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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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Nuances

The Newsletter of MAPTA

President's Letter

Happy New Year! You **ARE** out there! Thanks to all of you who responded to the Christmas song survey as well as those who took the time to send emails (some quite funny) about various renditions of Jingle Bells and holding dotted half notes.



I found it interesting that 15 of the 25 responses about your favorites were songs that didn't appear on a list of "popular" Christmas songs. You're trendsetters!

Votes from the "popular" list:

Silent Night (3), You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch (3), Let it Snow! (2), The Little Drummer Boy (2), Sleigh Ride (2), O Come All Ye Faithful (2), The Christmas Song, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas, We Three Kings, White Christmas, Winter Wonderland

Songs you added as your favorites:

Ukrainian Bell Carol (Carol of the Bells), Arabian Dance from the Nutcracker, Silver Bells, Coventry Carol, I Wonder as I Wander, That's Christmas to Me, Who Comes this Night, Ding Dong Merrily on High, Of the Father's Love Begotten, In the Bleak Midwinter, The First Noel, What Child is this?, Behold That Star, Christmas (Baby Please Come Home), O Holy Night

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season with your friends and family. Most importantly, I hope you made time for yourselves to enjoy a few minutes at the piano for fun, put your feet up awhile, and rested and rejuvenated your heart and mind for the coming year. My personal resolution each year is to sort and organize my piano studio—maybe this year it will finally get done. Ha!

[Mickey Lytle](#)

MAPTA President

MTNA Committee Meeting

On Nov. 16 the MTNA exploratory committee met. It was decided that it was worth continuing to explore the possibility of MAPTA becoming a MTNA affiliate club. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 10:00 a.m.** at Debbie Yee's studio. Everyone is welcome, so please come and share your thoughts.

[Debbie Yee](#)

Performers Supporting Performers

Performers Supporting Performers will meet on **Friday, January 20 at 10:00 a.m.** at the studio of Patty Ladpli, [5610 Medical Circle, Suite 29](#). Two pianos are available for anyone working on a 2-piano piece for the PSP recital. The PSP Recital will be held on **Sunday, February 26, 7:00 p.m.** at Capitol Lakes' Grand Hall, [333 W. Main, Madison](#).

[Ruth Heinecke](#)

Change of Venue

Our **Friday, February 10th** meeting *MAPTA Members Share What They Learned* will be held at **HEID MUSIC**, [7948 Tree Lane](#), just off Mineral Point Road near the Beltline. Doors will open at 8:50 a.m. and the presentation from Sue Ellen Dubbert, Patty Ladpli, and Lana Robotewskyj will begin at 9 a.m. We look forward to seeing you there!

[Linda Johnson](#)

Honors Festival Auditions and Recital

[Click here](#) for a **revised** audition and recital form. **Please note the Honors Festival Recital venue has changed.** All times, dates, and submission information remains the same as was published in the November Nuances. The Honors Festival Recital will be held at Covenant Presbyterian Church, [326 S. Segoe Rd., Madison, WI 53705](#). We apologize for any confusion this change may have caused.

As a reminder, the due date for submission is (postmark) **February 6, 2017**. Please submit paper registrations via US Mail c/o Shad Wenzlaff, Honors Festival co-chairperson at the address found on the registration form. [Click here](#) for a copy of the judging form.

Please read carefully the submission information. Questions regarding the Honors Festival Audition and Recital may be directed via email: honors@madispianoteachers.org

Thank you!

[Denise Taylor](#) & [Shad Wenzlaff](#)
Honors Festival Co-Chairs

Piano Playathon: 25th Anniversary!

Please join us again on **Saturday, February 4, 2017** for the Piano Playathon. There are still open spots in the schedule to reserve for your studio. Contact Lori Schultz at lschultz2@uwhealth.org to reserve a spot in 15 minute increments.

[Barnes & Noble Bookstore near West Towne](#) is our performance space for this event. Barnes & Noble will generously donate a percentage of purchases made that day with a **special in-store coupon**.

To celebrate the **25th Anniversary of the Piano Playathon**, there will be special thank you gifts to all participating students, an extra special thank you gift to students raising a minimum of \$25, and students who raise a minimum of \$125 will get their name in a drawing for an overnight stay at a fabulous Wisconsin Dells Waterpark! The teacher who raises the most money from his/her studio will also get a special surprise gift!

Let's make this 25th year the most rewarding for both the American Family Children's Hospital and the students who give freely of their time and talent to this most worthy cause.

See you at Barnes & Noble West Towne on **February 4!**

[Jeanne Felix](#)

Masterclass Opportunity

This masterclass is part of the [UW-Madison Keyboard Day](#):

Saturday March 4, 2017

1:30-3:30 Masterclass with UW-Madison Keyboard Faculty. UW

Madison Campus - Morphy Hall

High school students interested in performing in the masterclass should indicate interest on the registration form (see weblink). A recording of two contrasting works is required. See the application form for more information. Please direct questions to Professor Jess Johnson at jgjohnson@wisc.edu.

[Shad Wenzlaff](#)

MAPTA Member Spotlight

Our January member spotlight features Daniel Kuzuhara! Daniel is a pianist born in Madison, Wisconsin who recently graduated with a Masters of Music degree from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music in Piano Performance, studying under Karen Shaw. Prior to his studies in Indiana, he studied at Lawrence University under Anthony Padilla and received his Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance.



Daniel is approaching his 20th year of piano study, and for a long time, Daniel has been interested in entertaining, inspiring, and teaching members of the community. He strongly believes in the personal benefit music can bring to enrich people's lives and believes in teaching with the intent of creating passion and interest in music while maintaining a high level of detail and expectation in his instruction. It is for this reason Daniel is currently teaching private lessons and has formed his own studio in the Madison area.

Daniel is also a violin student and teacher, currently studying under Maya Webne-Behrman, and he is a member of the Middleton Community Orchestra. He has also recently co-founded the Apostle Island trio, who is giving their debut performance on January 21, 2017 at the Steinway & Sons store in Madison. He is very excited to meet other music professionals in the Madison community and to continue growing as a musician and teacher.

[Sue Ellen Dubbert](#)

MAPTA Directory Updates

Please [click here](#) to access all additions/changes to the MAPTA directory.

Upcoming Concert

Hear Catherine Kautsky play a solo recital on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at Farley's House of Pianos, [6522 Seybold Road, Madison](#). Her concert is entitled "Homage to Schubert". Details and ticket info available at [SalonPianoSeries.org](#).

[Renee Farley](#)

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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