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# Nuances

## The Newsletter of MAPTA

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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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### President's Letter

MAPTA needs you. It needs all of us to collectively keep music alive in the hearts and minds of our students, to come together for a common goal of filling our teaching studios with eager children and adults who are compelled to play. It's not about the contests and competitions we can enter and win, it's about the pure enjoyment of learning a lifelong skill. It's also about keeping ourselves alive and vibrant as teachers, so we can share that infectious enthusiasm for learning!



Maybe you can't make time to attend meetings. Can you help in other ways, on your own time? We're looking for ambassadors to reach out to our new members, help with hanging posters and fliers around town, redesigning our logo for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, assisting our PPT chairs during the last six weeks before the concert, members to spotlight in our monthly newsletters, and planning our celebratory kickoff event for our 50<sup>th</sup> year.

Please call or email myself [\(608-845-5301\)](tel:608-845-5301), [mapta@madisonpianoteachers.org](mailto:mapta@madisonpianoteachers.org)) or the board ([board@madisonpianoteachers.org](mailto:board@madisonpianoteachers.org)) if you are interested in giving of your time in one of the ways mentioned above. Great things are on the horizon for MAPTA—come be a part of it!

P.S. Maybe you *can* make time to attend meetings. The word **meeting** is kind of like the word **recital**. Usually not as horrible as you build it up to be in your mind. Do it for the punch and cookies at the end.

[Mickey Lytle](#)  
MAPTA President



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## MAPTA After 5

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

**Sunday, October 9, 5:30pm @ Funk's Pub in Fitchburg**

[5956 Executive Dr, Fitchburg WI 53719](#)

RSVP to Mickey Lytle ([mapta@madisonpianoteachers.org](mailto:mapta@madisonpianoteachers.org)) by **Wednesday, October 5.**

[Mickey Lytle](#)

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## Performers Supporting Performers

Performers Supporting Performers will meet **Friday, Oct. 21, 10:00 a.m.** at the home of Deborah Ferris, [6771 Prairie View Drive, Sun Prairie](#). MAPTA members are invited to perform in an casual, non-threatening setting to or just come and listen.

[Ruth Heinecke](#)

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## Fall Adult Music Social

The Fall Adult Music Social will be held on **Sunday, November 20th at 2:00 pm**. 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:6082225125) with any questions. Cheri Lewis will be hosting the event at her home: [1706 Wild Oak Circle, Madison, WI 53713](#).

[Cheri Lewis](#)

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## Piano Play Together

The piano.

In the realm of Snapchat, Twitter, Facebook, and gaming, kids today have more options for entertainment than ever before. Computers

are slowly replacing books, video games are replacing good old fashioned outdoor fun, and electronics are replacing the raw, and natural way of making real music, and that is, on real instruments. Given the path that our youngsters seem to be on, is it true that the piano has had its last hey day? Has the piano become a quickly dying art; an instrument that may be an endangered species in the home, and in unwanted abundance, at the dump?

The answer is NO.

Madison Area Piano Teachers Associated (MAPTA) is setting it straight and proving that the piano is alive and well, and that as a group, they certainly don't have a shortage of students.

On **October 16, at 2:00 p.m.**, MAPTA is presenting *Piano PlayTogether*, a performance in [Mitby Theater](#) at MATC. Close to 200 students of MAPTA will be performing pieces from around the world as a piano orchestra on stage to the baton of Mikko Utevsky, founder of the Madison Area Youth Chamber Orchestra, and writer for the Well-Tempered Ear. This year's theme is called *Melting Pot, A Blend of Musical Cultures*, and a blend it is! MAPTA's students are multi-cultural and are excited to share their hard work with the public! What makes this event so special is that it only takes place every 3 years! The performance is free, smiles are guaranteed, and the benefits of this performance are priceless. Please come and support our area, musical youth. If you haven't participated in PPT in the past, are new to MAPTA. and are wondering what the hype is all about, please make an effort to come out and hear the PPT. It really is, a unique experience! [Click here](#) to check out this event on Facebook.

To Music!

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

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## MAFOP Monster Concert

The Monster Concert will be held at [Barnes & Noble East Towne Mall](#) on **Saturday, Oct. 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.** There are only a few spots left to register your students to play, dressed in costume, in this goulishly fun concert! Contact Jeanne Felix at [jmfelix@netzero.net](mailto:jmfelix@netzero.net) or [\(608\)345-8456](tel:(608)345-8456) Please [click here](#) to print out the poster of this event to post in your studio.

[Jeanne Felix](#)

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## MTNA and MAPTA

Would you like to know more about MTNA and the possibility of MAPTA being a MTNA club? A committee is being formed to explore the details regarding MTNA and MAPTA cooperation. Eight members

expressed interest in this committee at the last general meeting. A day and time will be scheduled for November. If you have an interest in being on this committee, please email Debbie Yee at [deb53711@yahoo.com](mailto:deb53711@yahoo.com). I look forward to hearing from many individuals.

[Debbie Yee](#)

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## Honors Festival

The Honors Festival is designed to meet the needs of all MAPTA students playing repertoire at level 6 and higher. A few remaining details have now been finalized, so please mark your calendars:

The audition date is **February 25, 2017** at [Madison Christian Community Church](#). The audition judge is Kirstin Ihde, coming from Oshkosh. The MAPTA Honors recitals will be held **Sunday, March 5, 2017** at Morphy Hall, UW-Madison (2:30 p.m. for the Jr. Recital, 4:00 p.m. for the Sr. Recital).

We chose these dates to better serve our students: closer to other audition dates (WMTA, WSMA) so students may be better prepared, separated from finals week for high school students, and the auditions do *not* coincide with WYSO rehearsals!

Last year's changes were very successful, so please bear this in mind as you prepare your students. The Festival is split into two divisions: the Junior Festival for grades 5-8, and the Senior Festival for grades 9-12. Fourth graders may audition for comments only, and any 5-12 grader may also choose to audition for comments only and not participate on the recital. The Junior auditions are held first on February 25, followed by the Senior auditions.

Students may enter one or two memorized pieces in the Festival, not to exceed 8 minutes total. The judge will evaluate each piece independently and may recommend only one piece or both to be played on the recital.

The application form and a copy of the judge's form will be available in the December Nuances. If you have any questions, please direct them to Denise Taylor or Shad Wenzlaff at [Honors@madisonpianoteachers.org](mailto:Honors@madisonpianoteachers.org)

[Denise Taylor](#)

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## Baroque Festival

We are thrilled to announce on **Saturday, November 5th**, the

Great Lakes Baroque will host the first annual *Baroque Festival* for A Day of Contest and Clinics (for grades 1-12th) at [Steinway Gallery](#). Included is a program of musical recognition of the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death. There will be a tidbit of re-enactment of Shakespeare and his composer neighbor, Orlando Gibbons to recount the musical ideology in his days. Prizes will be given out to top performers in each age group and concert tickets to attend Rachel Barton-Pines on Baroque violin in the spring. Please contact [gloriachuang@yahoo.com](mailto:gloriachuang@yahoo.com) for further details. [Click here](#) for a registration form, and register by **October 15**.

[Gloria Chuang](#)

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## 16th Annual Sonatina Festival

The 16th annual Sonatina Festival aims to raise awareness, appreciation, and understanding of the Sonata and Sonatina musical forms. This event encourages musical preparation during the fall semester by providing a performance goal for students of all ages and levels. (Even beginners can enter a piece in binary, rounded binary, ternary, or rondo form.) We hope to see you in Verona on **November 12** for this exciting day of music-making! **Entries must be postmarked by October 14, 2016**. Information available at [www.sonatinafestival.org](http://www.sonatinafestival.org).

[Mickey Lytle](#)

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## Upcoming Concert

The Salon Pianos Series is presenting **4 on the Floor** on **Friday, October 28 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, October 29 at 7:30 p.m.** at Farley's House of Pianos, [6522 Seybold Road, Madison](#). Hear Daniel del Pino, Lucille Chung, Alon Goldstein and Roberto Plano playing four grand pianos. Concert and ticket information at [salonpianoseries.com](http://salonpianoseries.com). This is the only USA performance of this concert. (The program is the same for both evenings.) Seating is limited.

[Renee Farley](#)

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## Change of Address

Please update the following MAPTA member in your directory:  
June Zeeh

6243B Charing Cross Lane  
Middleton, WI 53562  
Phone: 608-829-7829

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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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