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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.

Nuances

The Newsletter of MAPTA

President's Letter

MAPTA has certainly had a busy summer preparing for our 50th Anniversary year-long celebration! This special edition of Nuances is a combined August-September edition because we have so many important things taking place this fall. Please take the time to read it thoroughly! I'd like to take this opportunity to **thank our members**



who have worked so hard this summer—getting the directory out, planning and preparing for the upcoming year, updating the website, preparing for our important vote on September 8, among many other items. I'd also like to **thank our sponsors**: Farley's House of Pianos, Heid Music, Steinway and Sons – Madison, and PianoArts of Wisconsin. Their generous sponsorships and support of our organization will assist us in having a spectacular year celebrating the piano teaching profession! Enjoy the last morsels of your summer!

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MAPTA President



Upcoming MAPTA Meeting

Our September program will be held on **Friday, September 8, 2017 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.** and will kick off our celebration of MAPTA's 50th Anniversary with a party and short talks from some lifetime members of MAPTA. We will also have a final Q&A on MAPTA becoming a member of MTNA. Refreshments will be served!

Location: Christ Presbyterian Church, [944 E. Gorham St., Madison, WI 53703](#)

MAPTA has had several boxes of piano music donated to us over the summer, and I bet some of our teachers have unneeded music they'd like to pass on to another grateful music lover. Participate in our Music Swap following the September 8 meeting.

[Alena Harrison](#) & [Mickey Lytle](#)

Local Affiliate Vote on September 8

We will hold a vote regarding MAPTA becoming an MTNA local affiliate at our first 2017-18 meeting on **Friday, September 8, 2017**. All members are encouraged to vote. If you are not able to attend the meeting to cast your vote, you will be given the opportunity to vote via email one week in advance of September 8. The entire membership will receive an absentee ballot via email on September 1. If you will not be present at the September 8 meeting, you will have until midnight on September 7 to cast your vote.

[Click here](#) for FAQ's about the September vote, which includes an

option to ask additional questions that will be addressed on September 8.

[Mickey Lytle](#)

Performers Supporting Performers

Performers Supporting Performers will meet **Friday, Sept. 15, at 10:00 a.m.** at the home of Ruth Heinecke: [400 Oak Valley Road, Mount Horeb](#). MAPTA members are invited to attend this informal meeting which gives us a chance to play for each other in a relaxed, casual setting. Music at any level can be played and listeners are welcome, too. Please join us!

[Ruth Heinecke](#)

MAPTA Invited to Attend WMTA State Conference

The WMTA Executive Board was so excited to hear about the discussions you've been having regarding the possibility of joining WMTA and forming a Local Association! Our annual conference will be at the Radisson in Madison on **October 20-21, 2017**, and we would love to have as many MAPTA members join us as possible.

The Board voted to extend our special registration rate for WMTA members who are attending the conference for the first time (an option we have every year) to all MAPTA members this year, regardless of the outcome of your vote.

You can access our online registration from the WMTA homepage (www.wisconsinmusicteachers.com) and select "First time WMTA/MAPTA Attendee Registration" then select "Madison Area Piano Teachers Association" when asked what Local Association you belong to.

If you wish to use the paper copy that was mailed out, which can be accessed online as well, simply select the "First Time Attendee" option and write "MAPTA" next to it.

Hope to see you all in October!

Sincerely,

Dr. Nicholas Phillips

President, Wisconsin Music Teachers Association

[Mickey Lytle](#)

WMTA State Conference Master Class

Are you planning to attend the WMTA state conference this year? It's in Madison! And MAPTA members get to enjoy a discounted rate for registration. The added plus is Jennifer Linn is giving a master class. It will take place Saturday morning **(10/21)**, and will feature late beginner-intermediate level students. The time scheduled for the master class is **10:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** To learn more, contact me via email: wenzlaffsh@yahoo.com. Jennifer is interested in students who are well-prepared for a public performance and a master class setting in front of a likely audience of 60+ teachers from around the state. Those who are "audience shy" will likely not thrive in this setting.

[Shad Wenzlaff](#)

Your 2017-18 Directory

In case you missed it in your summer email, your MAPTA Directory can be accessed [here](#). Those who requested a printed copy received theirs via postal mail.

[Mickey Lytle](#)

Referral Information on the MAPTA Website

If you are on MAPTA's referral listing on our website, please check your listing to make sure it is correct. Submit any changes or corrections to membership@madisonpianoteachers.org. We want to make sure your information is correct!

[Mickey Lytle](#)

MAPTA's Google Calendar

Want to see all of your MAPTA meetings, events, and deadlines in one place? MAPTA now has a **Google calendar**. Never miss an important MAPTA date or deadline again!

Please use the following address to access your calendar in any web browser.

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MAPTA Fall Workshop Master Class

The master class associated with the MAPTA Fall Workshop will be

unique this year. Wynn-Anne Rossi will be here and the master class will consist of students either playing one of her compositions or one of their own. Here is a chance for student composers to get heard and to get feedback from an established composer and for students playing one of Rossi's works to get input from the composer herself. If you have a student that you would like to have participate in the master class in the afternoon on **Friday, November 17th** at Christ Presbyterian Church, [944 East Gorham Street in Madison](#), please let Linda Johnson know at [dljatj@tds.net](mailto:dijatj@tds.net).

[Linda Johnson](#)

A Thriving Piano Culture: Ruminations on Being a Part of My Community

I believe that communities need thriving music cultures where piano activities are front and center of community events. It seems to me that piano is absent from so many activities in our community. Some of us actively do something about it. I've recently read about studios participating in the summer Corn Festival in Sun Prairie, other studios actively participate in MAFOP sponsored play-a-thons and the Monster Concert. I love PPT (Piano PlayTogether) and the plethora of free public recitals MAPTA sponsors. But I still think we have more work to do in order to better integrate within our local neighborhood communities. It's a hard thing to do - after all, a piano is heavy! And it takes a lot of space in one's home, etc. (...we all know the objections we hear from prospective students).

I've decided to do something about this, as I see it, void in our community. As a studio, I took out an ad in the MMOCA (Madison Museum of Contemporary Art) Gallery Guide for its October 6, 2017 gallery night. I am, after all, part artist - so I'm planning to show my fiber arts creations as well. A part of my goal is to have a table on the terrace outside my commercial location advocating "Piano for All". Please consider joining me on Gallery Night Fall 2017! This is an invitation for a few MAPTA teachers to "work the table". Gallery night takes place on two Friday evenings, one each Fall and Spring.

This fall, show up at the Manna Cafe at 4:30pm for a two hour stint - be on hand to smile and invite people to play the piano. Maybe even prepare something to share - pop tunes, showtunes, you get the idea.

Regardless, I plan to hand out MAPTA piano teacher referral flyers, and advocate for piano as part of the gallery night mayhem. If you've never before experienced Gallery Night, check out the website to learn more: [Gallery Night | MMoCA](#) I love their mission: to showcase the city's vibrant arts community. We indeed have one, and I'm excited to flaunt everything amazing that piano does for our lives.

[Shad Wenzlaff](#)

MAPTA Directory Additions/Edits

Please change June Zeeh's contact information to the following: [608-298-7829](tel:608-298-7829) 6243B Charing Cross Lane, Middleton, 53562

David Kuzuhara should be changed to Daniel Kuzuhara.

Please add the following to your directory:

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Jennifer Hedstrom (ACT); [847-400-7263](tel:847-400-7263), 2901 Monroe St. Apt. 2E, Madison, 53711, jlhedstrom87@gmail.com

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[Sue Ellen Dubbert](#)

Board Meeting Minutes

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