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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

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President's Message

[Patty Ladpli](#)

Dear

Finally! Spring is here!
I hope everyone has survived a busy year of piano teaching, but it's not over yet!

In the meantime, I hope everyone can attend our April General Meeting which will be a presentation of this fall's [Piano Play Together](#), "Fascinating Rhythm," a 10-piano monster concert which will be conducted by the world-famous piano duet team of [Dallas Weekley & Nancy Arganbright](#). They will also be our [Fall Workshop](#) presenters. Special thanks to the Music Selection Committee--Judy Ferreri, Lana Robotewskyj, Denise Taylor, Shad Wenzlaff for their hard work in finding all the music for this event.

Also on the MAPTA agenda is our last Young Artist Recital for the year, "Music for Entertainment" to be held on April 28. A big thanks to Cynthia Stephan for organizing this year's Young Artist Recitals.

Last, it's that time of year--time to renew your MAPTA membership. The paper form of the 2013-2014 Membership form is [here](#). Online registration will be available soon.

Hope to see some of you at MAPTA's April happenings!

Patty Ladpli





Dallas Weekley & Nancy Arganbright

Programs Planning Committee

The Programs Planning Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 2, at 10:00 am, at Heid Music, 7498 Tree Lane. There will be a discussion of possible program ideas & presenters for next year's general meetings. Please join if you have ideas, or if you are unable to attend feel free to forward your ideas to the next year's programs chairs, Pamela McMullen-Clinton and Helaine Muehlmeier:

programs@madisonpianoteachers.org.

General Program and Meeting
Tuesday, April 9, 2013

[Alena Harrison and Helaine Muehlmeier](#)

Presentation of Repertoire for the [Piano PlayTogether](#)

This month's general meeting will be on Tuesday, April 9, at Heid Music, 7948 Tree Lane, Madison. The program will begin at 9:00 a.m. and be followed by a short business meeting.

The Piano PlayTogether music selection committee will present the pieces chosen for this fall's Piano PlayTogether, "Fascinating Rhythm," a 10-piano extravaganza for the students of MAPTA teachers. The concert will take place in Mitby Theater on the MATC campus, on Sunday, November 17. The concert of piano duet music, conducted by [Dallas Weekley & Nancy Arganbright](#) will have music for students of all levels as well as a teacher's piece. It's sure to be a very special event, so reserve this date on your calendar and start getting your students excited about it now!! For more information, please see the [Piano PlayTogether webpage](#) on our website.



Piano PlayTogether, November 2010, conducted by Robert Vandall

Adult Music Social

[Cheri Lewis](#)

The Spring Adult Music Social will be held on Sunday, April 14, at 7 p.m. Please encourage all your adult students to participate in this opportunity. The event is fairly informal and will help pianists at all levels to become more comfortable sharing their music with others. Pieces can be memorized or played with music. Adult students who would first like to learn more about the social are also welcome to attend without playing that evening. Those attending are requested to bring a small plate of cookies or other food to share.

Judy Ferreri will be hosting the event at her home: 3118 Timber Lane, Verona. Call Judy at 608-469-2235 for directions.

Young Artist Recitals

[Cynthia Stephan](#)

You have until April 14 to sign up for the last Young Artist Recital of the season. The recital will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, [7291 County Hwy. PD, Verona](#). The room will be open at 12:30, with the recital commencing at 1:00. This is a half hour earlier than last year. This year we have had themed recitals and the theme of this one is "Music for Entertainment". Refreshments will be served at the end of the recital. Teachers participating in this event will be asked to bring cookies, bars, and drinks. They will also be asked to help serve. Questions? Contact Cynthia Stephan at youngartist@madisonpianoteachers.org.

Professional Goals

[Jeanne Felix](#)

The next Professional Goals meeting will be at 9:15 a.m., on Tuesday, April 16, at the Sequoia Branch Library, 4340 Tokay Blvd., Madison.

Performers Supporting Performers

[Ruth Heinecke](#)

The final PSP meeting for this school year will be Friday, May 3, 10:00 a.m., at Judy Ferreri's home, [3118 Timber Lane, Verona](#). All are welcome to play, or just come and listen, enjoying the companionship of fellow MAPTA members.

May Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, May 21, 9:00-11:00 a.m., at the Middleton Public Library basement meeting room, [7425 Hubbard Avenue, Middleton](#). Board members, please be prepared to share your projected budget for the 2013-14 year. Thank you.

Exploring Music Resources

[David Karbler](#)

New from Hal Leonard Publishing:

Women Composers in History - Intermediate to Late Intermediate Piano Pieces by 8 Composers
Gail Smith has compiled and edited this collection of eighteen pieces by women who, despite society's obstacles, remained passionate about composing and performing. Included are works from Amy Beach, Teresa Carreno, Cecile Chaminade, Louise Dumont Farrenc, Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel, Margaret Ruthven Lang, Clara Gottschalk Peterson, and Clara Schumann.
Item# 00103146, \$12.99

New from FJH Publishing:

Energize Your Fingers Every Day, Preparatory Level - Item#FJH2200, \$5.95

Play your Scales and Chords Every Day, Book 1 - Item#FJH2173, \$7.95

Two new titles from the prolific Helen Marlais. The first book incorporates six techniques: good posture, arm weight, flexible wrists, strong fingers, weight transfer, and two-note slurs. The following book uses graded material and technique tips to reinforce five-finger patterns, triads, and scales.

For PBS viewers:

Downton Abbey

Piano Solo, Item#00116780, \$16.99

Easy Piano, Item#00119107, \$14.99

From Hal Leonard, 17 original pieces from the hit television series, arranged for piano solo and easy piano.

Minutes from the January 8 General Meeting

MAPTA General Meeting - Tuesday, January 8, 2013

Minutes prepared by Denise Taylor, Secretary

Called to order 10:15 a.m.

1. Minutes read and approved from the September 11 general meeting.
2. Treasurer's Report: Pamela presented October and November reports. October: total expenses \$885.12, income \$579.01 for total assets of \$12,796.39. For November, expenses total \$1,835.09, and income \$1,240.62 for total assets of \$12,205.78. Treasurer's report approved.
3. Programs: Next program is Tuesday, February 12, at Trevor Stephenson's home, 5729 Forsythia Place, in Madison.
4. PSP: Meets on Tuesday, January 22, 10 a.m. at Deb Ferris's home in Sun Prairie. Preparing for March 3 recital, 2 p.m. at Capitol Lakes Retirement.
5. Exploring Music Resources: anyone who wants to submit information on music is welcome to.
6. Nuances: January 21 is the deadline for submitting articles to Stacy Regehr. If you have trouble receiving email copies see Patty. Spam filters might be blocking it, or the file size might be too big for your email program.
7. Website: Patty is a little behind on updating the web. If there are any changes that need updating (new meetings, etc), please send Patty an email directly. Also, Linda is more than willing to add some information on referral on how to select a teacher.
8. Publicity: Patty has no new update.
9. Referral: Linda feels it was very wise for MAPTA to stop paying for the phone number. (She is paying for the TracPhone for her personal use but allowing MAPTA to use it.)
10. Membership Committee: Three new members in the past two months.
11. Honors Festival: Jane and Shu Ching have everything under control. Deadline to apply is January 23, 2013. Must get the new form online this year. Auditions February 9, recital February 24.
12. Young Artist Recitals: No update from Cynthia. The December recital was about half an hour long. Next recital deadline January 20, recital on February 3 at Oakwood West.
13. PPT: Please come and join Patty for music planning at Heid Music. Next meeting is set for Thursday, January 17, 10 a.m. at Heid Music.
14. Adult Music Social: Next one in April, details to come.
15. Piano Composition Festival: Jeff coming to Board meeting next week; he and Shad have ideas

to improve the Composition Festival for next fall.

16. Professional Goals: Next meeting Tuesday January 22, 9am at Sequoya Branch of Madison Library.
17. New Business: Denise mentioned that she's interested in having teachers band together for the Carnegie Hall Achievement Program and have Madison become a center for assessments. We need 20 students willing to commit to begin the program.
18. New Business: Ruth is looking for days to make PSP accessible to the most people. Friday mornings seem to have conflicts for many members, so she welcomes members to give their opinions to Ruth.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Minutes from the January 15 Board Meeting

MAPTA Board Meeting - January 15, 2013, 9:00 am, Middleton Public Library

Minutes prepared by Denise Taylor, Secretary

Present: Patty Ladpli, June Zeeh, Denise Taylor, Debbie Yee, Jeff Stanek, Shad Wenzlaff, Pamela McMullen

1. Minutes read from October 23 board meeting by Denise. Approved.
2. Shad moved to suspend Roberts rules for this meeting, seconded, approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: For November, MAPTA has total assets of \$12,205.78. Income for \$1835.09 and expenses of \$1240.62. For December, MAPTA has total assets of \$12,353.54. No expenses, income of \$125. The Board inquired about receiving income for the December Young Artist Recital. Pamela will contact Cynthia.
4. ProGoals: At the last meeting, ProGoals discussed a new rule to state a minimum of total assets held by the organization. Board is concerned that assets have declined each year for several years. At what point should the Board reconsider expenses? Board suggested ProGoals come up with a list of scenarios and proposals. Jeff suggested reviewing investment allocation in order to earn more income on MAPTA assets. Debbie feels MAPTA should be extremely cautious about investments, and we should analyze very carefully the quarterly income earned vis-à-vis the commission/fees for withdrawal. Other Board members feel this is a more appropriate discussion for ProGoals to have.
5. Fall Workshop: Total income \$1200, expenses approximately \$1720, but we're still waiting for publicity figures (printing and mailing brochure).
6. Budget: Board is briefly reviewing budget shortfalls so far. The budget figures at the meeting were through October. Composition Festival lost \$450. Shad feels membership income reflected on the budget is not accurate; currently showing \$1400 in income. Shad will follow up and get an updated accounting of the membership figures. Reminder to all Board members and committee chairs that expenses should be submitted to Treasurer within one month of the event, so that budget can be kept up to date throughout the year.
7. Programs: Next program February 12, at Trevor Stephenson's home: 5729 Forsythia Place in Madison. Topic on Baroque Dances.
8. PSP: Meets Tuesday January 22, 10 a.m., Deb Ferris's home in Sun Prairie. This meeting was inadvertently scheduled in conflict with the ProGoals meeting. Recital is scheduled for Sunday, March 3, 2 p.m. at Capitol Lakes.
9. EMR: Shad has submitted an article for Nuances. Thank you! Anyone is welcome to submit their opinions on new or old music on Exploring Music Resources.
10. PPT: Next meeting Thursday, January 17, 10 a.m. at Heid Music. Please join in; it's lots of fun. We're a little short on beginner repertoire, but Shad has a plan he will unveil on Thursday.
11. Honors: Everything is going as scheduled. Deadline to submit is January 23, 5 p.m. No late entries accepted.
12. Young Artist Recital: No new report. Board is awaiting expenses and income for October and December recitals. Next one is February 3, deadline is January 20.
13. Adult Music Social: Next one scheduled for April. See Cheri Lewis for details.
14. Piano Composition Festival: Jeff presented his ideas for next festival. How to grow the event and bring in more students interested in compositional creativity. Wondering about partnering

with another organization to bring in other students and to share the expenses. One suggestion is: Bonnie Green, a violin teacher, and her organization Madison Music Makers, or WSMA.

15. Nuances: No report from Donna and Stacy. Reminder to get submissions in on time, 21st of each month. It's a lot of work for Patty to double-check to see who has submitted for upcoming events and who hasn't.

16. Website: No new report.

17. Publicity: No new report from Tim.

18. Referral: Linda got one phone call the past month.

19. Membership: One new member this month.

20. Hospitality: June asked about hospitality. Anita has reported to Patty that she hasn't had a chance to organize treats. Shad and Denise feel it is low on their list.

21. New Business: Pamela needs Board to vote on proposed amendment to by-laws in order to get the request for tax exempt status. Article VIII, section I: Procedure Upon Dissolution of MAPTA. A. Assure all outstanding debts are paid in full, and B. Donate all remaining assets to a public service non-profit music association by a two-thirds majority of all votes cast by members in attendance. Board approves the wording and the proposed amendment. Pamela will submit for the February Nuances and vote will be in the February meeting.

22. Nominating committee: Ruth Heinecke has asked Debbie Yee to be Treasurer, she has accepted. If we get the slate of officers published in February Nuances, we can vote on it at the February meeting. (Perhaps Ruth should contact Shad for Secretary and Pamela for Vice President.)

Next Board meeting: Tuesday, March 5, 2013, 9 a.m. Location TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

A Final Note

From the President: I thought some of you might enjoy a couple articles I came across recently, one on the dynamic piano duo--Anderson and Roe & one general studio business blog by Diane Hidy. Enjoy.

[Duet Inspirations-Anderson & Roe piano duo](#)

[Studio Basic Business-Diane Hidy](#)

