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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.

Billings Piano Gallery's New
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President's Message

[Patty Ladpli](#)

Greetings!

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday break. There will be an abundance of opportunities for MAPTA teachers and their students during the next couple months.

As you are busy helping to prepare your students for the many events and performance opportunities, please remember to take time for yourself by attending General Meetings. We have a great lineup of programs, starting with our performance anxiety forum in January, moderated by our own Performers Supporting Performers. Also, it's not too late to join PSP for their annual recital in March. And don't forget about the performance class for teachers, also in March.

For our students, in addition to the January Young Artists recital, we will have our annual Honors auditions at the end of the month. And a special thanks to MAFOP for providing events to all piano students in Madison, as they celebrate a special 20th annual Piano Play-a-thon to be held in February. These performance opportunities are always exciting for our students, as they help motivate them to strive for their best--events for students of all ages and levels.

Best wishes for an exciting new year!

Patty Ladpli
MAPTA President

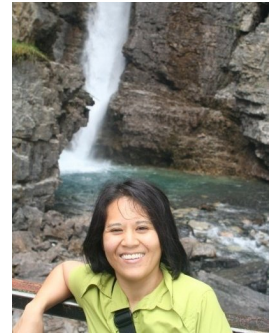
General Meeting *Tues, Jan 10 - 9:00 - 11:00 am*
Christ Presbyterian Church, 944 E Gorham, Madison

[Patty Ladpli](#)

This month's meeting theme is "Share Your Thoughts on Performance Anxiety" moderated by members of Performers Supporting Performers. All members are welcome to attend.

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Honors Recital Registration Deadline *Wed, Jan 11, 2012*





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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.

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

For more complete information, please see [last month's issue of Nuances](#) or your Membership Directory. Please note that one movement of a sonata or sonatina counts as one piece. As per the Membership Directory, the ages eligible are 10-18.

Download the registration blank by logging on to the [MAPTA website](#), then go to the "Members Area" of the website, click "Event Forms", and click "Honors Festival PDF." Send the forms (one form per student) plus one check for the total number of students (\$20 per entry) to Shu-Ching Chuang, 509 Everglade Drive, Madison, WI 53717.

For more information, contact [Shu-Ching Chuang](#) or [Jane Peckham](#).

Young Artist Recital *Sun, Jan 15 - 1:00 pm Practice - 1:30 pm Performance*
Oak Park Place East's Grandview Hall, 718 Jupiter Drive, Madison

[Renee Farley](#)

Contact [Irmgard Bittar](#) at (608) 826-0385 or [Renee Farley](#) at (608) 238-1871 with questions.

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MAPTA Board Meeting *Tues, Jan 17 - 9:00 - 11:00 am*
Sequoia Branch of Madison Public Library, 4340 Tokay Boulevard, Madison

[Denise Taylor](#)

The meeting will take place in Meeting Room B. All MAPTA members are invited to attend.

Topics to be discussed include: Fall Workshop wrap-up, YAR guidelines, and new publicity ideas.

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Performers Supporting Performers *Fri, Jan 20 - 10:00 am*
Cheri Lewis' home, 1706 Wild Oak Circle, Madison

[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.

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Pro Goals *Tues, Jan 24 - 9:15 - 11:00 am*
Madison Public Library - Sequoia Branch, 4340 Tokay Blvd - Meeting Room A

[Jeanne 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 MAPTA 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 written 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](#).

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Honors Recital Auditions *Sat, Jan 28 (may spill to Friday, Jan 27)*

Madison Christian Community Church, 7118 Old Sauk Road, Madison

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

The deadline for the Honors Festival Registrations approaches. Auditions are to be held on Saturday, January 28 and possibly Friday, January 27 at the Madison Christian Community Church. Winners have the chance to play on recitals, Sunday, February 12 at the UW-Madison's Morphy Hall in the [Humanities Building](#).

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Editor's Note

[Grant Billings](#)

Typically, MAPTA events are listed in Nuances chronologically followed by non-MAPTA events listed chronologically. Since there are several popular non-MAPTA events in February, they are listed below, followed by MAPTA dates for February and beyond.

I hope that this helps with your planning.



2012 Key-Up-for-Kids Piano Playathon *Sat, Feb 11*
Barnes & Noble West Towne, 7433 Mineral Point Road, Madison

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



MAFOP is busy planning all the details for the 20th Anniversary Piano Playathon. Everyone has received a full packet of information and some have already registered for a time slot. Participants will be playing for the benefit of "The Childlife Program" at the American Family Children's Hospital. AFCH will have a new web address by Dec. 1st that will aide any student who wants to gather pledges on the internet.

Please contact [Connie Jones](#) at (608) 442-8302 to sign up for your studio or [Renee Farley](#) at (608) 271-2626 with questions.

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Piano Bank Deadline *Mon, Feb 13*

[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.

2011 Piano Bank Recipients

Federation Junior Festival change in date and location *Sun, Feb 26*
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.

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General Meeting *Tues, Feb 14 - 9:00 - 11:00 am*
Christ Presbyterian Church, 944 E Gorham St, Madison

From the MAPTA Directory

Amanda Horn, a doctoral candidate at UW-Madison, will speak on research she has done on video/muscle sensor technology.

For more information, contact [Alena Harrison or Stacy Regehr](#).

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Performers Supporting Performers Recital *Sun, Mar 4 - 2:00 pm*
Capitol Lakes Grand Hall, 333 West Main Street, Madison

[Ruth Heinecke](#)

All MAPTA members interested in listening are invited to join.

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

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Young Artist Recital - Deadline *Sun, Mar 4*

From the MAPTA Directory

The registration deadline for the **March 18th recital at Oakwood West** is March 4, 2012. Registrations should be sent to [Irmgard Bittar](#), at 7326 Cedar Creek Trail, Madison, WI 53717.

Include:

- 1) Name and age of student (s)
- 2) Name of piece (s) and composer (s)
- 3) Level and minutes of playing time for each piece
- 4) Teacher's name and phone number (e-mail if available)
- 5) \$5.00 per student performing (checks payable to MAPTA)
- 6) Self-addressed stamped envelope for recital time confirmation (unless registering by e-mail)

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 [Irmgard Bittar](#) at (608) 826-0385 or [Renee Farley](#) at (608) 238-1871 with questions.

General Meeting *Tues, Mar 13 - 9:00 - 11:00 am*
Diane Madsen's home, 7627 Fernglade Circle, Verona

[Patty Ladpli](#)

Get ready for a Repertoire Class with Kenneth Drake

Kenneth Drake, professor emeritus from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana will be leading a repertoire class for MAPTA members. Those who are interested in playing for that class should send the title of their selection & timing to Patty Ladpli. Please aim to play a piece that is close to 5 minutes long so that we can have time for more people to play.

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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.

2012 PianoArts Biennial Competition Registration Deadline *June 7 - 13, 2012*

[Sue Medford](#)

The 2012 PianoArts Biennial North American Competition will take place in Milwaukee, WI and is open to contestants aged 15 - 20 years old. Prizes total more than \$22,000 and include a scholarship to attend the 2013 International Keyboard Institute and Festival at Mannes College of Music in New York City, as well as performances in major concert halls and fellowships to perform for diverse Milwaukee audiences.

A total of 12 contestants will be advanced to the semifinals in Milwaukee, based on their submission of a DVD performance in the preliminary round. (All DVDs must be submitted by February 24.)

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