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**LAST MONTH'S ISSUE**  
**OF NUANCES**

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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.

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## **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**

It's hard to believe a whole school year has nearly flown by. As the weather warms and you prepare for your summer holiday, we invite you to share some events with your fellow MAPTA members.



On **Friday, May 13 at 9:30 a.m.**

we will hold our annual May Program and Social on Teaching the Mentally Challenged. The location is the Madison Central Library: [201 West Mifflin St., Madison](#), on the 3rd floor. We will be meeting via Skype with a colleague of Beth Bauer, who was originally scheduled to speak to us but was unable to due to a death in her family.

The Final Young Artist Recital of the season will be held on **Sunday, May 15** at St. Mary's Care Center. Registration is due by **May 5**, and questions should be directed to Brian Hagen.

Board members, please join us for a meeting on **Friday, May 20 at 9 a.m.** at Heid Music.

It's been an honor to serve as your president this year, and I am very appreciative of all the help and support each of you has provided. I am looking forward to being a part of MAPTA next year and for many years to come.

[Alena Harrison](#)  
MAPTA President

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**Upcoming MAPTA Meeting**



Children with special needs can be incorporated into our piano studios, and our May program presenter, Melissa Martiros, D.M.A. (note the change from the directory listing) will be giving us ideas on how to do that on **Friday, May 13** starting promptly at **9:30 a.m.** at the Madison Central Library: [201 W. Mifflin St., Madison 53703](http://201.W.Mifflin.St.,Madison.53703). She will be Skyping with us for our presentation, which will be a first for the library and for us, necessitating the later start time. The library opens at 9 a.m., so you are welcome to find your way to our 3rd floor meeting room anytime between 9:00 and 9:25. We look forward to seeing you at the library for this ground-breaking presentation and for our final meeting of the 2015-16 year with special snacks following. You can learn more about Dr. Martiros at [www.melissamartiros.com](http://www.melissamartiros.com)

[Linda Johnson](#)

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## MAPTA Officers for 2016-2018

The proposed slate of Officers of the Board for 2016-2018 is as follows:

**President--Mickey Lytle**

**Vice President--Linda Johnson**

**Secretary--Mary Roberts**

**Treasurer--Cynthia Stephan**

Officer elections will take place at the next general meeting on May 13. If you are unable to attend the May 13 meeting, you can vote by e-mailing secretary [Sue Ellen Dubbert](#).

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## Master Class with Cathy Kautsky

MAPTA is partnering with the Steinway Gallery of Madison to bring Cathy Kautsky to Madison for a piano master class. Students must be prepared to perform appropriate early advanced or advanced repertoire, preferably from memory. The master class will be held **Saturday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m.** (time and event tentative, based upon confirmed interest). Teachers need not be present for the performance. I will need to know student name (as it is to appear in the program), teacher or studio name, repertoire details (opus number/BWV/K, composer, title, exactly as you'd like it to appear in the program). Parents, friends and others are invited to attend the recital and master class. This is a free master class offered in collaboration with the Steinway Gallery of Madison: [6629 Mineral Point Rd., Madison, WI 53705](http://6629.Mineral.Point.Rd.,Madison,WI.53705). Please e-mail [Shad Wenzlaff](#) with questions, as well as registration info by **May 4 at noon** to register your student.

[Shad Wenzlaff](#)

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## Membership Renewal

It is time to renew your membership in MAPTA for the 2016-2017 year, which begins June 1, 2016, and goes through May 31, 2017. To be included in the directory, we need your membership form and dues before **June 15**. You can renew online through the [website](#) (click on "Become a Member" and follow the directions) or you can print the form attached [here](#) and mail it in with your check to the address at the bottom of the form. Perhaps you know another piano teacher who is not currently a MAPTA member. Now is a good time to suggest that they join MAPTA. Remember that the online referral list is now included with the membership fee for all those who desire that service.

[Mickey Lytle](#)

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## Piano PlayTogether Update

### **Melting Pot—A Blend of Musical Cultures**

A fun way to introduce students to the Piano PlayTogether is to show them the You Tube video of Fanfare Celebration from 2010. [Here is the link](#) to a playlist that includes that video and several selections from this year's PPT repertoire list.

The complete PPT repertoire list is available on the MAPTA website. If you have any questions about the repertoire, please write to Lana and Patty at: [ppt@madisonpianoteachers.org](mailto:ppt@madisonpianoteachers.org)

### **Conductor**

The conductor for the Piano PlayTogether will be Mikko Utevsy. He is a violist, vocalist, and conductor who will be graduating from UW-Madison this spring. He conducts MAYCO, a local summer youth orchestra that he founded. Check out the [MAPTA website](#) for more information about our conductor.

### **Pre-Registration**

Donna Bellamy is in charge of the pre-registration for the event. The pre-registration will reserve your students' spots in their chosen pieces and also help us to know if pieces will have enough students to be included in the concert. You can let Donna know how many pairs you have for certain pieces, or if you have a student without a partner, please let her know which part your student is working on and their age—she will try to match your student with someone else. Please send your pre-registration to Donna at: [donnacbellamy@yahoo.com](mailto:donnacbellamy@yahoo.com). The pre-registration deadline is **Wednesday, June 15**.

### **Multiple Pieces**

Students may play in more than one piece, although if one of those pieces fills up then priority would be given to another student who does not have placement on a piece. (An older student playing on student-teacher pieces doesn't count towards the multiple pieces.)

### **Student-Teacher Pieces**

Please watch out for the student-teacher pieces on the list. Students must play with a teacher for these pieces. Alternatively, an older sibling or parent may play with younger students for these pieces.

### **Rehearsal Schedule**

Please keep in mind the rehearsal schedule when selecting pieces for your students. It is a good idea to verify their availability for the rehearsals for their piece. Both rehearsals are required in order to participate in the concert. Additionally the level 7 pieces will require attendance at an extra rehearsal. The rehearsal schedule can be found [here](#).

### **Registration**

The PPT registration deadline will be **Thursday, September 1**. There will be a flat fee of \$22 per student to participate in the event. The form will be available in the member's area of the website very soon.

Any questions about the Piano PlayTogether can be submitted to the co-chairs at: [ppt@madisonpianoteachers.org](mailto:ppt@madisonpianoteachers.org)

[Patty Ladpli](#) & [Lana Robotewskyj](#)

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## **Federation Gold Cups**

To all Federation teachers: Gold cups are ready! Please e-mail [Patty](#) to make arrangements to pick up at least 48 hours in advance. Pick-ups can be scheduled Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Patty's studio: [5610 Medical Circle, Ste. 29, Madison, 53719](#).

[Patty Ladpli](#)

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## **April Meeting Presentation**

MAPTA members were treated to an inspiring and informative presentation on *Building Basic Piano Skills* by Oxana Khramova on April 15. Several members asked to see the video of her presentation, and she graciously sent the link which you can access by clicking [here](#).

[Linda Johnson](#)

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## May Member Spotlight

Our May Member Spotlight features Emily Schultz.

I have been teaching in-home lessons on the west side of Madison and Middleton for the past twelve years. In that time, I have become more involved in the Wisconsin Music Teachers Association, becoming chairperson for the Madison WMTA District Auditions, and earning the title of Nationally Certified Teacher of Music. What I love most about teaching is that pedagogy is a constantly evolving entity. Although the basics seem to stay the same throughout time, I am always discovering and implementing tiny little details and changes to my teaching and business, which has added up to major improvements. I am a much different and better teacher than when I started 12 years ago, and I look forward to becoming even better as time goes on. In my spare time, I like DIY and interior design, reading, cuddling with my bearded dragon (Gherkin), and eating delicious food that my longtime boyfriend, Micah, cooks for me.

[Mickey Lytle](#)

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## MAFOP 24th Annual Piano Playathon Update

The 24th Annual Piano Playathon was a success! Thank you to the 138 students represented by 30 teachers who participated in our music sharing day. A total of **\$10,812.10** was raised for the American Family Children's Hospital! These funds will help the Child Life staff to provide toys, games, supplies for music and art activities, and distractions for the patients can heal in a soothing, child-friendly environment.

Lavonne Berkvam was the winner of bringing the most money from one studio. Congratulations to Lavonne and her students! The student winner of the overnight stay at the Kalahari Waterpark and Resort was Christa Arputhardjam for raising a minimum of \$100. Christa's piano teacher is Karen White. Congratulations to Christa!

Thank you to all of the teachers in providing a fun way to let your students share their musical talents to a very worthy cause. American Family Children's Hospital is a special place where amazing things are done for its young patients. To see some examples of the medical miracles that happen every day, please visit: <http://www.uwhealthkids.org/amazingkids>.

Save the date of **October 29, 2016** for the Monster Concert. This will be a great opportunity for your students to play their Piano PlayTogether duets in costume! More information will be provided in

August.

[Jeanne Felix](#)

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