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The Newsletter of MAPTA

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## Studio Exchange Teachers

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

## Welcome New Members

[Cynthia Stephan](#)

We are pleased to welcome two new members to MAPTA.

**Lynn Hallie Najem**  
1237 Nevada Road  
Madison, WI 53704  
(608) 244-0425 or (608) 575-5986  
[Lynn@najem.net](mailto:Lynn@najem.net)

*Nearby schools are Lakeview and Gompers Schools. Lynn teaches all levels, as well as voice. Lynn is available as an accompanist and organist.*

**Katherine Appelt**  
N9225 Hillcrest Road  
Belleville, WI 53508  
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*Nearby schools are Belleville schools. Katherine teaches all levels, as well as voice.*

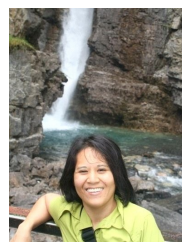
## Billings Piano Gallery's New Music Department

## President's Message

[Patty Ladpli](#)

Greetings!

Wow! It's already November! It's time for the big event we've been looking forward to...the Annual Fall Workshop with Marvin Blickenstaff. We'll enjoy an enriching morning with talks about teaching along with a master class in the afternoon in the beautiful Rotunda Studio at the Overture Center.



A huge, HUGE thanks goes to our vice-president...the amazing June Zeeh, who has worked tirelessly to put together the Fall Workshop. Sue Ellen Dubbert & Tim Mueller also lent a hand in the process.

As I go into the 6th month as MAPTA president, I must take a moment to thank the members of the MAPTA board. I really appreciate all the time and hard work they have put into helping MAPTA run, and the support they give to me, too! Together we are doing our best to provide avenues to improve your teaching.

I hope everyone is doing well and I look forward to seeing many of you soon!

Patty Ladpli  
MAPTA President

## Honors Festival Transcription Request Deadline

Tues, Nov 1

[Shu-Ching Chuang](#) and [Jane Peckham](#)

The Honors Festival is an annual event comprised of auditions and recitals exclusively for students of MAPTA teachers. The festival provides pre-college piano students who have achieved a high level of proficiency the opportunity to audition and receive constructive written comments from an established professional judge.

The repertoire must be at or above Level 5 as listed in *The Pianist's Guide to Standard Teaching and Performance Literature* by Jane Magrath. Transcriptions by major composers are by special permission only. Permission requests can be sent to [Shu-Ching Chuang](#) or [Jane Peckham](#).

**Annual Fall Workshop** Fri, Nov 11 - 8:30 am - 2 pm  
Overture Center for the Arts, 201 State Street, Madison

[June Zeeh](#)

Fall Workshop with Marvin Blickenstaff, internationally known teacher, lecturer, performer, and publisher. The annual workshop is a special event which features a variety of pedagogical topics.

### Time:

8:30 am - Registration  
9:00 am - Warm Ups? Who, Me? Technical Routines for All Ages  
10:15 am - Break  
10:30 am - Chopin's Preludes, Op. 28: Style, Technique, and Thematic Transformation  
11:45 am - Questions and Wrap-Up  
**12:00 pm - Lunch**  
1:00 pm - Master Class

Please contact [June Zeeh](#) with questions.

[Click here for directions](#)

**Young Artist Recital** Sun, Nov 13 - 1:00 pm Warmups - 1:30 pm Performance



[Click here](#) for more details!

### Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music



[Click here](#) to visit ABRSM's website

### Share The Music!

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

Oakwood Village West, 6209 Mineral Point Road, Madison

[Renee Farley](#)

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.

The first of the 2011-2012 Young Artist Recitals was held on Sunday, October 9th at Oakwood Village West in their auditorium. Eleven students representing four MAPTA teachers participated.

For more information, see the Membership Directory or contact [Irmgard Bittar](#) at (608) 826-0385 or [Renee Farley](#) at (608) 238-1871.

[Click here for directions](#)

### Performers Supporting Performers *Fri, Nov 18 - 10:00 am*

Patty Ladpli's home, 9406 Whippoorwill Way, Middleton

[Ruth Heinecke](#)

All MAPTA members interested in playing for fellow teachers in an informal home setting are welcome to attend. Those interested in listening are invited to join.

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

[Click here for directions](#)

### Fall Adult Music Social *Sun, Nov 20 - 7:00 pm*

Cheri Lewis' home, 1706 Wild Oak Circle, Madison

[Cheri Lewis](#)

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. Pieces can be memorized or played with music. Adult students are also welcome to attend without playing. Those attending are requested to bring a small plate of cookies or other food to share.

Contact [Cheri Lewis](#) at (608) 222- 5125 for further directions.

[Click here for directions](#)

### MAPTA Board Meeting *Tues, Jan 17, 2012 - 9:00 - 11:00 am*

Location TBA

[Patty Ladpli](#)

See December Nuances for location.

### Pro Goals *Tues, Jan 24 - 9:15 - 11:00 am*

Location TBA

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

The agenda will include the following topics of discussion: 1.) Continual updating to Website Resource Page and other website Page issues. 2.) Ways to ramp up membership in MAPTA through publicity. 3.) Moving the membership deadline to May 1st. 4.) The creation of registration forms for all MAPTA events by event chairperson/s by Aug. 1st for proof reading. 5.) Wording of MAPTA's Recording Policy.

All members of MATPA are invited and encouraged to attend the Pro-Goals meetings to find out more about the inner workings of our organization.

The Professional Goals Committee will meet on the third Tuesday of February, March, and April from 9:00 - 11:00 am at the Sequoia Branch Library.

The Professional Goals committee presented the following proposed changes to the MAPTA Bylaws at the Oct. 11 Board meeting:

#### 1. Add a new article - Article VII - which reads as follows:

Article VII: Responsibilities of Specific MAPTA Chairs

Section 1: Guide to assist each chair in fulfilling duties of office

Section 2: Procedure to amend

A. Present witten proposal for Board approval

B. Discuss proposed changes

C. Approve by two-thirds majority vote of Board members present

#### 2. Amend various articles within Bylaws:

Amend all articles which state "documents should be submitted to Office Live" to read "documents should be submitted to the webmaster for inclusion in the Members Area of MAPTA's website".

Article III, Section 1, C. 2.

Article IV, Section 2, C. 3.

Article VII, Section 1, Q. 1e.

### 3. Add to Article III, Sec. 1 D.:

5. Keeps MAPTA's tax exempt status up to date by filing Form 990-N as an e-postcard with the IRS every three years.

These proposed changes will be voted on at the next MAPTA general meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2012. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please contact the [Professional Goals chairpersons](#).

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

## 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.

## Solo Piano Recital Sun, Nov 6 - 2:30 pm

Unitarian Society, Frank Lloyd Wright Landmark Auditorium, 900 University Bay Drive, Madison

[Ankie Foell](#)

The recital includes Messiaen's music, surrounded by compositions of Debussy, Griffes, Gubaidulina, and Takemitsu, who had connections with Messiaen and his music. Messiaen created his own modes, used Hindu rhythms, and even went back as far as the Gregorian chant. He was interested in bird calls saying "birds are our most talented musicians" who connect us here on earth with the unreachable sky. Ankie will illuminate the recital with comments.

This concert performance will be dedicated to Messiaen and his wife, Yvonne Loriod-Messiaen. Yvonne Loriod was his most talented student at the Paris Conservatory. She died in 2010.

Suggested donations will go to the Madison Music Makers program for underprivileged children.

[Click here for directions](#)

## Eleventh Annual Sonatina Festival Sat, Nov 19

Rhapsody Arts Center, 1031 North Edge Trail, Verona

[Sonya Clark](#)



2010 winners, age 12 and up

Rhapsody Arts Center is pleased to announce the Eleventh Annual Sonatina Festival! The 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.

Please contact [Sonya Clark](#) at (608) 848- 2045 with question

[Click here for directions](#)

## Fall Music Festival Sat, Nov 19

Arboretum Music School, 1104 Stephenson Lane, Waunakee

[Kristie Estervig](#)


For more information, contact Kristie Estervig at (608) 850-4345.

[Click here for directions](#)

## 2012 Key-Up-for-Kids Piano Playathon Sat, Feb 11, 2012

Barnes & Noble West Towne, 7433 Mineral Point Road, Madison

[Connie Jones](#) and [Renee Farley](#)

 It is almost time to sign up for the 2012 Playathon. This is the 20th year of



the Playathon. You should receive a letter from MAFOP in November where you will find information on how to sign up for a block of time for your students to play, plus a letter to parents and the pledge sheet. This is a fund-raising event where students play their piano pieces for monetary pledges, which will go to the Child Life Program at the American Family Children's Hospital. This program provides an opportunity for patients to enjoy activities not a part of treatment. The Child Life Program is funded by donations, both monetary and with volunteers giving hours to help these children. Many UW students participate in this volunteer effort. We look forward to having our biggest Playathon yet! Don't miss out! After you receive your Playathon information you can reserve a time with Connie Jones. There will be two sites at the bookstore, one on each floor.

Please contact [Connie Jones](#) at (608) 442-8301 or [Renee Farley](#) at (608) 271-2626 with questions.

[Click here for directions](#)

**Piano Bank Deadline** *Mon, Feb 13, 2012*

[Jan Tweed](#)



The Wisconsin Foundation for School Music and Steinway Piano Society provide pianos to students who are not able to afford a piano. If you know of a student who would benefit from applying for a piano, [click here](#).

The next application deadline is Monday, February 13, 2012.

Currently 12 students enjoy pianos from Piano Bank in their homes. Please contact [Jan Tweed](#) or [click here](#) for additional information.

**Federation Junior Festival change in date and location** *Sun, Feb 26, 2012*  
Farley's House of Pianos, 6522 Seybold Road, Madison

[Julie Chang](#)

Please note both the the date and location have been changed.

If you have any questions about the Federation festival, call [Julie Chang](#) at (608) 833-1485.

[Click here for directions](#)

**Teacher Resource**

[Shad Wenzlaff](#)

Doodle.com is a free, helpful resource to manage crowded teaching calendars. Invite your students to share their availability via some presets you create. It saves on numerous emails with students.

[Doodle.com](#)

**Monster Concert Thanks**

[Renee Farley](#)



Madison Area Friends of Piano (MAFOP) wishes to thank all the teachers and students that played in the MONSTER CONCERT on October 29 at Barnes & Noble at East Towne. MAFOP extended the playing hours by an additional hour to accommodate the many requests for playing time. There were no tricks, only the treats of both the music, the fun of the costumes and the candy. Barnes & Noble donated a portion of the day's profits to the American Family Children's Hospital.

**General Meeting Minutes**

[Denise Taylor](#)

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

MAPTA General Meeting, Tuesday, August 30, 2011.  
Minutes prepared by Denise Taylor, Secretary.  
Called to order 9 am.

Present: Patty Ladpli, Debbie Yee, June Zeeh, Jeanne Felix, Denise Taylor, Shad Wenzlaff, Renee Farley, Diane Madsen, Pamela McMullen, Grant Billings, Cynthia Stephan

1. Minutes read from May 24 board meeting by Denise. Approved.
2. Treasurer's Report: MAPTA has total assets of \$11,265,74 between Janus account and three Summit Credit Union accounts. Income and Expenses are not totaled in the Treasurer's report so are not included in these notes. Pamela will request that the bank reverse the \$60 overdraft fee since she is new to the position. Treasurer's Report amended to show four accounts and include the sum of total assets but not to show the total of income and expenses. Approved with amendments.
3. Final budget: Discussion about whether or not it is wise to begin the year with a planned \$1,149 shortfall. Cynthia and Shad suggest that Professional Goals address the repeated budget shortfalls of the past few years. 2011-12 budget approved.

4. Fall Workshop: June is in charge of fall workshop on Nov 11 with Marvin Blickenstaff. Board discussed ways to increase interest and attendance at the workshop. Try to attract people from out of town, past members. Teachers interested in signing students up for the afternoon Masterclass should contact June Zeeh. Most public schools are closed that day so students won't have to miss school in order to come.
5. Programs: 2011-12 programs set, church is reserved. Programs are at Chirst Presbyterian unless otherwise noted in the MAPTA Directory.
6. PSP first meeting is Friday September 16 at Ruth Heinecke's house.
7. Nuances: Summer issue went out August 3rd, 80% open rate. Largest clicking on MAPTA website and Token Creek festival. Trying to time emails on Tuesdays or Wednesday because open/click rate is much higher.
8. Website: Patty would like to see all forms for the year up on the website right now. Should be a .pdf file. Grant suggested getting all forms ready by June 15 Directory deadline, Diane suggested August 1st as a deadline and will discuss with ProGoals and add to the Responsibilities document. Grant suggested a proofreader to make sure especially dates, addresses, details are correct. Patty is currently collecting all information for Members area (duties, directory, bylaws, etc). Diane has a comment about the website: recently spoke to a parent who was trying to find a teacher and didn't scroll down to find the teacher's phone numbers. Please add "scroll down" at the top of the map.
9. Publicity: Tim Mueller new publicity chair. No report.
10. Referral: Linda reports that only two calls for TracPhone were solicitations. No calls regarding MAPTA. June Zeeh suggested perhaps discontinuing the TracPhone, Shad feels it's important to maintain a phone line. Debbie remembers a discussion of keeping it at least one more year. The phone number should be included in the website. Shad suspects that the TracPhone voice message may lead many people to the website. The majority of the Board seems to agree that there needs to be a phone number for the organization and to keep it going.
11. Honors: One judge this year: EunJoo Kwak out of Milwaukee.
12. Young Artist Recital: The YAR chairs will confirm the east side facility this fall, since the facility will not confirm before then. First recital is scheduled for October 9 at Oakwood West, registration is due September 25. Debbie proposes that the parents sign a permission slip for recording and photographs.
13. PPT: No report except that Diane suggests keeping PPT info up on website because it's a good advertisement of events available to students.
14. Composition Festival: Deadline for participation is September 9. Event is October 2: first recital, then a composer's masterclass with the participants. Jeff will print an anthology of compositions that parents can purchase for \$9. Parents will sign permission form for recordings, photos, and anthology. Form available on the website.
15. Pro Goals: Next meeting September 20th, 9 am at Sequoya Branch Public Library. Anita will be presenting and helping the new co-chairs.
16. Membership: Cynthia's report: 68 members at the time of directory publication, have since increased by 3 more members. Also 8 HLMS. Cynthia feels very frustrated with the process of creating the directory. Several members didn't fill the form completely, refused to honor deadlines and expected special treatment. One member bounced a check, account closed. Board discussed moving the deadline up to May 1, ways to make including a form simpler (online, with a paypal account for payment). Cynthia reminds everyone that her term is up in May 2012 and the board needs to start looking for a new Chair.
17. New Business: Pamela wants to know what to do with old forms from Treasurer's position. How long should she hold onto them? Grant suggests finding a place to store it and keep it forever, especially if MAPTA wants to become a 501(c)(3) organization. Office Live doesn't seem to be working for us much. Patty is tabling this discussion until further notice.
18. New Business: How much info should be on website? Linda Johnson has raised this question because piano technicians want to be on referral list. Board feels the referral list should be limited to piano teachers.
19. New Business: Ruth Ann Reid, a former member of MAPTA passed away in July. Her husband would love to distribute her music to other members of MAPTA. They can contact him directly: Verne Reid 274-5140.
20. Next Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 11, 9:00 am at Sequoya Branch of Madison Public Library.
21. Meeting adjourned at 10:57 am.

## General Meeting Minutes

[Denise Taylor](#)

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MAPTA General Meeting, Tuesday, September 13, 2011.  
 Minutes prepared by Denise Taylor, Secretary.  
 Called to order 10:36 am.

1. Treasurer's Report: Will be available online.
2. Fall Workshop. November 11 at Overture Center for the Arts. Speaker is Marvin Blickenstaff. Brochures are coming in the mail, fee is the same as last year \$35 for members. Call for Masterclass students, please contact June Zeeh, one student per teacher, teacher must be present. Lunch will be on your own. Please spread the word for a great event.
3. Referral: Linda Johnson has submitted the new list to the webmaster and should be updated very soon. Improvements made to the listing including an alphabetical list and more visible specialty listings.
4. Programs: Thank you to Alena for organizing today's program. Next program is a roundtable at Patty Ladpli's on October 14, topic TBD.
5. PSP: Meets this Friday at 10am at Ruth Heinecke's house. They usually meet the 3rd Friday of the month, perform informally for each other.
6. Nuances: No one reported any problems with the newsletter. Sept 21 is the deadline for submitting articles to Grant Billings.
7. Website: Patty is working on a new Members Area on the website. Be sure to login (first initial of your name plus last name), you can request a new password. If you have problems or feedback on the website, please let Patty know. If we set up PayPal, would the membership be interested? The

- membership seems to be split, some say the convenience might add to membership or events, the other side is concerned about the fees. Patty and Pamela will look into specifics about fees.
8. Publicity: Tim Mueller is our new publicity chair. He is looking into ways for sending mail affordably. Any resources for contacts would be appreciated, please send to Tim.
9. Referral: We haven't received any phone calls on the TracPhone this past month. Website referral has now been updated, including dots on the map. Thank you Patty!
10. Honors Festival: Everything about the festival can be found in the MAPTA Directory.
11. Young Artist Recitals: Next recital October 9 at Oakwood Village West, registration due Sept 25. Send info to Irmgard Bittar.
12. PPT: Piano Play Together is off this year after last year's wonderfully successful event. We are currently looking for chairs and a committee for the PPT. Diane and Jeanne will be available to advise the new chairs. Next event is planned for November 2013.
13. Piano Composition Festival: October 2, 5 pm, is the scheduled recital, awards ceremony and reception at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. 49 entrants from 14 MAPTA teachers. All will be invited to participate in the recital. Students must RSVP to play in the recital.
14. Professional Goals: Anita is not available to present changes in the by-laws today but these changes will be put into the October Nuances. Please review them so they can be voted on at the next general meeting. Next ProGoals meeting is Tuesday, Sept 20 at 9-11 am at Sequoya Branch Library, study room A.
15. New business: Monster Concert is being supported by MAFOP at Barnes & Noble East Towne. Always a fun event where students can perform in their Halloween costume. The event is half full already. Please contact Renee Farley for a time slot for your students.
16. New business: Frank Glazer is performing at Farleys on Friday September 23.
17. New business: There's a free piano recital by Sam Rotman, Sept 23, 7 pm at Grace Angelical Church. Contact Linda Johnson for more information.
18. New business: Patty got an email about a free piano. Also an email about studio space available to rent in a retired professor's basement. Please contact her if you are interested.
19. New business: Ward Brodt is closing their music education department effective October 1. Diane Madsen announced that Heid Music will be opening a store in Madison soon, on the west side.
20. Next board meeting Oct 11 at 9am at Middleton Public Library.
21. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

The Final Note

[Grant Billings](#)



## Fall Into Music!

