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The Newsletter of MAPTA

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## Calendar

**Arbor Ensemble presents  
*Women Composers, Then and Now***

Saturday, February 21, 2015  
7:30 p.m.  
First Unitarian Society, Madison

Sunday, February 22, 2015  
2:30 p.m.  
Beloit College, Beloit

Visit [arborensemble.com](http://arborensemble.com) for more information.

Berlinda Lopez, flute  
Marie Pauls, viola/violin  
Rebecca Riley, cello  
Stacy Fehr Regehr, piano

## Share The Music!

Do you know someone who could benefit from joining MAPTA? Send them this issue of Nuances by clicking the link below.



## President's Message

[June Zeeh](#)



Greetings!

February is here already and we are one month closer to spring! February abounds with many opportunities for our students:

**February 7** is the Key-Up-For-Kids Piano Playathon at Barnes and Noble, West Towne Mall. There is still room to enter your students by contacting Terri Spring at [tspring@uwhealth.org](mailto:tspring@uwhealth.org).

**February 8**, at 2:00 p.m., is the Honors Festival at Morphy Hall.

### For the teachers:

Our next general meeting is scheduled for **February 10**, at Christ Presbyterian Church. Tim Mueller will be presenting the program on "Mindfulness Practicing." We will elect officers for next year at this meeting. Please see the article below. You may submit your vote by e-mail prior to this meeting to Linda Johnson, Nominating Chair, at [dljatj@tds.net](mailto:dljatj@tds.net).

**February 15** is the National Federation of Music Clubs' Junior Festival.

**March 1**, at 2:00 p.m., is the PSP recital, featuring our own members, at Capitol Lakes Retirement Center's Grand Hall, 333 W. Main Street.

I hope to see everyone at one of these events this month!

June Zeeh  
MAPTA President

## MAPTA Slate of Officers

[Linda Johnson](#)

## 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.

The MAPTA Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate of officers for the 2015-2016 school year, to be voted on at the February general meeting:

Alena Harrison - President

Mickey Lytle - Vice President

Sue Ellen Dubbert - Secretary

Debbie Yee - Treasurer

Ballots are accepted by email ([dljatj@tds.net](mailto:dljatj@tds.net)) prior to the election at the February general meeting, or by paper ballots during the election meeting. No opportunities for nominations from the floor will be allowed at the election meeting.

## MAPTA Chairpersons Needed!

[June Zeeh](#)

For the 2015-2016 MAPTA year, there are several opportunities to become involved as a MAPTA Committee Chairperson.

The committees which need filling are:

Hospitality  
Master Classes  
Membership  
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Programs  
Publicity  
Referral

As a volunteer organization, MAPTA's existence depends upon volunteers for these committees. Those committees left unfilled will no longer exist. We look forward to welcoming new committee members!

MAPTA by-laws are on the MAPTA website. These by-laws detail the duties of Committee Chairs. You may also call June Zeeh, President (831-3716), or Alena Harrison, Vice President (535-8379), for more information about the committees. Thank you for considering sharing your talents with MAPTA!

## MAFOP's Piano Playathon

[Jeanne Felix](#)

Please join us again on Saturday, February 7, 2015, for the Piano Playathon. There are still open spots in the schedule to reserve for your studio. Contact Terri Spring at [Tspring@uwhealth.org](mailto:Tspring@uwhealth.org) to reserve a spot in 15-minute increments.

Barnes & Noble Bookstore near West Towne is our performance space for this event. Barnes & Noble will generously donate a percentage of purchases made that day with a [special in-store coupon](#). People may also donate on-line at [www.UWHealthkids.org](http://www.UWHealthkids.org). Use event # 11548138 to link your purchase to the Piano Playathon.



Students who raise a minimum of \$25 will receive a special surprise gift! Students who raise a minimum of \$100 will get their name in a drawing for an overnight stay at a fabulous Wisconsin Dells Waterpark! The teacher who raises the most money from his/her studio will also get a special surprise gift! And everyone who participates will get a tremendous warmth in their hearts from sharing their special musical talent to the worthy cause of the Child Life program at the American Family Children's Hospital!

See you at Barnes & Noble West Towne on February 7!

### March General Meeting

[Patty Ladpli](#)

*Bring your 2-piano pieces to the March General Meeting!*



*Imagine the fun of duets, only more!  
If you have a keyboard as well as a piano, this can work for beginners  
through advanced students!*

Judy Ferreri & Patty Ladpli will present "Two Piano Literature for our Students" for our March General Meeting on Tuesday, March 10. We will share beautiful and exciting music that will be fun for all! If you have any 2-piano music that you have used in your studio, please bring it to the March meeting. Please write to us via Judy (e-mail: [ldybug@tds.net](mailto:ldybug@tds.net)) and let us know... and even better, it would be great for you to play the music at the meeting!

### Composition Festival

[Mike Weiser](#)

Please contact Mike Weiser at [mikeweiser@me.com](mailto:mikeweiser@me.com) if you would like to participate in a informal workshop with a focus on teaching composition to students. There's no obligation to attend, but I'd like to know the level of interest so I can find the appropriate venue for the workshop.

### Piano PlayTogether 2016

[Lana Robotewskyj](#)

It's right around the corner, and we need your shared ideas to help make this an alluring and beneficial event for our students. Patty and I are asking you for your opinions on various parts of the puzzle to make this a huge success. Please read through these important points of interest, and get back to Lana Robotewskyj at [lanarobotewskyj@gmail.com](mailto:lanarobotewskyj@gmail.com) at your soonest convenience, or by February 21, so that we may start planning.

Ideas needed for these numbered items are:

- 1) Who would you like to see conduct the PPT?
- 2) Where would you like to host the PPT?
- 3) What style of music or type of programming would you prefer to hear at the PPT?
- 4) Are you motivated to have your studio participate in the PPT? Why, or why not?
- 5) How are you willing to volunteer your time to help make this the best PPT ? (all participating teachers are required to volunteer)
- 6) Are you happy with the scheduling of PPT in the late fall? Is there another month that you would prefer?

Any other ideas, suggestions, comments, advice, or compliments are welcome. Thank you for your time, and we're excited to get this show on the road. Happy New Year everyone!

### WMTA Auditions date change/MAPTA directory update

[Linda Johnson](#)

The WMTA Auditions have been changed from what is printed in your directories. The correct date is Sunday, March 8, 2015. Please update your directories with this corrected information:

WMTA District Auditions, Sunday, March 8, 2015  
Humanities Building, UW-Madison  
Contact: Emily Schultz, 345-1134  
[emily@emilyspianomadison.com](mailto:emily@emilyspianomadison.com)  
[www.wmta.net](http://www.wmta.net)

### A Conversation with Abbey Simon



Some beautiful insights from a master pianist on studying and performing music, courtesy of Patty Ladpli:

<http://youtu.be/bigPyoEt1Cg>

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