday October 22.
7. Nuances: No report.
8. Website: Debbie is now in charge of the website.
9. Publicity: Joanna has several ideas, distributing remaining pencils, making magnets for realty associations, distributing postcards (from Pro Goals) at libraries. She will seek board approval before spending money. PPT would like Joanna to publicize the event, hopefully local TV or papers. Alfred will also be helping with the publicity, making posters and distributing emails. Debbie said that Board pre-approval is not necessary, she has \$700 budgeted.
10. Referral: In Linda's absence, she sent a report that she got more calls on the Trac Phone in the past month than she did all last year.
11. Honors: Judges are Trevor Stephenson and Phyllis Carroll, auditions will be at Christian Community on Old Sauk, recital at Covenant Presbyterian. Registration forms will be in Nov/Dec Nuances. Request that June prepare certificates, and parents bring the treats.
12. Young Artist Recital: Six students signed up for the first recital of the year. Audio for the Arts is a new member and wants to record YARs. Discussion about the permission and copyright issues involved.
13. PPT: Diane needs help with a permission slip for parents for a recording of DVDs, she has already covered the cost of copyright from Alfred. Someone needs to produce the PPT program, Denise volunteered to set the layout. There will be tote bags available for purchase at the rehearsals. Alfred is creating a poster. Pieces that are cut: Allegro Deciso, Fancy Dancin' and Out of Tune March.
14. Pro Goals: Winding up the responsibilities, thanks to Joanna and Patty for suggestions.
15. Membership: no report
16. New Business: Diane Madsen has an adult piano student who has created a group of adult piano students in a club. Could we put their information in Nuances? They have a website and get together socially for piano related activities - concerts, movies, discussions, etc. Board was very enthusiastic.
17. New Business: Methodist Churchin Waunakee needs a pianist. Debbie suggested she put it in Nuances.
18. Next Friday Oct 8, 9 am, will be the first roundtable discussion, sharing different games used in your studio. At Debbie Yee's house.
19. Next Board Meeting Tuesday, November 2 at Steinway Gallery, 8:30 am.
20. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Taylor, Secretary

The Final Note

[Grant Billings](#)





"When you play
MUSIC
you discover a

PART
OF YOURSELF

that you never knew existed."

-Bill Evans

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