



# Nuances

The Newsletter of MAPTA

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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.

## Submissions

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](#), or [Debbie Yee](#) if you are interested in being a part of the Studio Exchange Program.

## Young Artist Recital

This month's Young Artist Recital is "Music for Religious Celebrations" at Oak Park Place - Grandview

## President's Message

[Patty Ladpli](#)

Dear

Wow! I can't believe it's already December! As busy as the holiday season gets for everyone (especially piano teachers!), I hope everyone can take some time to sit back and enjoy, too!

We did have fun with the hands-on technology session last month, so I am sorry to announce that I need to postpone the December hands-on technology session. I have been buried alive with a basement project, and it will be re-scheduled sometime in the spring.

MAPTA activity will be lighter this month, with only the December Young Artist Recital & the December PSP meeting.

Watch for more news on MAPTA events going on in the coming year! There is an especially exciting slate of programs through the rest of the year.

Happy Holidays!

Patty Ladpli  
MAPTA President



## Performers Supporting Performers

[Ruth Heinecke](#)

Performers Supporting Performers will meet on Friday, December 7, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Cheri Lewis, 1706 Wild Oak Circle, Madison. Plan to join us!

[Cynthia Stephan](#)

Hall (lower level), 718 Jupiter Drive, Madison. The recital is on Sunday, December 9, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Contact Cynthia Stephan by e-mail: [youngartist@madisonpianoteachers.org](mailto:youngartist@madisonpianoteachers.org) for more information.

### General Program and Meeting

[Alena Harrison](#)

The Hands-On Session: Create a Free Website for Your Studio in Less Than an Hour! is postponed until the spring. The new date & time will be in a future Nuances.

### Professional Goals

[Jeanne Felix](#)

The next Professional Goals meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, 2013, at 9:15 a.m., at the Sequoia Branch Library. All interested members are invited to attend.

### Honors Recital Auditions

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, January 23, 2013

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

The Honors Festival auditions and recitals are offered to the advancing, pre-college students of MAPTA teachers, Grades 4 - 12. The Grade 4 students will receive comments only. The Grades 5-12 students may be chosen for the recital. Students may play one or two pieces with the total playing time not to exceed ten minutes. All music must be played from memory. Winners are chosen for an Honors recital two weeks later. We are pleased and honored to welcome Margarita Kontorovsky as this year's judge.

Details including the specific requirements for eligibility, literature, etc. are listed in the "Events and Programs: Honors Festival" section of the MAPTA website. Please read this carefully.

Paper registrations are due by Wednesday, January 23, 2012, at 5 p.m. We have created a new registration form this year. ***Paper forms from past years will not be accepted.*** Please recycle old ones.

By December 15, you will be able to download the 2013 registration blank by going to the "Members Area" of our website and clicking "Event Forms" then "Honors Festival PDF." Please send the forms (one separate 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.

Auditions are Saturday, February 9, 2013, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Madison Christian Community Church, 7118 Old Sauk Blvd., Madison. If needed, we will add more times on Friday, February 8, 5-8 p.m. Winners will have the chance to perform at the recitals held Sunday, February 24, 2013, in Morphy Hall at the UW-Madison Humanities Building. Whether or not your students are playing, these recitals are a great chance to hear the amazing skills and talents of the young musicians in our community.

If you have questions, please let us know. We are here to support you and your students.

### Annual Fall Workshop

[June Zeeh](#)

The workshop on Friday, November 2, was an enjoyable learning experience for the 31 attendees. Suzanne Schons and Vanessa Cornett of the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN, gave very thorough and interesting presentations. Suzanne spoke about her research in the rapidly evolving field of Neuroscience, relating it to the brain and music learning. Vanessa spoke on the treatment of performance anxiety for musicians. Both speakers gave helpful teaching tips. The WSMA Center in Waunakee graciously hosted the workshop. Thank you to all who attended.

## Exploring Music Resources

[David Karbler](#)

**New from Kjos Publishing:** *Fourth Finger on B-flat: Effective Strategies for Teaching Piano* by Joanne Haroutounian, Item# WP610, \$34.95.

This text contains over 300 pages of real-world solutions and teaching approaches that piano teachers can use in their studios. The book incorporates the basics of establishing a studio and then moves on to the strategies and techniques for teaching a variety of students.

**New from Hal Leonard Publishing:** *The G. Schirmer Piano Collection - 33 Works by 25 Composers from the 20th and 21st Centuries*, Item# 50490709, \$24.99.

For those wanting a change of pace from Bach and Beethoven this collection presents intermediate to advanced works from composers such as Dello Joio, Harbison, Kabalevsky, Khachaturian, Prokofiev and Shostakovich.

### **New Duet and Trio Repertoire:**

*A Merry Little Christmas, Piano Duet Play-Along Volume 43*. Item# 00102044.

This Hal Leonard collection contains eight intermediate duets for \$14.99. Each volume in the series comes with a CD that features separate tracks for the primo and secondo parts.

*Grand Trios for Piano* by Melody Bober, Alfred Publishing.

Six hands at one piano featuring a variety of styles, meters and tempo. Book 5 - Intermediate, Item# 00-37326,\$7.99. Book 6 - Late Intermediate, Item# 00-37327, \$7.99.

### **New Popular Piano Collections:**

*Lorie Line - Immanuel*, Item# 00111688, Hal Leonard Publishing, \$34.95.

Fourteen brand-new Christmas arrangements.

*Great Themes for Piano Solo - 27 Movie and TV Themes*, Item# 00312102, Hal Leonard Publishing, \$14.99.

Intermediate to advanced solos.

## Membership

### New Member Announcement

[Shad Wenzlaff](#)

Welcome our newest MAPTA member, Natalie Brunia!  
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## MAFOP

### 2013 Key Up for Kids Piano Playathon

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

Have you checked your mailbox? Have you seen it? Did you file it away? Have you talked to your students (and/or parents) about participating next February?

Just what you need at this time of year. Questions about something you need to do. As if you don't

have enough on your plate already.

BUT..... Now is the time to be thinking of next year's Piano Playathon on Saturday, February 9, 2013. We will be gathering pledges for the American Family Children's Hospital, Child Life Program. It is such a worthy cause, and students respond so well to the positive feedback they get from those pledging and those listening.

Please think seriously about including your studio in this effort to share talent, time, and gifting. We think it's a wonderful way to teach children the joy of giving to others.

Questions? Want to schedule a time slot?

Contact:

Connie V. Jones

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### Employment at First Church of Christ, Scientist

[Elizabeth Ragsdale](#)

First Church of Christ, Scientist, has an opening for a part-time organist/pianist to play for two Sunday services a month, with an option to play for some Wednesday evening services. To apply, send résumé to [info@christiansciencemadison.com](mailto:info@christiansciencemadison.com).

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