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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.

Welcome New Members

[Cynthia Stephan](#)

We are pleased to welcome three new members to MAPTA

Polly Kuelbs
2601 Van Hise Avenue
Madison, WI 53705
(608) 770-7590 cell, studio
(608) 238-7590
pkuelbs@tds.net

Nearby schools are West High and Randall School. Polly accepts adult students and children grades 2-12.

Lisa Hermanson
2830 Allegheny Drive
Madison, WI 53719
(608) 772-7658
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Nearby schools are Toki and Chavez. Lisa teaches all levels.

Luanne Ritsema
887 Hemlock Drive
Verona, WI 53593
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President's Message

[Patty Ladpli](#)

Greetings!

Welcome to the forty-third year of MAPTA! I hope you all had a good summer and are ready to jump into the year's activities.

First of all, the deadline for the Piano Composition Festival is coming soon-- Friday, September 9th. Jeremy Hanson will be the judge for this year's event.



Our first General Meeting of the year is on Tuesday, September 13th, with speakers Mickey Lytle and Helga Swatzak. They will be presenting on the Guild Auditions, ABRSM exams, and the Sonatina Festival--events that would be great for your students.

Performers Supporting Performers will also be meeting on Friday, September 16th. Participating in PSP is an excellent opportunity to keep up your performing skills as well as keep in touch with other MAPTA members.

I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Patty Ladpli
MAPTA President

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 Ave 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 - 11 am*
Christ Presbyterian Church, 944 E. Gorham Street, Madison
[Alena Harrison](#) and [Stacy Fahr Regehr](#)

Would you like to know more about local performance opportunities for your students? Please join us at our first program of the year, presented by MAPTA's own Mickey Lytle

Nearby schools are Verona Area Schools. Luanne teaches Beginner and Intermediate levels and is also an organist resource.

Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music



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Share The Music!

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 RuthAnn Reed passed away on June 10, 2011 at the age 74. A memorial service was held on June 17th at Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ.



RuthAnn is survived by her husband Vern, two daughters, grandson, granddaughter and sister.

RuthAnn graduated from Bowler High School in 1955. RuthAnn taught piano for 46 years, and played for church services.

RuthAnn wished to have her music made available to MAPTA members. Her home studio at 1021 Chieftain Outlook contains much piano music and some organ music. If you are interested in looking at the music, please contact Vern Reed at (608) 274-5140.

and Hegla Swatzak.

Mickey Lytle (NCTM and Executive Director/Founder of Rhapsody Arts Center in Verona) will be briefing MAPTA members on the area Sonatina Festival and the National Guild Auditions. These two events are held annually in Verona in November and May, respectively. She will discuss the format, history, goals, and student/teacher requirements of these two student competitions.

Hegla Swatzak, Local Representative for the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) will be giving a presentation on the international examining program. Practical exams in all instruments and singing are offered twice a year in Madison, and theory exams are held three times a year. ABRSM materials and publications will be available for viewing.

[Click here for directions](#)

Performers Supporting Performers *Fri, Sept 16 - 10:00 am*
Ruth Heinecke's home, 400 Oak Valley Road, Mount Horeb
[Ruth Heinecke](#)

Any members interested in playing for fellow teachers in an informal home setting are welcome to attend. Even those interested in just listening are invited to join us.

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Please contact [Ruth Heinecke](#) with questions.

Pro Goals *Tues, Sept 20 - 9:00 - 11:00 am*
Sequoia Branch Library, 4340 Tokay Blvd, Madison
[Jeanne Felix](#) and [Diane Madsen](#)

The Professional Goals Committee meets on the third Tuesday of October, November, February, March and April, and on the fourth Tuesday of January from 9:00 - 11:00 am at the Sequoia Branch Library.

[Click here for directions](#)

For more information, see the Membership Directory or contact [Jeanne Felix](#) or [Diane Madsen](#).

Young Artist Recital Deadline *Sun, Sept 25*

The next Young Artist Recital will take place on Sunday, October 9, 2011 at Oakwood Village West Auditorium, 6209 Mineral Point Road, Madison.

For more information, see the Membership Directory or contact [Irmgard Bittar](#) or [Renee Farley](#).

MAPTA Board Meeting *Tues, Oct 11 - 9:00 - 11:00 am*
Location TBA

[Patty Ladpil](#)

Please see October Nuances for location.

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.



Secrets of Steinway
Tues, Sept 13 - 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Discover the patented processes that make Steinway the piano by which all others are judged.

A fascinating look at the uncompromising craftsmanship that masterfully assembles over 12,000 parts to create the world's favorite piano.

Secrets of Steinway is free to the public!

PianoWorks! For Kids!!
Sat, Sept 24 - 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

A fun and interactive program that demystifies the piano and gets elementary and middle school students excited about making music.

PianoWorks! ForKids!! is free to the public!

[Click here for directions](#)

These special events will explore Steinway Concert Grand L1037, the piano made famous by the documentary film *Note By Note*. Learn more about the famous piano on its [Facebook page](#).



PianoWorks! ForKids!! *Sat, Sept 17 - 11:00 am - 12:00 pm*
Wisconsin Center for Music Education, 1005 Quinn Drive, Waunakee



A fun and interactive program that demystifies the piano and gets elementary and middle school students excited about making music.

The program includes 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. Call (608) 237-7373 to register today!

[Click here for directions](#)

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



Teachers of keyboard goblins, ghosts, witches, etc., sign up to have your students play!

This is a fun way to play and not necessarily be recognized. Speaking of this, see if you can identify the teacher in the costume. This picture is from last year's Monster Concert. The October Nuances will have both the poster and the coupons from Barnes & Noble.

[Click here for directions](#)

Contact [Renee Farley](#) at (608) 271- 2626 to sign up for a time slot or to receive a poster sooner.

Exploring Music Resources

Helen Marlais has released Level 2B of *Succeeding at the Piano. Lesson and Technique Book*, \$6.95, *Theory and Activity Book*, \$6.50, *Recital Book w/CD*, \$6.50.

From Hal Leonard, *12 Exquisite Piano Solos* by William Gillock, \$12.99. Original compositions are intermediate to advanced.

Continental Suite, book/CD, by Eugenie Rocherolle, \$12.99. Six original intermediate piano solos inspired by destinations throughout Europe.

The Total Keyboard Player - A Guide to the Sounds, Styles & Sonic Spectrum, by Dave Adler,

\$19.99. A book/CD sampler that provides examples and recordings of every style encountered by today's working musician. Dave is a Madison resident and member of the Gomers.

Christmas Eve Solos, 10 Christmas Favorite for the Intermediate Level, \$8.99. Arranged by Phillip Keveren, Carol Klose, Jennifer Linn and Mona Rejino.

From Schaum, *Halloween* - Level One, \$4.95. Five spooky solos compiled and arranged by Wesley Schaum.

The Final Note

[Grant Billings](#)



September is National Piano Month!

Celebrate with your students!

