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**LAST MONTH'S ISSUE
OF NUANCES**

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

March is always a busy month for piano teachers with festivals and competitions abounding. We have a number of MAPTA events to add to your list of ways to enrich and enhance your studio.



On **Friday, March 11 at 9:00 a.m.**, Patty Ladpli and Lana Robotewskj will present the Piano Play Together music at Heid Music. We will also hold a general meeting that day.

Board members, please join us for a meeting on **Friday, March 18 at 9:00 a.m.** at Heid Music.

The next Young Artist Recital will be held on **April 10**, with a registration deadline of **April 1**. Please contact [Brian Hagen](#) for details.

Outside of MAPTA, WMTA District Auditions will be held on **March 13** at the UW-Madison Humanities Building. Contact [Emily Schultz](#) for details. Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) also holds theory exams in March. Contact [Helga Swatzak](#) for details.

A big thank you to Julie Stalheim for stepping up to assist with Nuances, as well as to Stacy Regehr who has helped us so ably these past few years. A thank you also to Denise Taylor and Shad Wenzlaff, and everyone else who assisted with the Honors Festival. Finally, I want to say thank you to all of you whose efforts make MAPTA a great organization to be part of.

We hope to see you at one of these events, and hope your March is successful and productive!

Performers Supporting Performers

Performers Supporting Performers will not meet in March, and the March 6 recital has been canceled. The next PSP meeting will be **Friday, April 8 at 10 a.m.** at the home of Ruth Heinecke: [400 Oak Valley Road, Mount Horeb.](#)

[Ruth Heinecke](#)

Piano PlayTogether 2016

The PPT Music Selection Committee consisting of Patty Ladpli, Lana Robotewskyj, Judy Ferreri, and Shad Wenzlaff will present the music for this event at our general meeting on **Friday, March 11 at 9 a.m.** at Heid Music: [7948 Tree Lane, Madison.](#) Don't miss this chance to hear the music and get a jump start on preparing this exciting event. Copies of the music will be available to look over and to purchase if desired.

Piano PlayTogether will take place on **Sunday, October 16,** 2016, with rehearsals on **October 9 & 15.**

[Patty Ladpli](#)

MAPTA After 5

Talk shop (or don't) with your fellow MAPTA members at our next After 5 gathering. Feel free to bring friends, significant others, non-member piano teachers, music appreciators, music educators, etc.

Our March event will feature a **music share and swap.** Have some amazing gem, old or new, that you use in your studio? Bring it to share with the group. Or maybe you have a stack of music in your collection that you don't use anymore—one man's trash is another's treasure. Please RSVP to Mickey Lytle (vp@madisonpianoteachers.org or [608-576-0675](tel:608-576-0675)) by **Thursday, March 10,** so we can reserve adequate space.

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](#)

Spring Adult Music Social

The Spring Adult Music Social will be held on **Sunday, April 10 at 2 p.m.** Please encourage all your adult students to participate in this opportunity. The event is fairly informal and will help pianists at all levels to become more comfortable sharing their music with others. Pieces can be memorized or played with music. Adult students who would first like to learn more about the social are also welcome to attend without playing that afternoon. Those attending are requested to bring a small plate of cookies or other food to share. Call Cheri Lewis at [608-222-5125](tel:608-222-5125) with any questions.

Judy Ferreri will be hosting the event at her home: [3118 Timber Lane, Verona](#). Call Judy at [608-469-2235](tel:608-469-2235) for directions.

[Cheri Lewis](#)

Master Classes

We are currently in the planning stages for two separate master teacher events to be held in mid-May 2016. More information will be posted in Nuances as dates, times, and locations are secured. In the mean time, please contact [Shad Wenzlaff](#) if you have intermediate to advanced level younger or high school students for the first event or an advanced level high school student for a second event (memorization is required for this second event). Also, I am recruiting volunteers to assist me with planning and organizing these master classes.

[Shad Ryan Wenzlaff](#)

Have you completed your Super Fun MAPTA Survey yet?

You knew the day would come. It's here. MAPTA needs you.

MAPTA's board needs to know what thrills you. What motivates and inspires you.

What support do you need? What information do you want? How can MAPTA help you be most successful in your business? What kind of continuing education do you crave? What kinds of opportunities are you seeking for your students?

Click [here](#) to begin the short survey. It will be less than five whole minutes of your life you'll never get back. So maybe you want to [put on some music](#) or grab some coffee first. Do it now so you don't have to remember to do it later.

[Mickey Lytle](#)

March Member Spotlight

Our March Teacher Spotlight is one of our Honorary Lifetime Members, Anita Schulz.

I've always wanted to be a teacher! Piano teaching brought a unique perspective to my elementary education degree in that I got to work one-on-one with students each week, a privilege that is uniquely ours as piano teachers. Because we get to spend this special time with these individuals, we not only study piano technique, theory, and repertoire, we teach them life skills and values and mentor them in their daily lives.



MAPTA has been invaluable to me ever since we moved here from South Dakota in 1989. The meeting programs, the workshops, the masterclasses and networking with colleagues helped to expand my horizons. Meeting Annette Hamilton and studying for my pedagogy certificate at Edgewood changed my teaching life!

Since the death of my husband I have been far less active (almost inactive, sadly) as a member after over 20 years on the Board in various positions. However, late last fall I found someone with whom I have taught at Luther Preparatory School for 22 years to spend the rest of my life with and will be married in May!

[Mickey Lytle](#)

24th Annual Piano Playathon

Madison Area Friends of Piano (MAFOP) along with the American Family Children's Hospital (AFCH) would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's 24th Annual Piano Playathon. As to date the funds raised for the Childlife

Program for AFCH have exceeded **\$10,000!** The deadline to turn in all monies is **February 29, 2016**. Please send these funds to Connie Jones, 36 Arboredge Way, Fitchburg, WI 53711.

Pictured is Tori Koval, who raised **\$2500** alone!

Those students who raised at least \$100 will have their names in a drawing to win an overnight stay for a family of four at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells. The teacher who raises the most funds in his/her studio will also receive a prize.



Thank you, again, for a successful Piano Playathon.

[Jeanne Felix](#)

Board Meeting - October 16, 2015

Heid Music Madison

Alena Harrison, Mickey Lytle, Debbie Yee, Sue Ellen Dubbert, Shad Wenzlaff, Denise Taylor, Linda Johnson

Minutes—Sue Ellen

Minutes from September 18th board meeting read and approved

Treasurer's Report--Debbie

Checking 3442.93
Mon Market 4070.43
Janus 4513.00
Paypal 1181.63
Total 13,977.98

Membership--Mickey

No new members

Mickey changes wording on website to make it clear that new members can join at any time, not prorated

Referral: Has gotten a couple questions about teachers

Communications

Nuances: Stacy--Deadline 21st of the month

Needs extra help—Alena will put in a call to Tim

Webmaster: Adam—a bulletin board has been put on the website (under Other Resources) send announcements to Alena

Mailchimp does not have a registration form—we can pay a one time fee of \$69 for a plug in that will allow us to make registration forms

Fee approved

Piano Play Together

Patty and Lana—close to finishing the music selection, next meeting will be elementary duets, Farley's will donate the pianos, will book with Mitby theater next week

Will be pulling music from different publishers

Continuing Education

Programs--Linda

Next program 10/18 Composition Festival and meeting at 4:00

New meeting for January 8th at Linda's studio, Emily Schultz presenting on NCTM certification process

Looking for master class participants for Feb. program—preferably those with smaller hands (will be on standard piano with option to go to smaller keyboard)

MAPTA After 5--Mickey

12/17/15 at 7:00 at Great Dane, Hilldale

Fall Workshop--Shad

Shad would like to make calls to those who have not registered

Need 20 people to get to lunch minimum—will cancel lunch through Overture

Mickey will take care of a lunch reservation

Need more 1 piano 2 hands, or solo students for the master class

Need to refund those who have sent money for lunch

Performers Supporting Performers—Ruth

Friday, November 20th at Deborah's home

Exploring Music Resources--Gloria

MAPTA membership need to see 5 EMR submissions within the school year

Scholarship--Mickey

No other requests

Recitals Committee:

Composition Fest.--Mike

10/18/15 1:00-4:00

Will discuss this year's C.F. at the next board meeting

Honors Festival—Denise and Shad

Plans for an article to promote the fest in the Nov. Nuances

To increase registration—have “comments only” option?, talked with Julie about recital location, the photo policy release will be at the audition

Young Artist Recitals--Brian

10/25 at St. Mary's Care Center

Adult Music Socials--Cheri

Discussion of fee (along the same vein of YAR). Decided on no fee since there are no expenses.

Old Business

1. Audit—Alena will follow up on appointment for January 2016 meeting

2. Publicity Chair—vacant, publicize the vacancy for 2015-2016

3. Insurance review—not completed at time of October board meeting

New Business

1. We need to follow up on committee vacancies for next year

2. PO Box—Mickey will set up and update google listing, the fee will come from the President's budget

3. Committee to explore business sponsorships—Shad will form a committee to research business sponsorships for next year's events

4. Future plans for the Composition Festival—to be discussed at January meeting

5. Should we continue online registration? Board decided to keep this option.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00

[Sue Ellen Dubbert](#)



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