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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**

The term "Welcome Back!" has always been a challenging one to me. When I flip the calendar to August 1, I always get excited about the coming year with my students, a little bit overwhelmed at the expectations I've set for myself, and quite a bit nostalgic



about my summer that sped by so quickly. The "back" part of "welcome back" stops me in my tracks. It makes me look to the past to analyze my strengths and weaknesses, not only as a teacher, but as a wife, a mom, a friend, and a member of the community. As I compare my past self to my future self, what changes do I want to see? How can I better myself to get the most out of life?

I met our September speaker, Tracie Fountain, in 2013. I had deemed that year "the year of me" where I would put myself first and not feel guilty about it (well, in theory). I wanted to get in better shape physically, I wanted to learn more about healthy eating habits, and I wanted to really dig deeper and understand how I "ticked" and how to work with other people of varying personality types. Tracie is a fantastic nutritionist and a life coach, and for our 2016-17 kickoff meeting, she'll help you understand what makes you tick. We'll get to analyze and understand our own personalities, learn about the four main personality types, and how this knowledge can help you interact better with those around you. Understand why your Monday 4:30 "spirited child" Molly is the way she is and how you can tap into how her mind works. Your spouse who leaves dirty dishes in the sink? That person at church who drives you batty? By understanding their personalities, you can

unlock mysteries about why they are the way they are!

*Welcome Back* to a great forward-thinking year in MAPTA!

[Mickey Lytle](#)

MAPTA President

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## Upcoming MAPTA Meeting

Our MAPTA Programs year begins on **Friday, September 9 at 9:15 a.m.** with Life Coach Tracie Fountain giving us a rich 1 ½ hour presentation on **Understanding Personalities**. How well do you know you? Do you sometimes wonder why certain students push your buttons or why you respond a certain way in stressful situations? Tracie will present DiSC—an assessment tool designed to give you a better understanding of why you behave the way you do. She will help you identify your personality style and show you how you can use DiSC in your everyday life, especially in your teaching. Get ready to get to know you and understand your students better!

**Location:** Madison Central Library, [201 West Mifflin Street](#), 3<sup>rd</sup> floor meeting room. The doors to the library open at 9 a.m. We plan to start the presentation on the third floor promptly at 9:15 a.m.

**New member welcome event:** Please join us at **11:45 a.m.** at the Great Dane just a few blocks from the library to get acquainted with some of MAPTA's new members. Everyone is welcome to attend!

[Linda Johnson](#)

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## Performers Supporting Performers

Performers Supporting Performers will meet on **Friday, Sept. 16 at 10 a.m.** at the home of Ruth Heinecke, [400 Oak Valley Road, Mount Horeb](#). Any MAPTA members who are interested in playing piano in an informal setting are welcome! Music need not be memorized and any level of music is welcomed. Those interested in just listening are invited as well. If you would like to find a carpool partner from Madison, let Ruth know.

[Ruth Heinecke](#)

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## Piano Play Together Update

The Piano PlayTogether concert: **Melting Pot--A Fusion of Musical Cultures** will take place on **Sunday, October 16** at [Mitby Theater](#), led by local conductor Mikko Utevsky.

The registration deadline is **Thursday, September 1**. Please send your registration form and fees to Donna Bellamy. The [form](#) can be found on the Piano PlayTogether [webpage](#).

The rehearsal schedule can be found [here](#) for the October 9 & 15 rehearsals. All students are required be present at both rehearsals in order to participate in the October 16 concert. The metronome speeds & special notes are also included in this [information](#). Teachers should work with students to be able to play at the designated tempo and to be able to follow a conductor.

Lastly, all teachers are required to help out with the running of the event. Please see the registration form for a list of teachers' jobs.

Looking forward to a great event!

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

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## Madison Area Friends of Piano

The dates of the two annual events MAFOP organizes have been set for 2016-2017.

**Monster Concert 2016** will be held on **Saturday, October 29** at [Barnes & Noble East](#). Students will play their favorite Halloween, autumn-themed, or any other fun pieces dressed in costume for a ghoulishly good time of music making. Teachers may reserve times in 15 minute increments between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for your studio. Contact Jeanne Felix at [jmfelix@netzero.net](mailto:jmfelix@netzero.net) or call [608-345-8456](tel:608-345-8456) to reserve your time.

**Piano Playathon 2017** will be held on **Saturday, February 4, 2017** at [Barnes & Noble West](#). This year this event will be celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! The MAFOP committee is already brainstorming ways to make this event extra special this year to celebrate! The Piano Playathon is designed to support the UW's American Family Children's Hospital (AFCH). It specifically benefits the Child Life Program which provides toys, games and supplies for music and art activities for their young patients. Students who participate in this event collect tax deductible pledges to support this worthy cause. It is a great way for students to experience helping others while sharing their talents. Watch future *Nuances* to find details in registering your students to participate in this exciting event.

## Passing of Longtime MAPTA Member

Mary Marguerite "Rete" Rietveld died at her home in Madison on June 26, 2016 at the age of 93. She was born on March 12, 1923 in Harvey, IL to Isaac and Elizabeth Bardwick Rietveld. She grew up in Chicago Heights, IL.

Marguerite received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she lived at 4-H House. She taught private piano lessons for most of her life in both South Holland, IL and in Madison, WI. She was an active member of the American Guild of Piano Teachers and often judged piano competitions throughout the Midwest. Much of her professional life was spent teaching music at Kennedy-King Community College in Chicago as well as directing choirs and playing the organ in churches near her homes in South Holland and Madison.

Marguerite was a very active member of MAPTA. She moved here in 1991 and offered her expertise to fellow teachers tirelessly. Her students could be heard in MAPTA auditions and regular recitals and she was an avid supporter of the MAFOP Piano Playathon.

Those of us who knew her felt privileged to know & work with her.

[Connie Jones](#)

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## Board Meeting Minutes

Are you curious about what happens at our board meetings? Please [click here](#) to check out our most recent board meeting minutes.

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