



# Nuances

The Newsletter of MAPTA

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

## Vice President Nominations

## President's Message

[June Zeeh](#)

Dear

Greetings!

December is upon us, and it offers many opportunities to use music in ways that will bring joy to others. It seems that this is a most opportune time for us, as music instructors, to encourage our students to use their musical skills to bring enjoyment to family and friends.



The Piano PlayTogether on November 17 brought joy to many students, parents, teachers, and friends. Dallas Weekley and Nancy Arganbright were most delightful in their guidance of our program. We thank them for bringing their talents to our stage. They also inspired us at the Fall Workshop on November 15. A huge thank you to all of those MAPTA members who participated in and helped with the workshop and the PlayTogether.

Our next general meeting will take place on January 14, 2014, at Heid Music, [7948 Tree Lane, Madison](#). Debbie Yee will be speaking on teaching special needs students.

The next board meeting will also be at Heid Music on Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year!

June Zeeh  
MAPTA President

## Young Artist Recital

Cynthia Stephan

This month's Young Artist Recital will be Sunday, December 8, at 1:00 p.m., at Oak Park Place, [718 Jupiter Drive, Madison](#).

[Stacy Regehr and Shad Wenzlaff](#)

MAPTA is currently without a Vice President, and a committee consisting of Stacy Regehr and Shad Wenzlaff has been formed to find a candidate to include with next year's slate of officers. Suggestions for V.P. are welcomed and can be submitted to Stacy Regehr at [skfregehr@yahoo.com](mailto:skfregehr@yahoo.com) or [nuances@madisonpianoteachers.org](mailto:nuances@madisonpianoteachers.org). Ballots are accepted by email prior to the election at the February general meeting, or by paper ballots during the election meeting. No opportunities for write-in candidates or nominations from the floor will be allowed at the election meeting.

## Honors Recital Auditions

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

### **Honors Recital Auditions - Registration Deadline: Wednesday, January 15, 2014**

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 Grade 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 one week later. We are pleased and honored to welcome Professor Jessica Johnson, UW-Madison, 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 15, 2014, 5:00 p.m.** We have created a new registration form this year. Paper forms from past years will not be accepted. Please recycle old ones.

The 2014 registration blank is online now. You can retrieve a copy 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 1, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, at the Madison Christian Community Church, 7118 Old Sauk Blvd., Madison. Winners will have the chance to perform on the recitals held **Sunday, February 9, 2014**, 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.

Jane Peckham  
Shu-Ching Chuang  
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## Performers Supporting Performers

[Ruth Heinecke](#)

PSP will not meet in December. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 28, 10:00 a.m., at the home of Cheri Lewis, [1706 Wild Oak Circle, Madison](#). The annual PSP recital is scheduled for Sunday, March 2, 2:00 p.m., at Capitol Lakes' Grand Hall.

## MAFOP: 2014 Piano Playathon

Connie Jones and Renee Farley

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 8, 2014. 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:

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### Ward-Brodt Discount

Recent correspondence from Michael Faulhaber at Ward-Brodt Music Mall has advised that MAPTA members may receive a discount on music purchases if they make it known that they are MAPTA members. Dave Karbler has been flagging instructors from the MAPTA membership list. Please request your discount when shopping at Ward-Brodt.

### Welcome New Member

[Linda Johnson](#)

Please update your Membership Directory with our newest member:

Mindy Marty (ASM)  
5303 Black Walnut Drive  
McFarland, WI 53558  
Home: 608-838-4389  
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### Plano PlayTogether: Fascinating Rhythm

[Denise Pilmer Taylor](#)

The 2013 Piano PlayTogether was a fantastic success! On November 17, around 200 area piano students performed piano ensembles at Mitby Theater to the conducting of Dallas Weekley and Nancy Arganbright. Many MAPTA teachers were instrumental in making sure the event ran smoothly: Lana Robotewskyj and Denise Taylor as co-chairs, with the following members on the committee: Gloria Chuang, Renee Farley, Judy Ferreri, Linda Johnson, Polly Kuelbs, Patty Ladpli, Pamela McMullen, Stacy Regehr, Cynthia Stephan, Shad Wenzlaff, June Zeeh. Nineteen teachers had students participate in the event.

Special thanks go to Patty Ladpli for registration and conductor arrangements, Shad Wenzlaff and Patty Ladpli (among others) for rehearsal help, all the Heid Music rehearsal conductors, Farley's Pianos, Gloria Chuang for piano technician, Cynthia Stephan for Mitby seating, Deb Ferris and Shad Wenzlaff for the narration script, June Zeeh and Gloria Chuang for calligraphy, and Shad Wenzlaff for certificate template and programs. Special thanks go to Cynthia Stephan and her husband for providing a delicious teachers' lunch at the dress rehearsal. And still there were a lot of other jobs that needed doing, too numerous to thank individually. We couldn't have run such a smooth concert without

all the volunteers at the rehearsal table, the bow sign, and the concert and backstage monitors. This event really shows what dedicated teachers make up MAPTA. Thank you!!!

## Exploring Music Resources

Denise Pilmer Taylor

This month and next will feature submissions from MAPTA member Gregory Hustad, who has pored through some of the higher levels of the latest NFMC bulletin. Below are a few items he has sampled:

### From "Medium Difficult III"

**Linn, Jennifer.** "Nocturne d'Esprit," from *Piano Recital Showcase, Romantic Inspirations* (Hal Leonard). Pleasant piece with lots of Chopinesque passage work. This book, labeled Early Advanced repertoire, includes various other original piano solos, two of which are in the Difficult II category. The remaining ones are as follows (not in NFMC bulletin):

**Klose, Carol.** "Prelude No. 1." Pleasant, with multiple time signatures.

**Klose, Carol.** "Rondo Capriccioso." Nice, stormy A minor; rather fun.

**Linn, Jennifer.** "Arabesque." Lots of freely changing triads.

**Tsitsaros, Christos.** "Nocturne." Reminiscent of Chopin E minor, Op. 72 #1.

**Tsitsaros, Christos.** "Valse d'Automne". Delightfully bittersweet tone, sort of "chanteuse" style.

### From "Difficult Class I"

**Alexander, Dennis.** "Danza Spiccata" (Alfred) Delightful little excursion into 7+5 / 8 meter.

**Austin, Glenda.** *Jazz Suite No. 2* (Willis, 2001) Pieces I and III are on the NFMC list but all three (including II, a delightfully quirky waltz) are solid and original.

**Bilotti, Anton.** "The Firefly" (Fischer). Very appealing, fast but easy to read; somewhat Impressionistic.

**Hartsell, Randall.** "Sea Tempest" (Willis). Breezy, perpetual motion in 8th notes.

**MacDowell, Edward.** *Six Fancies, Op. 7* (Alfred). Mostly familiar harmony and predictable sentiments. Two are on the list from this collection:

"To a Hummingbird" (no. 2). Very busy, indeed; much like an etude.

"An Elfin Round" (no. 6). Quarter note at 184 at the end!

**Rocherolle, Eugénie.** *Cuatro Rumores Hispánicos* (Kjos). "Sospiros Cariñosos" and "Los Gitanos" are both on the list. Likeable, if not a bit clichéd.

**Rollin, Catherine.** "Lyric Nocturne" and "Summer Splendor" from *Lyric Moments* (Alfred) Bland but agreeable.

**Tcherepnin, Alexander.** *Bagatelles, Op. 5* (Alfred). These will be great fun for students who don't require familiar and predictable harmony all the time. Nos. 1 and 10 are on the NFMC list.

Next month will feature selections from Difficult Class II category of the most recent NFMC bulletin. Do you have thoughts to share about teaching repertoire? Articles encouraged; please email Denise Taylor for info.

## Board Meeting Minutes 9/3/2013

Alena Harrison

**Attendees:** June Zeeh, Pamela McMullen, Patty Ladpli, Linda Johnson, Debbie Yee, Denise Taylor, Alena Harrison

**Treasurer's report:** Income \$3200; Expenses \$618.34; Difference \$2581.66. Motion approved re: report/budget handed out by Treasurer. June Zee question re: tax exempt status. Pamela McMullen question regarding annual brunch, discuss re: brunch - proposed \$500 expense and income. Also approved: send Janus information to Debbie Yee, Treasurer.

**Fall workshop:** Need masterclass participants - duets. Will announce in next Nuances and registration form. Requested Jeanne Felix to make a brochure and have ready for general meeting on 9/10. Will call today regarding status of brochure. Paid \$92.50, another \$92.50 due at workshop plus tune piano (extra). Anita Schultz arranging lunch - Subway \$5 each if under 40 people, \$5.25 if over 40 people. Contract with Weekly and Argenbright signed, will be paid at workshop - \$1600 (PPT + workshop). Will put registration form in October Nuances.

**Programs:** Will look into WSMA for May brunch. Question re: expenses for Programs - within \$1000 budget? Question re: effort to get new members? Send out email blasts to announce? Discussed whose job it is to use Constant Contact. June will do email re: Joyce Grill and send to Patty who will send out. For future: Pamela will send announcements to Patty to forward on.

**PSP:** Ruth Heinecke - 1st meeting on 9/24 in Mt. Horeb at her home.

**EMR:** Denise Taylor - Will write for October Nuances, not November. Survey method books? Have others report in November?

**Nuances:** Question re: paper copies - make honorary members pay for paper copies - motion carried. Question re: ads in Nuances - need to find/review ad policy at next meeting.

**PPT:** Lana resigned as co-chair for health reasons. Looking for a co-chair. Will contact people who volunteered. Registration form in Nuances - send to Patty - can post on PPT website. Discussion re: clarifying pairing of pieces, also teacher/student pieces, 2nd piece fee = \$5. Three mandatory rehearsals: Sat. Nov. 2, 3 pm; Nov. 10 - 12-5 at Heid. Re: Mitby Theatre - need certification of insurance with signed contract. Deliver pianos 11/15, rehearsal next day 10-6. Entire rental \$1134 - Mitby. Denise to sign contract. Tuning \$950.

**Publicity:** Jeanne Felix not there. Tea for new members at June's house 9/15 Sunday 4-6 pm - get acquainted.

**Webmaster:** Patty Ladpli. Website won't let Patty in - working to resolve.

**Honors Festival:** Julie Chang sent \$500 check for honors festival - no report received

**Young Artist Recitals:** Cynthia - no themes this year

**Adult music socials:** in Nuances

**Membership:** Linda - 58 active members - includes honorary lifetime members. 1 institutional member, 6 associate members. Quite a few used PayPal. Directory looks good. One correction - will put in Nuances. New members - announce in Nuances.

**Referrals:** Need to check list on website, make sure accurate. Patty will check - let people know they can put more information on referral list

**Composition festival:** email from Jeff Stanek - wants to make it a community event. Shad having a composition festival in his studio this fall, opening to MAPTA members. No further action at this time.

**New business:** letter from Ward Brodt re: print discounts; Denise will put in Nuances to mention MAPTA membership => discount.

Moved to adjourn.

No minutes from last meeting.

No treasurer report today.

Budget approved at last Board meeting.

**Report from May** - total assets of \$10,559.52

**Annual fall workshop 11/15** - WSMA center in Waunakee - Nancy Argenbright and Dallas Weekly presenters - also doing PPT following Sunday. Arrangements made for workshop. Tim Mueller has brochure being mailed out to members, music stores, etc. Anita has arranged lunches for workshop - optional. Master class in afternoon - need volunteers - students to perform in Masterclass - duets in Weekly and Argenbright editions. Masterclass 12:45-2:00 - room for four performances. Contact June Zeeh if willing to enter students in Masterclass.

**Programs** - Pamela - still working on whether May brunch and meeting or just meeting - checking on locations - Denise Taylor suggests checking to see if Oakwood will allow food in the lobby outside the meeting room, just have a little continental breakfast reception

**PSP** - Ruth - meeting first time on Tuesday 9/24 at Ruth's home in Mt. Horeb - meet informally - play for each other if want to - good conversation - compare notes etc. - social - chance to keep us practicing. Conflicts in past years - so this year some Tuesdays and some Fridays. May go back to just Fridays if does not work. Contact Ruth with questions or if interested. 10 a.m.

**EMR** - Denise - Exploring Music Resources - submitting articles to Nuances as often as possible - if willing to help out - looking for volunteers to write a couple of articles - Denise writing October one, plan for January/February. Can't do November or December, looking for volunteers. If want to write short article about music you like, something new discovered - maybe favorite Christmas books.

**Nuances** - Stacy not here - Patty asks everything working?

**Publicity** - Jeanne - Tim has made nice brochure - need to get together a mailing list. Mailed to MAPTA members, music stores - not sure where last year's mailing list is. Possible to make mailing labels from member list? Unable to come on Tuesdays in future - just accepted new FT position at a church - still happy to do publicity for events - just email/call

**Webmaster** - Patty - locked out of website - working with web designer trying to get in - Pamela able to get in

**Recitals - Honors Festival** - Jane and Shu-Ching

**Young Artist Recitals** - in directory

**Adult Music Socials** - in Nuances

**PPT** - Denise Taylor - Lana had to resign from committee - had meeting with hastily formed committee last week - people eager/willing to help out - plenty of work to go around, volunteers welcome. Couple of errors - sent email to clarify - repertoire list - have extra copies - gray = students play both of those pieces. Fee is the same for two pieces. If student plays additional piece outside of pairing, then additional \$5 fee. A couple of level 1 and 2 pieces require a teacher duet, but not a student. Listed on sheet. No fee for teacher or parent duet player. Rehearsal schedule - registration form has error on schedule - correct: 1st Nov. 2, Sat., 3 pm at Heid Music for The Chase and Mi-A-Ou (challenging=extra rehearsal). Next: Sun. Nov. 10 at Heid Music 12-5 - not in concert order. Pieces with 4+ pianos in downstairs area, upstairs room for smaller groups. Final dress rehearsal - Sat. 11/16

- 10-5 at Mitby Theatre so kids can practice on stage. Will email list. Registrations are coming in - Due by Oct. 1. Pieces filling up: Forward March, Carousel Tune, She'll Be Coming Around the Mountain, The Chase. Weekly and Arganbright - want to give beautiful welcome - invite all to a dinner with them on Friday 11/15 at 6:30 p.m. - Dutch treat dinner - staying near East Towne, will find restaurant in that area - have sign-up sheet, passing around. June still needs to ask Weekly and Arganbright if they want to do that. Handing out repertoire lists. Registrations going to Patty; sending out periodic updates. Meeting Oct. 10 to get rehearsal schedule settled. Patty to be liaison for Weekly and Arganbright. Denise will ask Heid to order copies of popular pieces - Duet Favorites, Easy for Two, etc. Patty also has a lot of the music on hand in a pinch. Cutting a few pieces - will send update.

**Membership** - Linda Johnson - everybody should have a directory - 68 total members, 1 institutional, 4 lifetime, 6 associate. Some since deadline so members not in directory, in Nuances.

**New Member Tea** - Sept. 15 (Sunday) - at June Zeeh's house - new members and Board Members - 4-6 on Sunday

**Referral** - getting calls based on website

**Piano composition festival** - not taking place this fall - Jeff Stanek - maybe next summer - Shad is hosting a piano composition festival in his studio this fall - would be open to MAPTA members - more information will be forthcoming

**Four positions open: VP, hospitality, master classes, honorary lifetime**

Gloria volunteered to help with master classes

**Ward Brodt** responded to letter re: teacher discounts for music - all MAPTA members should get 20% discount if mention membership

Adjourned 11:20 a.m.