



Nuances

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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.

President's Message

[June Zeeh](#)

Dear



Welcome to our final issue of Nuances for 2013/2014.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who contributed so much to MAPTA throughout this year.

Programs Chairperson Pamela McMullen has worked tirelessly to bring us many worthwhile programs this year. November brought us the Fall Workshop with Weekley and Arganbright. The Piano Play-Together, also featuring Weekley and Arganbright, was efficiently handled by many of you, most noticeably by Denise Taylor's expert organization of the scheduling, a duty which she assumed on short notice.

Thank you to Stacy Regehr for publishing the Nuances each month. Thank you to Linda Johnson for maintaining membership records, and for publishing the Directory. Thank you to recital chairpersons: Jane Peckham and Shu-Ching Chuang for organizing a fabulous Honors Recital this year; Cynthia Stephan for her creative work with the Young Artist Recitals; Ruth Heinecke for her work with Performers Supporting Performers; and Cheri Lewis for the Adult Music Socials.

Thank you to Patty Ladpli for maintaining the MAPTA website and referrals. Thank you to Denise Taylor for contributing helpful articles on music resources.

Our treasurer, Debbie Yee, has secured a stable financial position for MAPTA, and Secretary Alena Harrison has faithfully recorded the minutes of our meetings.

Next year we welcome Sue Ellen Dubbert to the Board of Directors as Secretary and Alena Harrison as Vice-President.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of you who have supported me

during my first year of the presidency and who have worked together to develop new visions for MAPTA.

Our final MAPTA program on May 13 at Oakwood West will feature Deanna Anderson doing an impersonation of Fanny Mendessohn-Hensel, as well as a business meeting.

On August 9, 2014, a new event will take place which encompasses a composition festival and more. Please read about it in the article below entitled "Lyre Power", and consider which of your students may benefit from this event.

Don't forget to renew your MAPTA membership by sending your completed application to Linda Johnson by June 15 (see article below).

June Zeeh
MAPTA President

Program and General Meeting

[Pamela McMullen](#)



On Tuesday, May 13, 9:00-10:00 a.m., we'll present our final program at Oakwood West Auditorium. The title is "[Fanny's Fugato](#)". We'll take a look back in time and enjoy a character sketch as Deanna Andersen, of MMTA, becomes Fanny Mendelssohn-Hensel. We'll learn about her composing abilities and hear her play selections from two of her major works, "Sonata in C minor" and "Das Jahr". The final general meeting will follow at 10:00-11:00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you!

Fanny's Fugato

***A play about Fanny Mendelssohn-Hensel
Pianist and Playwright: Deanna Andersen
Time Machine Operator: Randy Andersen***

"Fanny's Fugato" is a monologue-recital featuring the life, times, and piano music of Fanny Hensel. By way of the magic of time travel, Fanny finds herself transported to the 21st century from 19th century Germany. Through her sense of humor and love for expressing music, Fanny gives the audience a rare glimpse into her true story - a passionate composer/pianist waiting for the chance to compose and perform in a public setting. Fanny plays sections of two of her major works, "Sonata in C Minor," and "Das Jahr," demonstrating the composer's ability to write in a formal structure as well as in a cyclical Romantic form.

Deanna Andersen holds a Master's degree in Music Education / Piano Pedagogy from the University of St. Thomas. She continues to enjoy studying piano with Dr. Paul Wirth; past teachers have included Katherine Faricy, Dr. David Brunell and Dr. Robert Watson. A nationally certified teacher, she has been an active member of MMTA, serving as Chair of the 2002 Piano Syllabus, co-chair for the Twin Cities District Contest, and most recently as the Chair for the Teacher Original Duet Composition Contest. In addition to belonging to MMTA, she is also active in the St. Paul

Piano Teachers Association, the Minneapolis Music Teachers Forum, and the MN Federation of Music Clubs. She has enjoyed serving as President for Salon se Lève - a concert series dedicated to encouraging emerging young artists. Deanna maintains a large piano studio of all ages in her home in St. Anthony Village, where she lives with her husband, Randy. Their 3 daughters live in Florida, Minnesota, and New York.

Randy Andersen holds degrees in ministry and accounting, and has worked as a pastor, executive director for United Way, and in sales. He has been an enthusiastic supporter of Classical and jazz music and musicians over the years, as well as the dynamic administrator of the Andersen Piano Studio. Randy enjoys reading, golf, billiards, concerts, and dates with Deanna. His role as the Time Machine Operator in "Fanny's Fugato" adds comedy and fun to this musical impersonation of Fanny Hensel.

Membership Renewal

[Linda Johnson](#)

It is spring, and that means it is membership renewal time in MAPTA for the 2014-2015 school year. The new membership form is attached [here](#), and is available at www.madisonpianoteachers.org under "Become a member". You can also register online through a link in the same section of the MAPTA website. New for this year -- besides the short blurb in the directory about your specialties, those who would like to be listed in the online referral list have the opportunity to publish a more extensive description of their specialties, education, and experience. Think about what a prospective student/parent may be wondering and answer their questions. If editing is needed you will be contacted directly. The question that more people ask than any other is, "Do they teach lessons in the students homes?" If you travel to students' homes to teach, be sure and include that in your description. If you have any question about the form or the process, contact Linda Johnson at dlijati@tds.net. Please note that the deadline for renewal is June 15, 2014, in order to get your name printed in the directory. Why not take care of this today?

From the Webmaster

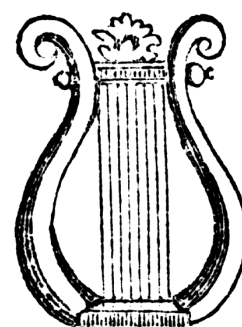
[Patty Ladpli](#)

The handout from the General Meeting, "Technology Possibilities for the Piano Studio" can be found on the MAPTA website, under Members Area, "General Meeting Resources" If anyone has any questions about what we talked about in the meeting, feel free to e-mail [Patty Ladpli](#).

Lyre Power

[Shad Wenzlaff](#)

Lyre Power is the first event of its kind in Madison. Lyre Power is an opportunity for students with varying levels of experience on a variety of musical media and instruments to explore and create sounds and music. Students will take over the "Stream" overlooking Lake Wingra on the Edgewood College Monroe Street campus on Saturday, August 9, 2014. Eleven teaching artists have been selected from a highly qualified pool of applicants. Each teacher will interact with small groups of students. Activities will range from musical improvisation to exploring electronic media, rhythmic drumming, and creating unique sounds & textures with



conventional and non-conventional instruments. This is a "hands on" day of workshops. All students will share their original compositions and improvisations. To register your interested students for Lyre Power - please go to our website: lyrepower.org. Registration will begin after May 15, 2014. Space will be limited to approximately 50 youth participants - depending upon level and experience of interested applicants. Students with any level of experience are invited to participate. The fee for registration is \$35. This is an "all day" event - beginning at 10:00 a.m.; performances will run from 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. The public is invited for free performances beginning at 3:30 p.m. in the Stream Theater.



We are also in need of 4-6 additional adult volunteers to facilitate registration, help students find classrooms, etc. Volunteers will be given a complimentary mid-day lunch.

Please contact Shad Wenzlaff if you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions about registration: wenzlaffsh@yahoo.com.

Additional details are forthcoming, and will be made available on the Lyre Power website: www.lyrepower.org.

Lyre Power appreciates the generosity of MAPTA. Lyre Power is made possible through private donors; the Music, Theater, and Art departments at Edgewood College; as well as project grants from The Madison Arts Commission, and the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission.

Minutes of General Meeting: February 11, 2014

[Alena Harrison](#)

Stacy Regehr - nominating chair - re: election of officers to the Board for next year - presented slate of officers for next year. June Zeeh, President; Alena Harrison, Vice President; Sue Ellen Dubert, Secretary; Debbie Yee, Treasurer. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Reading of minutes from January meeting - Alena read and minutes were approved as read

Treasurer's report - Debbie Yee - see Board meeting minutes - total \$13,168. No bill yet from Mitby.

Pamela - brunch at Oakwood West - presentation - impersonation of Fanny Mendelssohn - then bagels and coffee and general meeting. Programs meeting March 18 at Heid Music to discuss next year's program. General meeting March 11. Board meeting March 4.

June - was at Honors Recital on Sunday - was "wonderful" and "inspiring" - 16 participants.

PSP - recital on March 2 at 2 pm at Capital Lakes Downtown.

Linda Johnson - membership - one new member - got application in the mail - will mail the check and advise Patty re: info.

Patty - re: website - made a couple small updates, no new emails for referrals.

Every year we appoint an honorary member to MAPTA - usually retired, has been a MAPTA member. Would like to ask for an honorary lifetime membership chair to decide who to give honorary membership to this year. Email June if would like to work on this - by end of February should have three person committee review and nominate someone.

New or old business to discuss?

March meeting - March 11 - Denise Taylor speaking on editions - MCCC on Old Sauk Road.

Gloria - updated us on renovations to Christ Presbyterian church (for next year).

Linda Johnson - personal note - Jane Peckham's father passed away shortly before the Honors Recital.

Motion made and carried to adjourn - meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Minutes of Board Meeting: March 4, 2014

[Alena Harrison](#)

Attending: Alena Harrison, Debbie Yee, Linda Johnson, June Zeeh, Patty Ladpli

Minutes of January 21 Board Meeting read and approved.

Treasurer's report: \$9,516 checking and money market, total assets \$12,901. No bill yet from Mitby. Treasurer's report approved.

Open Positions: June made list of open positions. Denise will only co-chair honors festival if has a co-chair. Debbie suggests a deadline to have a new chair - will cancel event if no chair at that time. Possible people to approach re: co-chairing: Deborah Ferris? Jane Peckham? Gloria? June will call some people to ask them. EMR is open, hospitality is open, piano composition festival is open.

Programs: Pamela is set for May meeting and brunch. April meeting - location? Billings? Christ Presbyterian? Patty's house? Will be in April Nuances.

Program planning meeting March 18.

PSP - Ruth will chair PSP again next year. Had a "lovely recital" on Sunday. One more meeting in April.

EMR - Denise did not get a submission in this month but will next month. Busy with MAPTA presentation.

Shad Wenzlaff has request for a \$100 scholarship to attend a festival in Italy. He will in return give a presentation next year to MAPTA. Is there a form? Patty couldn't find. June read Shad's request out loud. Approved as submitted, will come out of next year's budget. Debbie thinks September is probably better for Shad to give presentation, but we should ask him.

Nuances: Stacy not here. Any concerns?

Publicity: Jeanne (not here) - talked about sending brochures to schools in the spring, emailed about it, no reply yet.

Webmaster (Patty): Put up the archived Nuances but could not get to go in perfect order. Need someone for next year. Suggestions: Mike Weiser? Tim Mueller?

Membership form, Honors form - are in .pdf format. Would need the Word form in order to change

the form. Need to get forms in Word and send to Patty to store on website but accessible only to chairmen. Financial documents section needs updating on website.

Recitals committees: Need new chairs for honors festival. Young Artists: Need to contact Cynthia to see if willing to serve a third year. Motion carried to see if she is willing to chair YAR for next year.

Adult music socials: Assume Cheri wants to do again, but will ask as a formality.

Membership (Linda): proposes to take out professional goals from the form. Except June says we may reinstitute next year, so don't take it out yet. (Professional Goals: Discussed - do we need a Professional Goals committee/chair?) Decided to reinclude Professional Goals as an open position. Will list hospitality on membership form. Linda described other proposed changes to form - more space to describe expertise, studio, etc. Patty suggests space for people to indicate if can teach in students' homes. Moved to approve membership form as Linda has drafted it (showed draft form). Discussed: Website should say "we refer, we don't recommend." Membership form approved as proposed. Will be in May Nuances.

Referral (Patty): Already discussed.

Old business: Including sale items on Nuances - "garage sale" section. Discussion of possible problems, benefits. Motion tabled, will keep discussing. Possibly include in Professional Goals' agenda (if we have a committee)?

New Business:

Honorary life member: Anita Schultz was suggested. Motion was carried to accept Anita Schultz as honorary life member, need to present certificate at May meeting.

Lyre Power: Debbie, Shad and Jeff got together to put together composition festival, held August 9 at Edgewood at "The Stream." Purpose - for Madison area youth ages 8-18. Not piano specific. Sent requests for teaching assistants - have 13 applicants for different workshops. Will go through and decide how many and who. Will be paid for services. Asking for \$500 (less than amount for piano composition festival) towards expenses to put this on. MAPTA will be listed as a sponsor. Applying for Madison Arts grant. (Suggest applying for grant for PPT.) Proposed to approve \$500 (to come out of composition festival budget for next year) for Lyre Power composition festival on August 9. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 10:54 a.m.

Minutes of General Meeting: March 11, 2014

[Alena Harrison](#)

Minutes of 2/11 meeting read and approved

Treasurer's report - same as last week

Programs - Pamela McMullen - finalizing with Deanna Anderson for Oakwood/May brunch. Husband doing presentation with her, operating a "time machine." May 13 at 9:00 a.m. at Oakwood West - will have snacks in lobby after meeting.

Next meeting in April will probably be at Patty Ladpli's home. Will know in next few days.

Ruth Heinecke - PSP - had recital on March 2. Thank you to members who came and showed support. Meeting fourth Tuesday in April (29th) for one final meeting this year at Sue Ellen's home at 10 a.m. 2413 Ravenswood Road, Madison, WI 53711.

Denise Taylor - EMR - hoping to submit for next month - survey of method books

Shad Wenzlaff requested a scholarship which was granted - going to a seminar in Italy and agreed to put on a presentation about it in September

Stacy Regehr (not here) - Nuances going well

Patty Ladpli - webmaster - nothing new, some updating to do. Nuances have been archived. Thinking of putting more directions at top of referral page.

Adult music social - April 13 at 2 p.m. at Judy Ferrari's house 3118 Timber Lane Verona.

Linda Johnson - membership - hoping Denise saved membership form template and can send to her to edit, will go out in April

Referral - already addressed

Committee chairs for next year. Officers: June Zeeh, President; Alena Harrison, Vice President; Sue Ellen Dubert, Secretary; Debbie Yee, Treasurer. Open positions were emailed. Please contact June Zeeh if want to sign up for an open position.

OPEN POSITIONS (from email):

- 1) Exploring Music Resources (write monthly music reviews for Nuances)
- 2) Honors Festival co-chair (arrange for auditions and recital for students of MAPTA teachers, grades 4 - 12)
- 3) Hospitality (welcome members and visitors to MAPTA meetings and coordinate the serving of refreshments)
- 4) Master Classes (arrange a master class with a visiting piano performer)
- 5) Piano Composition Festival (arrange for a contest of original piano compositions)
- 6) Professional Goals (assess needs and interest of MAPTA and review and propose revisions to by-laws and code of ethics)
- 7) Webmaster (update the MAPTA website as needed)
- 8) Young Artist Recitals (arrange for five recitals throughout the year for students of MAPTA teachers)

Honorary lifetime member for this year - was decided to be Anita Schultz

Old or new business? Send photos for website to Patty Ladpli.

Meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.