



# Nuances

The Newsletter of MAPTA

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MAPTA Calendar of Events

President's Message

[Debbie Yee](#)

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Greetings!

April sun please bring some May flowers! I'm sure everyone is as excited as I am for the arrival of color outside.

But while we are waiting, we can enjoy the many colorful sounds that MAPTA provides us.



## Other Piano Events

**April 18 - 7:30 pm**  
Final Forte Winners from 2010  
Benefit Concert for MSO  
Farley's House of Pianos  
Admission: \$40 / \$10 students

**April 19 - 7:30 pm**  
Alessio Bax & Lucille Chung  
Piano 4 Hands  
Farley's House of Pianos  
Admission: \$30 / \$25

**April 21 - 7:00 pm**  
[Peace of Mind Practice Time](#)  
Middleton Library  
FREE

On Sunday, April 10th, the last Young Artist Recital for the year will be held at Oak Park Place.

Then, on Tuesday, May 10th, the Karpis will present a wonderful program for our brunch. Please make sure to fill out the attached registration form. The brunch is an excellent time to socialize and catch up with our fellow teachers. Our hectic schedules allow little time to sit back and find out what each other are doing. This is a perfect time to share some good food and conversation.

Finally, please make sure to rejoin this wonderful organization. The membership form will be sent to members sometime in April. Please watch for an email containing the membership form! Many new programs and ideas will be occurring in 2011-2012, which will be following the many suggestions made in the survey.

Looking forward,

Debbie Yee

## Quick Links

- [MAPTA Membership](#)
- [MAPTA Membership Form](#)
- [Contact MAPTA Officers and Directors](#)
- [MAPTA Members Only Site](#)
- [Last Month's Issue of Nuances](#)
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**General Meeting & Program** *Fri, April 8 - 9:00 - 11:00 am*  
Steinway Piano Gallery, 6629 Mineral Point Road, Madison

[Patty Ladoff](#)



**Save money!** Before you purchase another piece of computer software, hire a web designer or pay a bookkeeper, join Ben Garber and Grant Billings as they share the **Top Five Freebies** for music teachers.

## 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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[Click here for directions](#)

**Young Artist Recital** *Sun, April 10*  
*1:00 pm Warmups - 1:30 pm Performance*  
Oak Park Place Grandview Hall, 718 Jupiter Drive, Madison

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.

## 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.

**Spring Adult Music Social** *Sun, April 10 - 7:00 pm*  
Home of Murray Clayton (student of Cheri Lewis), 2506 Santa Maria Court, Middleton

[Cheri Lewis](#)

Please encourage all your adult students to participate in this opportunity. The event is fairly informal and will help pianists at all levels become more comfortable sharing their music with others. Pieces can be memorized or played with music. Adult students who wish to not play that evening are also welcome to attend. Those attending are requested to bring a small plate of cookies or other food to share.

Contact [Cheri Lewis](#) at (608) 222-5125 with any questions.

## Board Meeting UpDate

Final Board Meeting:  
May 24

## The New Officers Elect

The new officers elect are:

President: Patty Ladpli  
Vice-President: June Zeeh  
Secretary: Denise Taylor  
Treasurer: Pamela McMullen Clinton

These officers will be installed at the  
May brunch!

### Spread The Love!

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

### Regrets

Former MAPTA member Margaret "Marg" McKay passed away unexpectedly on March 17th at age 69. A funeral mass was held on March 23rd at Christ the King Catholic Church. She is survived by her husband, Jim McKay; four sons and eight grandchildren.



Marg attended Marquette University, later finished her English and Piano Pedagogy degrees at Edgewood College. In addition to teaching, she also owned to restaurants and a catering business in McFarland. In retirement, she continued to teach piano and garden.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory can be made to Luke House or St. Vincent de Paul.

**Performers Supporting Performers** *Fri, April 15 - 10:00 am*  
Home of Judy Ferreri, 3118 Timber Lane, Verona

[Ruth Heinecke](#)

All MAPTA members are welcome to either perform in an informal setting or be a part of the audience.

**Master Class for MAPTA Students with Jeremy Denk** *Wed, April 20 - 12:00 - 2:00 pm*

Union Theater, 800 Langdon Street, Madison

[Gloria Chuang](#)

There will be five students from our MAPTA teachers participating. Teachers must attend the session of those who are performing

Jeremy Denk, Concert Artist, will perform at Union Theater on April 21st.

Program: Haydn, Debussy, Schumann, Rachamoninoff, and Greig (5 students).

In 1998 Jeremy Denk won the Young Concert Artists International Auditions and received a prestigious Avery Fisher Career grant. Since then the pianist's career has flourished. The New York Times described his playing as "bracing, effortlessly virtuosic and utterly joyous," and he has garnered comparable critical acclaim for his engagements with leading orchestras nationwide. The versatile American pianist's repertoire ranges from the standard works of the 18th and 19th centuries to twentieth-century masters such as Ives, Ligeti, Lutoslawski and Messiaen, and further to new works by leading composers of today.

Denk's blog, "Think Denk," gives more insights into music and its practice than most professional writing about the field, often delivered with humor.

[Click here for directions](#)

**May Brunch Program** *Tues, May 10 - 8:30 am - 11:30 am*  
Oakwood Village West, 6205 Mineral Point Road, Madison

[Patty Ladpli](#)

This year's May Brunch will feature Howard and Francis Karp playing works for 1 piano and 4 hands by Mozart, Brahms, and Mendelssohn. The Karps have been playing piano duet music for over 60 years. They released a 4 CD set entitled "A Half Century of Music Making, Works for 2 pianos and piano 4-hands" to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2002. This program will surely be an exciting finale to our year!

[Click here for the Registration Form](#) due on Saturday, April 30th.

[Click here for directions](#)

### Key-Up-for-Kids Playathon News and Winners

[Renee Farley](#)



The 2011 Playathon was a great success on many levels. On behalf of all the young patients and their families at the American Family Children's Hospital, Madison Area Friends of Piano would like to thank all of the students and the 23 teachers that participated in the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Playathon this past February. Fifteen teachers' studios had students that brought in \$100 or more. We also thank all the sponsors for their assistance. \$8,300 was raised and more donations continue to come in. These funds will help the Child Life staff provide toys, games, activities and distractions so that the patients can heal in a soothing, child-friendly environment.

The winners of the Great Wolf Resort premium were Owen, Avery and Hayes Drane. The teacher whose studio raised the most money was Dianne Totten. Congratulations to all!

AFCH is a special place where amazing things are done for it's young patients. To see an example of the medical miracles that happen every day, [click here](#).

Plans are already under way for the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Playathon!

### Here Ye Here Ye

[Debbie Yee](#)

The following committees are in need of new chairs. Please consider becoming an integral part of our dynamic organization by becoming a chair. Contact [Debbie Yee](#) at (608) 273-3299 if you are able to serve.

## 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!

## Financial Strategies for College: Essential Tools for the Musically Inclined Student *April 19 - 6:30 - 8:00 pm*

Audio for the Arts Studios, 7 South Blair Street, Madison

[Buzz Kemper](#)

A presentation of strategies for college application and financial options for musically inclined students. The presenters are Robert DeCock, Certified College Planning Specialist, Quest College Program, and Steve Gotcher and Buzz Kemper of Audio for the Arts, audio engineers with over 50 years of combined experience with helping students make successful audition recordings.

Pianist and professional accompanist Claire Mallory will be on hand to present a brief musical performance.

The presentation is free of charge, but seating is limited.

For more information, contact [Audio for the Arts](#)

[Click here for directions](#)

## Goshen College Piano Workshop and Academy *June 20 - 24*

We are very pleased to announce that plans are underway for the next **Goshen College Piano Workshop and Academy**. View the link below for information about our guest clinicians and performers (*Carolyn True, Garik Pedersen, Melody Bober*) and other details.

[Click here for more information](#)

Please forward this Nuances to piano teachers, piano students ages 13-18, and other music enthusiasts who would benefit from this opportunity.

## The National Conference on Keyboard Pedagogy *July 27 - 30*

Be a part of one pedagogy conference you cannot afford to miss! Celebrating 32 years of excellence and innovation in music education at the keyboard, NCKP 2011 will offer participants four inspiring, innovative, and challenging days at the splendid Westin Lombard Yorktown Center.

[Click here for more information](#)

## Allegro Music Club Accepting New Members

The Allegro Music Club was founded in Madison 50 years ago by a German vocal instructor. It began as a place where her vocal students could perform for one another. Today the club meets at night on the second Monday of each month in the homes of members with pianos. The club's present members are vocalists, instrumentalists and pianists. While most of the members are of retirement age, some are or have been music teachers, played in high school and beyond, and have music degrees. The club is seeking new members who are skilled pianists to accompany club members, and perform as they would like. The club charges \$25/year dues that are used to provide an annual scholarship for one local student to attend the summer music camp at UW-Madison. If you are interested in becoming a member of Allegro, contact [Joan Daniels Pedro](#) at (608) 238-0756.

## Exploring Music Resources

Nancy and Randall Faber have announced the 2nd edition of *Piano Adventures Primer and Level 1*. More and more students now move into *Level 1* after completing the *My First Piano Adventure Series*. While smoothing that transition, the Fabers also took the opportunity to refresh the *Primer level*. What has changed? The books have six new musical and pedagogical features:

*Enhanced Reading Strategies* - The Primer adds an additional reading strategy with new pieces for

learning Bass C-D-E-F-G notes.

*New Progress Chart* - The Lesson Books now open with a progress chart for quick reference and easy lesson planning.

*Integration Between Lesson and Theory Books* - The Theory Book now tightly parallels the subject and pedagogy of the Lesson Book to offer more cohesive teaching and learning.

*New Pieces/ New Musical Twists* - The student encounters musical themes by Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven, and Tchaikovsky, plus folk melodies from around the world.

*Improvisation Activities* - Improvisation activities are offered in the Theory Books that are closely linked to musical adventures from the Lesson Books.

*Challenge Section* - The Level 1 Lesson Book includes an optional Challenge Section at the end of the book. These pages preview more 5-finger scales, introduced here as off-the-staff keyboard patterns.

Also, a new *Primer Sightreading* book (Item # 00420328, \$6.95) has been added, as well as a *Teacher Guide for the Primer Lesson Book* (# 00420327, \$39.95).

New from Lorenz Publishing: *O Love, How Deep - Expressive Piano Solos for Holy Week* by William Ringham. A Level 3 collection of familiar titles as well as lesser-known works suitable for the days between Palm Sunday and Easter. Item # 70/1741L, \$12.95.

## The Final Note

[Grant Billings](#)



**When words leave off, music begins.**

Heinrich Heine

