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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

President's Message

[Debbie Yee](#)

Greetings!

It is hard to believe that my term as president has already passed. Its success would not have been possible without the wonderful support and cooperation of a superb board of directors and fellow officers. Thank you so much!



I would like to give special thanks to Cynthia Stephan for maintaining our membership records all year and creating such a beautiful directory. Anita Schulz deserves a special round of applause for her staunch leadership of the professional goals committee for a second year and for being so instrumental in the rewriting of chair responsibilities. A special thank you goes to Linda Johnson for handling of all our referral during a year of web reconstruction. Thank you Ruth Heinecke, for excellent leadership of the Performers Supporting Performers. Cheri Lewis also continued her wonderful leadership of the Adult Music Socials. The Young Artist Recitals were well attended this year under the terrific guidance of Brian Hagen and Renee Farley. Jeanne Felix and Diane Madsen deserve a tropical cruise for their tireless work in producing the highlight of MAPTA's year, the Piano Play Together, conducted by Robert Vandall, and for featuring a premier composition by him for MAPTA. Once again our newsletter editor, Grant Billings, created a beautiful, informative newsletter every month. Thank you Joanna Grace for coordinating the development and sale of the beautiful MAPTA bags, which were featured at the PPT recital. Our three honors chairs, Helga Swatzak, Janet and Don Smith, deserve a huge applause for organizing and running a very successful honors festival. A very successful piano composition festival was organized and coordinated by Shad Wenzlaff. And last, but definitely not least, a huge thank you goes to Patty Ladpli and Stacy Regehr for the very enjoyable, varied and informative general monthly programs this year.

I also want to thank my fellow officers for their wonderful support. Vice-President Gloria Chuang organized a wonderful master class with Jeremy Denk at the Wisconsin Union Theater. Secretary Denise Taylor provided timely and detailed minutes which were very handy at many meetings. Treasurer June Zeeh has spent many hours organizing our financial affairs and providing wonderful financial advice. Our past president, Shad Wenzlaff, has not only been there for me as a consultant and counselor, but also chaired a very successful piano competition festival during the summer.

I want to give a special thank you to your new president, Patty Ladpli, who has spent many hours working with our new web designer. MAPTA will have a beautiful new website for the 2011-2012 year because of Patty's diligence and hard work. MAPTA is quite fortunate to have its leadership in her hands.

Please make sure to fill out the enclosed registration form, found under the Quick Links tab, so you can be a part of a very exciting 2011-2012 year.

There is one last message that I would like to share. It is one that I often tell my students. "Remember we are all human beings, which means that we will make mistakes and forget things, but it also means that we have the capacity for wonderful and new ideas."

Looking forward,

Debbie Yee

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

[Patty Ladpli](#)

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.

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 50th wedding anniversary in 2002. This program will surely be an exciting finale to our year!

Individuals can still register at the door the day of.

[Click here for directions](#)

Performers Supporting Performers *Fri, May 20 - 10:00 am*
Home of Ruth Heinecke, 400 Oak Valley Road, Mount Horeb
[Ruth Heinecke](#)

Final performance this spring! Anyone interested in playing is welcome to attend.

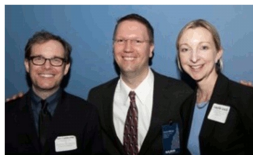
[Click here for directions](#)

Board Meeting *Tues, May 24 - 8:30 - 10:30 am*
Alicia Ashman Branch Library, 733 N. High Point Rd., Madison

[Click here for directions](#)

Support Music Coalition Fly-In *May 9 - 12*

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This month, I will again join a team of my peers from the Support Music Coalition (and a surprise guest) in Washington, DC, to meet with our congressmen and senators to discuss the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, also known as ESEA. The goal of this "fly-in" is to insure that the arts continue to be defined as a core subject in our schools.

Last year, I was energized by the outpouring of support I received from parents all over the country as I posted real-time updates about our meetings on Facebook. This year, I would like to bring your voice to Washington, too.

Let me know why you feel music education is important on [my blog](#) or [my Facebook page](#) and I'll share your comments with our legislators.

Be heard and help insure a more music future for our children!

Young Artists Recital

[Debbie Yee](#)

The Young Artists Recital of March 13, 2011 was held at the Capital Lakes Grand Hall. Start time was 1:30 pm and seven students performed.

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!

PianoWorks! ForKids!! *Sat, May 14 - 4:30 - 5:30 pm*
Steinway Piano Gallery, 6629 Mineral Point Rd, Madison

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This fun and interactive program 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 a hands-on exploration inside a piano to learn how 12,000 parts come together to make music.

Admission is FREE but space is limited. [Click here to register online.](#)

For more information, or to register, contact [Steinway Piano Gallery](#) at (608) 237-7373.

[Click here for directions](#)

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

Rescheduled Event - Financial Strategies for College: Essential Tools for the Musically Inclined Student Tues, May 17 - 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Audio for the Arts, 7 South Blair Street, Madison

[Buzz Kemper](#)

A presentation of strategies for college application and financial options for musically inclined students. Our presenters are Robert DeCock, Certified College Planning Specialist, Quest College Program; and Steve Gotcher and Buzz Kemper, Audio for the Arts 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.

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

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

[Click here for directions](#)

Goshen College Piano Workshop and Academy June 20 - 24

Plans are underway for the next **Goshen College Piano Workshop and Academy**. View the link below for information about 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 aged 13-18 years old, and other music enthusiasts who would benefit from this opportunity.

The National Conference on Keyboard Pedagogy July 27 - 30
Lombard, Illinois

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.

World-famous Liszt scholar Alan Walker will present a keynote address. There is a wide variety of workshops offered each day, including presentations by Frederic Chiu, Randall Faber, Dennis Alexander, Fred Karpoff, and others.

On Wednesday, the Pre-Conference seminar for Independent Music Teachers will include: *Improving Studio Income* by best-selling author David Cutler; *How Understanding Brain Function can be Utilized to Improve Practice* by Suzanne Schons; *The Careful Progression from Sonatina through Sonata Literature* by Erin Bennett, Lian Tan, and Richard Van Dyke; *Effective Communication and Teaching of Teen-Agers* by Susan Bruckner; and *Teaching Demonstrations and Town Hall Meeting on Students with Special Needs* by Beth Bauer and Scott Price.

[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's membership dues are \$25/year and 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

[David Kartler](#)

New releases from Alfred Publishing: Gershwin for Students, arranged by Carol Matz, \$6.99 each. *Book 1* - Late Elementary, *Book 2* - Early Intermediate, *Book 3* - Intermediate. Carol Matz has put together a three-volume series to introduce beginning to intermediate players to the repertoire of George Gershwin. Pieces appear in approximate order of difficulty.

Best-selling titles from Hal Leonard Publishing: Ballet Music for Piano, by Aaron Copland, \$19.99. A great collection featuring solo piano transcriptions of Appalachian Spring Suite, Billy the Kid, Dance

Panels, and Rodeo.

Bach for Beginners, Books 1 and 2, compiled by Charles Vincent, \$12.99. 29 pieces, including selections from Anna Magdalena's Notebook, The Little Clavier Book, and other suitable works for the beginning pianist.

Treasured Hymns for Classical Piano, arranged by Phillip Keveren, \$12.99. Another addition to the Keveren Series, featuring fifteen arrangements of favorite hymns.

Hymns - 7 Piano Solos for the Church Pianist, arranged by Glenda Austin, \$7.99. After arranging the New Orleans Jazz Styles as four-hand duets, Ms. Austin has published a collection of her favorite hymns, many of which have a Southern Baptist/Methodist flavor.

The King's Speech - Music from the Motion Picture Soundtrack, \$16.99. Fourteen piano solo arrangements of music featured in the film which won the 2011 Academy Award for Best Picture.

General Meeting Minutes

[Denise Taylor](#)

Minutes from each General Meeting is published in each issue of Nuances in accordance with the bylaws.

MAPTA General Meeting Friday, April 8, 2011
Minutes prepared by Denise Taylor, Secretary
Called to order at 10:00 am.

1. Minutes from March 8 meeting read by Denise. Approved.
2. Treasurer's Report: Total assets as of March 31, 2011: \$10,042.74. Income is \$313.41 (bag sale, YAR, Nuances ads), expenses \$471.46 (website, Honors Recital, May program payment). Treasurer's report is approved.
3. Membership: The new membership form needs to be approved by the Board still. Once approved by the Board (via email), it will be sent out. Linda inquired about making sure some applications are sent out via snail mail for those who are not on email or have no computer. Joanna asked about calling people who are not digitally connect and let their membership lapsed last year. Perhaps Cynthia could generate a list for this.
4. Referral: Linda got a call from a former MAPTA member looking for membership info. One call for a teacher referral. Questions raised with how will the TracPhone number be published, now that we've canceled the yellow pages ad.
5. Hospitality is still open for next year.
6. Nuances: No new report. Send Nuances reports to : Rachel@steinwaymadison.com.
7. Publicity: Bags still available! \$8 donation to MAPTA.
8. Website: Patty continues working on the new website with the designer. Patty will send updates out as the webpage gets nearer completion. Please send photos to Patty, she wants lots of photos.
9. Programs: Next year's chairs are Stacy Regehr and Alena Harrison. Program meeting was last week and came up with a good selection for next year's programs: A sneak peak (*still needs confirming*). Sept: Piano Competition Festival. Oct: Piano competitions/festivals in Madison. Nov: Fall workshop with Marvin Blickenstaff. Dec: roundtable. Jan: Overview of piano methods. Feb: Contemporary music for kids. Mar: Performance anxiety. Apr: MC for teachers with Kenneth Drake. May: Cathy Kautsky.
10. PSP: Next Friday April 15, 10 am at Judy Ferreri's house.
11. Pro Goals: Meets Tuesday April 26 at 9:00am at Sequoya Commons Library.
12. Honors: Next year's chairs are Jane Peckham and Shu-Ching Chuang.
13. Young Artists Recital: Last recital this Sunday April 10, Oak Park East. Next year's chairs Irmgard Bittar and Renee Farley.
14. Adult Music Social: April 10, 7:00 pm at Home of Murray Clayton (student of Cheri Lewis), 2506 Santa Maria Court, Middleton
15. Piano Composition Festival: No new report.
16. MC with Jeremy Denk: in two weeks, no new report.
17. May brunch forms due by April 30, form available in Nuances.
18. No New Business.
19. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

The Final Note

[Grant Billings](#)



**Life is like a piano...
what you get out of it
depends on how you play it.**
- Unknown

