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**LAST MONTH'S ISSUE
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**STUDIO EXCHANGE
PROGRAM**

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

SUBMISSIONS

Complete submissions of articles, events, and 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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Nuances

The Newsletter of MAPTA

President's Letter

Happy New Year!! A new year is a good time for new goals, new projects, and new ideas. MAPTA can help, with lots of upcoming events to help you build your knowledge, skills and studio.



Board members, please join us for a Board Meeting on **Friday, January 15**, at Heid Music.

We will also have a January meeting on **Friday, January 8**, at 9:00 a.m., at Linda Johnson's home studio, [1917 Vondron Road, Madison](#). Emily Schultz will give a presentation on the MTNA certification process.

Honors Festival Auditions will be held on **Saturday, January 30**, at Madison Christian Community, with the Honors Festival Recital to be held on **Sunday, February 7**, at 2:00 and 3:30 p.m., in Morphy Hall, at the UW-Madison School of Music.

Our next Young Artist recital will be held on **Sunday, February 28**, at St. Mary's Care Center, with registration due on **February 18**. Please contact Brian Hagen and/or consult your MAPTA directory if you would more information.

Non-MAPTA activities coming up in February include the MAFOP 23rd Annual Piano Playathon on **February 6** (contact Renee Farley or Connie Jones for information); and the National Federation of Music Clubs Junior Festival on **February 14** (contact Julie Chang for information).

I hope you have all had lovely holidays, and that your New



Year is off to a great start. I look forward to seeing you soon!

[Alena Harrison](#)
MAPTA President

January Program and Meeting

MAPTA will have a January meeting:
Friday, January 8, 9:00 a.m.

Location: Linda Johnson's home studio
[1917 Vondron Road, Madison](#)

Special presentation: Emily Schultz will explain to us
"The Process of MTNA Certification".

We will have a some snacks and a social time after the presentation.

[Linda Johnson](#)

Honors Festival



Now is the time to submit your student to the MAPTA Honors Festival! [Applications](#) are postmark due **January 11** for the festival being held **January 30** (auditions) and **February 7, 2016** (recitals). This year's judge is Brenda Huang, a Gilmore Young Artist and professional pianist and teacher from the Chicago area. [You can view the judge's form here.](#)

As a reminder,

- The Honors Festival is open to students of MAPTA teachers who are in grades 4-12.
- Students must prepare and memorize one or two **level 6** pieces or higher. (Please direct questions about appropriate repertoire to Denise Taylor or Shad Wenzlaff.)
- The [application](#) is postmark due **JANUARY 11, 2016** (earlier than what's printed in the directory). The fee to participate is \$20 per student. Teachers should send one check (payable to MAPTA) for all of their students. [Applications](#)

should be mailed to MAPTA Honors Festival, c/o Denise Taylor, 1313 N. Westfield Rd., Middleton, WI 53562.

- The festival auditions will be held **Saturday, January 30, 2016** at Madison Christian Community Church, [7118 Old Sauk Rd, Madison](#). Students' times will be emailed to teachers a week before the auditions, earlier if possible.
- Auditions are closed to parents and audience members.
- Each student will receive written comments from the judge, mailed directly to the teacher after the event.
- Students may elect to participate for comments only and not be considered for the recital. This should be noted on the application form. Fourth grade students are only eligible for comments.
- The judge will select students to participate in one of two Honors Recitals on **Sunday, February 7, 2016** at Morphy Hall at the UW School of Music, [455 N. Park St, Madison](#). The Junior Recital (grades 5-8) will be at 2:00 p.m.; the Senior Recital (grades 9-12) will be at 3:30 p.m. Students MUST participate in the recital for their age level, no exceptions.
- Please email Denise Taylor or Shad Wenzlaff with questions. Thanks for participating!

[Denise Taylor](#)

Performers Supporting Performers

Performers Supporting Performers will meet on **Friday, January 22, 10:00 a.m.**, at Cheri Lewis's home, [1706 Wild Oak Circle, Madison](#). All MAPTA members who would like to play in an informal setting, or just listen, are cordially invited.

[Ruth Heinecke](#)

Master Class Opportunity

--for high school students with small hands:

Professor Jessica Johnson and MAPTA are collaborating on a workshop in February on the joys and benefits of playing on a reduced sized keyboard. Please see the attached [pdf](#) for details. Professor Johnson wants to have a master class with MAPTA students who fit this

description:

"I would like to work with three intermediate to advanced high school students who are SMALL HANDED pianists--- that is to say that they have trouble playing octaves and big chords on the standard-sized keyboard. They can "reach" it, but it feels stretchy to them (how I describe myself). None of the students should be able to play a 9th (not referring to stretching on the outside of the white key and barely able to press down). They will each perform their piece on the standard sized piano, then we will work on issues and strategies to both do on the standard sized piano, as well as have them try what it feels like on the 7/8 size piano."

Please contact Professor Johnson with any questions:
jjjohnson@wisc.edu.

If you have someone who is willing and able to participate in this Saturday event, please let both Linda Johnson dljatj@tds.net and Professor Jessica Johnson know. Thank you!

[Linda Johnson](#)

MAFOP -- Piano Playathon

On **Saturday, February 6, 2016**, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., the Madison Area Friends of Piano (MAFOP) will host a benefit event to support the UW's American Family Children's Hospital. The 24th Annual Piano Playathon, will benefit the Child Life Program which provides toys, games, and supplies for music and art activities for their young patients. This event will take place at Barnes & Noble Bookstore near West Towne Mall.

The Playathon is a way for students to experience helping others while sharing their talent. It gives them an opportunity to perform pieces they've been preparing and to have some fun. In return we ask that they collect tax deductible pledges to raise funds for American Family Children's Hospital. This can be done with a pledge form or by creating a personal fundraising page at www.uwhealthkids.org/piano.

In addition, a percentage of all purchases made that day with a special in-store coupon will be donated to American Family Children's Hospital by Barnes & Noble.

The 2015 Piano Playathon raised almost \$12,000!!!

To register your studio and get more information or materials, please contact Lori Schultz at 608-890-9308 or lschultz2@uwhealth.org. Please do not schedule your time until you are sure of the number of students who will be playing. The scheduled time is in 15-minute increments and you will be limited to one hour.

All performing students will receive thank you items. Total pledges over \$25 will earn the participant a prize. Anyone gathering pledges of \$100 or more will be eligible for the grand prize drawing of a one-night stay for a family of four at a Wisconsin Dells resort hotel.

Together we will have a positive impact on thousands of kids in our community.

[Jeanne Felix](#)

MAPTA After 5

Talk shop (or don't) with your fellow MAPTA members at these upcoming gatherings. Feel free to bring friends, significant others, non-member piano teachers, music appreciators, music educators, etc.

Mark your calendar for the next After 5:

Sunday, March 13, 5:30 p.m. @ Vintage Brewing
Whitney Square Shopping Center, 674 S Whitney Way

[Mickey Lytle](#)

Salon Piano Series -- Piano Duo Bax & Chung

On January 17, 2016, at 4:00 p.m., at Farley's House of Pianos, [6522 Seybold Road](#) in Madison, The Salon Piano Series will be hosting a piano-duo concert with Alessio Bax and Lucille Chung featuring the music of Schubert and Poulenc. The concert will be on a 1914 Mason & Hamlin CC and BB, both restored by FHP. Tickets can be purchased by calling Farley's at 271-2626, or online at www.brownpapertickets.com.

Program:

Fantasia in F Minor, D. 940	Schubert
Andantino varie, D. 823	
Military March No. 1 D. 733	
Lebensstürme, D. 947	

Concerto for Two Pianos and
Orchestra in D Minor, original
transcription for two pianos

Poulenc

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