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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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President's Letter

Thanksgiving just gets me all warm and tingly and all kinds of wonderful inside. -Willard Scott



We're entering the bustling season of celebrations! I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful board. They put in tireless hours to make this organization vibrant and viable—it's hard work and I'd like you to join me in thanking them for giving their time and talents to MAPTA. We're all busy, but we make time for the things that are important to us, where we feel we can have an impact, and these colleagues of mine are a fantastic group. I'm extremely thankful for them.

As a reminder, 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 50th anniversary year, members to spotlight in our monthly newsletters, and planning our celebratory kickoff event for our 50th year. Can you make time to help with any of those opportunities?

Please call or email myself [\(608-845-5301\)](tel:608-845-5301), mapta@madisonpianoteachers.org or the board (board@madisonpianoteachers.org) if you are interested in giving of your time in one of the ways mentioned above. We thank you!

Enjoy your holiday!

[Mickey Lytle](#)
MAPTA President

Upcoming MAPTA Meeting

Come to Heid Music ([7948 Tree Lane](#), just off Mineral Point Road near the Beltline) for our next program on **Friday, November 11 from 9 a.m.-11 a.m.** to hear Oxana Khramova help us *Discover New Repertoire in Pedagogy*.

Oxana, who inspired us with Russian Piano School ideas for teaching beginning piano students last spring, will introduce us to "Moods," by M. Tariverdiev (1931-1996). Tariverdiev was a practitioner of the Russian Piano School, famous for its masterpieces for the young which embedded musical aims alongside technical development from the first steps of piano playing. All pieces in "Moods" have titles that evoke different aspects of childhood: "A Game," or "The Ballet Class," as well as youthful emotions like "Tenderness," "Alone," and "Consolation." Accessibility of psychological content, transparent pianistic textures, unique sonorities, and a distinctive compositional style make this cycle an ideal repertoire set for intermediate pianists, and for teenagers especially. Oxana's fresh ideas will be an inspiration. We look forward to seeing you there!

[Linda Johnson](#)

MTNA/MAPTA Committee Meeting

The first meeting for the committee to begin exploring the collaboration between MTNA and MAPTA will be **Wednesday, November 16 at 10 a.m.** at Debbie Yee's studio: [5718 Piping Rock Road](#). Please come with any thoughts, information or opinions which will be helpful in this exploration.

[Debbie Yee](#)

Performers Supporting Performers

Performers Supporting Performers will meet on **Friday, November 18 at 10 a.m.** at the home of Judy Ferreri: [3118 Timber Lane, Verona](#). Please join us for this informal performance opportunity. Listeners are also welcome!

[Ruth Heinecke](#)

Fall Adult Music Social

The Fall Adult Music Social will be held on **Sunday, November**

20th at 2:00 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:6082225125) with any questions. Cheri Lewis will be hosting the event at her home: [1706 Wild Oak Circle, Madison, WI 53713](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1706+Wild+Oak+Circle,+Madison,+WI+53713).

[Cheri Lewis](#)

Piano Play Together

The Piano PlayTogether was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who participated. Without your help, talent, expertise, and students, we could not have pulled this off as well as we did. The entire program flowed effortlessly, our students played beautifully, and the crowd cheered adoringly. Mikko Utevsy was patient, working with our kids to pull the

best out of them that he could, and the end result was spectacular. Many students are asking if we can do this again next year! This was truly, a great performance that I think we will (all) remember



fondly. MAPTA is an awesome organization to offer such opportunities to our kids. Thank you MAPTA and thank you PPT participants!

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

16th Annual Sonatina Festival

The 16th Annual Sonatina Festival will be held **Saturday, November 12**, at [Rhapsody Arts Center](#) in Verona. The Festival Recital will be held **Saturday, November 19**, at [Sun Prairie United Methodist Church](#). For more information, please visit sonatinafestival.org. Thanks to all of the MAPTA teachers who have entered students in this year's festival!

[Mickey Lytle](#)

Music Achievement in Piano Studies

Prairie Music & Arts is excited to launch the *MAPS "Music Achievement in Piano Studies"* music theory and performance program for MS/HS pianists. Classes are held monthly on **Thursday at 6 p.m.** at [798 Lois Drive](#) in Sun Prairie. Specifically designed for the serious advancing pianist who wants to stretch their skills even more, the program focuses on in-depth music theory, history, listening, and performance technique. The curriculum is designed to assist students in preparing for both the *Advanced Placement Music Theory* or *Music Development* exams in the spring.

Complete schedule, tuition, and information about the MAPS program can be found at www.prairiemusic.org, and questions can be directed to program coordinator Julie Baskinger at jbaskinger@prairiemusic.org.

[Julie Baskinger](#)

Piano Safari

Piano Safari co-authors Katherine Fisher and Julie Knerr will present a free webinar entitled *Piano Safari - The Journey Begins* hosted by the [Curious Piano Teachers](#) on **November 11th at 11:00 a.m.** We would love to have you join us as we discuss the philosophy behind the Piano Safari method! Click [here](#) to register for the webinar.

[Shad Ryan Wenzlaff](#)

Change of Address

Please update the following MAPTA member in your directory:

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301 S. Yellowstone Dr., #114
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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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