



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.

Lyre Power

President's Message

[June Zeeh](#)

Dear



Greetings! A new teaching year is almost upon us, and I would like to welcome you to our summer issue of Nuances, in preparation for another productive year of MAPTA programs and recitals.

A great opportunity awaits your students this month at the Lyre Power composition festival planned by Shad Wenzlaff, Debbie Yee, and Jeff Stanek. The date is Saturday, August 9, and the place is Edgewood College's new facility, the "Stream". Please check the Lyre Power website and encourage your students to register online or by mail.

We have an exciting array of programs being offered this year, and a dynamic workshop being planned for November.

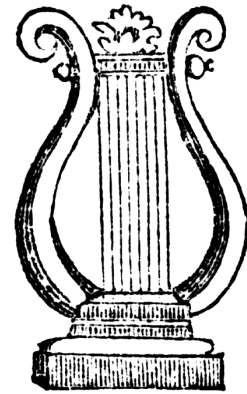
Watch for your directory in the mail very soon, and discover the many opportunities which await you and your students.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and I look forward to seeing everyone in September!

June Zeeh
MAPTA President

[Debbie Yee](#)

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. 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 Debbie Yee if you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions about registration: deb53711@yahoo.com.

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.

REGISTER NOW FOR THIS UNIQUE AND EXCITING EVENT AT: www.lyrepower.org !

CALL FOR AUDITOR

[June Zeeh](mailto:junezeeh@tds.net)

MAPTA's financial status is monitored yearly by an annual audit of the treasurer's records. A MAPTA member is allowed to do this. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the president at junezeeh@tds.net. The audit would consist of comparing the treasurer's records with the checkbook entries, and verifying the annual treasurer's report. Thank you for considering donating your time and expertise.

Program and General Meeting

The first program and general meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at member Shad Wenzlaff's studio: [615 N. Sherman Ave., Suite 21, Madison](http://www.shadwenzlaff.com). MAPTA members will be sharing continuing education experiences from this last summer.

WMTA

Emily Schultz

WMTA High School Virtuoso Competition (Grades 9-12)

Date: Friday-Saturday, October 17-18, 2014

Location: UW-Whitewater

Application deadline: Thursday, September 11, 2014

Contact: Dr. Mary Tollefson, 608-785-8418, mtollefson@uwlax.edu

[http://www.wmta.net/2014.WMTA HSV info.pdf](http://www.wmta.net/2014.WMTA%20HSV%20info.pdf)

Madison Area Friends of Piano (MAFOP)

[Renee Farley](#)

Madison Area Friends of Piano (MAFOP) is an organization of piano teachers, technicians, and dealers. Its purpose is simple--to promote playing the piano. MAPTA is an active member of MAFOP. The idea was started twenty-two years ago by the Piano Manufacturers Association International. Seed money was offered to cities across the USA to form organizations such as this. MAFOP is the last of the original organizations still operating continuously. This is because the local participating organizations recognized the good things that come from this sort of coalition. We assess ourselves dues to keep operating. This coupled with donated time and pianos for events keeps the organization vital.

MAFOP sponsors two events annually. The fall event is the **MONSTER CONCERT**. Teachers book time slots for their students to play. Most students and many teachers come in costume, and a good time is had by all.

MONSTER CONCERT - Saturday, October 25, 2014, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Barnes & Noble Booksellers, East Towne Mall

To schedule a time for your students: contact Jeanne Felix

(608) 345-8456, jmfelix@netzero.net

The winter event is the **Piano Playathon**. This is an event where teachers sign up their students to play for pledges for The American Family Children's Hospital. The students raise about \$10,000 in that one day with the donations going to the Child Life Program at AFCH. The public gets to enjoy the students' playing and chat with piano technicians, teachers and participants. B&N even contributes a portion of the day's profits to the AFCH. It is a win-win day for all and definitely promotes playing the piano, while giving children a chance to give of themselves to a good cause.

22nd Annual Piano Plaython - Saturday, February 7, 2015

Barnes & Noble Booksellers, West Towne

To schedule a time for your students: contact Terri Spring

(608) 890-9308, tspring@uwhealth.org

If you have not previously participated in either activity, why not make this year the one that you offer these opportunities to your students.

For general information or questions, contact either Renee Farley (608) 271-2626 or Connie Jones (608) 442-8302.

MAFOP wishes all teachers and students a happy 2014-2015 year of playing the piano!

MAFOP's Monster Concert

[Jeanne Felix](#)

The Madison Area Friends of Piano (MAFOP) is again sponsoring a fall "Monster Concert". It will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2014, at Barnes & Noble East. You may schedule times in 15 minute intervals for your studio. Contact Jeanne Felix at jmfelix@netzero.net or 608-345-8456 for scheduling your studio time.

The Monster Concert is a great way for your students to showcase their favorite pieces while wearing their favorite Halloween costumes!!

New Member

[Linda Johnson](#)

MAPTA welcomes new associate member/piano tuner, Cobrun Sells! His contact information is:

Cobrun Sells - Piano Tuner
439 E. Campus Mall
Madison WI 53703
505-402-6481

Let me introduce him in his own words: "I simply tune pianos at competitively lower rates. I have been tuning for three years and have around 50 customers in Farmington, New Mexico, as well as a growing list of customers in Madison, WI. I will soon be tuning electronically in order to produce more accurate results. This will leave my customers with a reassured satisfaction of a well-tuned piano."

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*Stick to your task till it sticks to you;
Beginners are many, but enders are few.
Honour, power, place, and praise
Will come, in time, to the one who stays.*

*Stick to your task till it stick to you;
Bend at it, sweat at it, smile at it too;
For out of the bend and the sweat and the smile
Will come life's victories, after awhile.*

-Anonymous