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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

Board Meetings will be held on:

August 30
October 11
January 17
March 6
May 22

Spread The Love!

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

President's Message

[Patty Ladpli](#)

Greetings!

Wow! I can't believe that it's already August. I hope that everyone has been having a nice summer.

Normally I would be reminding you that the submission deadline for the Piano Composition Festival is coming up, but this year you actually have until September 9th to get those in. I hope this extra time enables more students to participate. Thank you to Shad Wenzlaff and Jeff Stanek for their help with this event.



I'd also like to thank Cynthia Stephan for her hard work in putting together the membership directory. Between the directory and the website, MAPTA members and the general public will be able to find the most up-to-date information about MAPTA events. As you begin to prepare for the coming school year, remember to take a close look at all that MAPTA has to offer to you and your students.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and see you soon!

Patty Ladpli
MAPTA President

MAPTA's New Website!

[Madison Area Piano Teachers Associated](#)

The site provides information to members and to the general public about MAPTA's activities and opportunities. Interested parents and students will be able to look for a teacher directly on the website. Members will be able to access additional information in a password-protected Members Area.

MAPTA Survey Results

[Grant Billings](#)

This past March, all MAPTA members were invited to take part in our annual member survey. The response was nothing short of fantastic.

52% of our members responded to the survey which was made available to members via mail. The tone indicated that members appreciated being heard, highly value MAPTA programs and have lots of suggestions for the future.

Here are a few of the most notable points:

- **More than 86% of respondents** are Satisfied, Quite Satisfied or Very Satisfied with MAPTA membership
- **Every MAPTA program** was rated as Valuable or Very Valuable by more than half of respondents
- **A majority of respondents** felt MAPTA should offer programs about business and teaching techniques

This survey has already provided the organization with a tremendous amount of insight and the board is committed to following through with an annual survey. Although the survey is now closed, member input is always appreciated. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, feel free to contact any board member.

On behalf of the entire board, thank you for taking the few minutes to make your opinion's heard.

MAPTA Board Meeting Tues, Aug 30 - 9:00 - 11:00 am
Sequoia Branch Library, 4340 Tokay Blvd, Madison

[Click here for directions](#)

2011 Piano Composition Festival
Entry Deadline September 9, 2011

[Shad Wenzlaff](#) and [Jeff Stanek](#)

Submissions for the 2011 Piano Composition Festival are now being accepted! Members and non-members are encouraged to submit student, teacher, or amateur original piano compositions. All entrants will be invited to participate in the recital this year.

A CD, digital format recording is required with submission entry. Co-chair, [Shad Wenzlaff](#), is offering his digital piano/studio for anyone to use for free.

[Click here to view the application.](#)

The submissions deadline is September 9, 2011 before noon at Shad's studio. Submissions include entry form, fee, recording, and composition in "hard copy" format.

Mailed entries must be postmarked September 7, 2011.

Mail entries can be sent to:
Shad Wenzlaff
c/o Piano Composition Festival
615 N. Sherman Av Suite 21
Madison, WI 53704

An additional signature will be required of each entry, and this additional information will be snail-mailed to entrants upon receipt of the entry form (note that we will reply to teacher-initiated inquiries only).

All entrants will be invited to perform their submitted compositions in a recital, with our 2011 guest adjudicator, Jeremy Hanson, present, on Sunday, October 2, 2011.

Contact [Shad Wenzlaff](#) at (608) 695-4005 with any questions.

General Meeting and Program *Tues, Sept 13 - 9:00 - 11:00 am*
Christ Presbyterian Church, 944 E. Gorham Street, Madison

[Alena Harrison](#) and [Stacy Fehr Regehr](#)

Mickey Lytle and Helga Swatzak will be covering the following topics:

- 1.) The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music: *A Brief Overview of the International Examining Program*
- 2.) Guild Auditions
- 3.) Sonatina Festival

[Click here for directions](#)

Pro Goals *Tues, Sept 20 - 9:00 - 11:00 am*
Sequoia Branch Library, 4340 Tokay Blvd, Madison

[Jeanna Felix](#) and [Diane Madsen](#)

[Click here for directions](#)

MAPTA Continuing Education Grant Program



Continuing education grants of up to \$100 are available to assist teachers in their professional development. Funds are designated for non-MAPTA activities such as pedagogy conventions, piano workshops, or lessons.

Please [fill out this form](#) and forward to the MAPTA Vice President, [June Zeeh](#). The form is also found on the MAPTA website. Grant inquiries can be made before the event; however, funds will be disbursed only after the event is completed and specific requirements fulfilled. The applicant will give a detailed synopsis of at least fifteen minutes in length at a future program or roundtable

discussion preceding the general meeting. The applicant must also write an article detailing his or her completed activity to accompany the grant request.

Once the grant has been approved, the presentation accomplished, and the article published in Nuances, funds will be disbursed.

Monster Concert *Sat, Oct 29 - 9:30 am - 5:00 pm*
Barnes & Noble Book Store, 1 East Towne Mall, Madison

[Renee Farley](#)

Enjoy a day packed with performances by piano students (even some teachers) dressed in costume! For several hauntingly musical hours, ghosts, figures from the past, and fictional characters will take a turn playing the piano in the events area of Barnes & Noble East Towne. Sponsored by the Madison

Area Friends of Piano, what a great way to get your students off to a performance goal early in the year.

This is a delightful, non-competitive performance opportunity on a grand piano. Kids, parents, grandparents and extended families love this way to come hear a child play and not have to stay for a long time. East Towne is a fun place to shop, Barnes & Noble has wonderful books about music. There's even a discount voucher in case you buy something that day.

[Click here for directions](#)

Contact [Renee Farley](#) at # (608) 271- 2626 to sign up for a time slot for your studio.

Rare Piano Events Aug 24 - Sept 4

Token Creek Festival, Festival Barn, 4037 State Highway 19, DeForest

[Sarah Schaffer](#)



Two unusual piano concerts will open this year's Token Creek Chamber Music Festival.

Two Pianos, will take place on Wednesday, August 24th at 8:00 pm & Thursday, August 25th at 8:00 pm. Robert Levin and Ya-Fei Chuang present Poulenc, Stravinsky, Lutoslawski, Debussy.

Mozart, will take place on Saturday, August 27th at 8:00 pm. This all-Mozart concert includes the Divertimento in B-flat, K. 278, the Piano Trio, K. 442, and the Coronation Concerto, K. 537.

[Click here for full details](#)

Home Based Business Insurance

[Renee Farley](#)

Anyone who runs a business out of their home run the same risks as any other type of company. Those having a home based business need to protect themselves against those risks by purchasing the appropriate insurance coverage.

Typically, a standard homeowners policy does not provide coverage to home businesses - and there are various aspects to consider.

- Are you using a separate structure for teaching lessons - a renovated carriage house or garage turned studio?
- Business data - standard homeowners policies do not provide coverage for business books, files or software.
- Liability - if a student comes to your home for lessons and trips on the front porch or sustains another type of injury in your home, your homeowners policy will not extend to provide coverage.

Talk to your insurance agent and ask about appropriate coverage - and endorsement is available by most standard carriers to insure against the liability exposures involved in a home based business and to make sure you can provide adequate coverage to your property.

Contact [Wendy Arnold](#), Commercial Service Agent at Johnson Insurance Services, LLC, at # (608) 203- 3869 with questions.

Exploring Music Resources

[David Kartler](#)

The following titles are new releases from the FJH Music Company:

In Recital - Ready, Set, Play. Original Solos, Book 1 by Helen Marlais. FJH1251, \$5.95.

In Recital with Little Pieces for Little Fingers. Original Solos, Book 2 by Helen Marlais. FJH2152, \$5.95.

Animals Around Us. From the Composers in Focus series, by Elizabeth Greenleaf. Ferocious elementary selections based on Elizabeth's favorite animals. FJH2097, \$5.50.

Life is Good. From the composers in Focus series, by Kevin Costley. Intermediate compositions inspired by precious people, loyal friendships, and beautiful places. FJH2141, \$5.50.

Pop Improv by Edwin McLean. Features twelve improvisational concepts, each one illustrated with a piece written on the left page, followed by an improvisational model on the right page. Book/Cd, FJH2125, \$7.95.

New FJH Piano Solos: Souvenir of Paris by Timothy Brown. W9346, \$2.95.

My Carousel Horse by Mary Leaf. W9364, \$2.95.

My Pachyderm by Elizabeth Greenleaf. W9385, \$2.95.

Yard Sale USA by Edwin McLean. W9387, \$2.95.

New from Alfred Publishing. A DVD option is now available with the *Basic Adult Piano Course* and the

Adult All-in-One Course, both Level One. The accompanying DVD includes an introduction to all the pages in the book and performances of the pieces by Gayle Kowalchyk. Alfred's *Basic Adult Lesson Book 1* with DVD, Item# 37745, \$14.99. Alfred's *Basic Adult All-in-One Course Book 1* with DVD, Item# 37748, \$19.99.

Two new collections in the 10 for \$10 Series. Both edited by E. L. Lancaster and Kenon D. Renfrow. *Treasured Piano Solos*, Item# 37466. Selections include *Minute Waltz*, *Pathetique Sonata*, *Rustles of Spring* and others. *Piano Classics*, Item# 36316. Selections include *Clair de Lune*, *Prelude in C-sharp Minor*, *Rondo Alla Turca*, and seven others.

New from Hal Leonard Publishing. *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, moderate to difficult Christmas piano solo collection arranged by Cindy Berry. A versatile collection of yuletide favorites suitable for worship, concert or social Christmas gatherings. Item# 17901440, \$15.99.

River Flows in You by Yurima. A piano solo popular with many younger students. Item# 00354210, \$3.99.

"21" by Adele. The current best-selling pop collection. Item# 00307247, \$16.99.

The Final Note

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"The piano is able to communicate the subtlest universal truths by means of wood, metal and vibrating air."

- Kenneth Miller

