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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

We had an incredible meeting in September with our 50th Anniversary kickoff celebration, our vote in favor of becoming an MTNA local chapter, a book swap, and food and fellowship with our colleagues. We especially enjoyed hearing Honorary Lifetime Member Irmgard Bittar tout the benefits of MAPTA, as she became a member in 1972 and has seen many changes throughout the years. Thank you to all who attended!





[Mickey Lytle](#)

MAPTA President

Upcoming MAPTA Meeting

Our next general meeting is **Friday, October 13 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.** and will focus on MAFOP and other volunteer opportunities. Jeanne Felix will discuss MAFOP and its community initiatives. MAPTA members will also share other opportunities they know of to volunteer our musical talents in the community.

Location: Heid Music, [7948 Tree Ln, Madison, WI 53717](#)

Request for Input: Please let us know any volunteer organization(s) you are a part of or know about that have to do with music or music education. Alena will be compiling a list to hand out to the group at the meeting. Email alena.harrison@gmail.com with your ideas. Thank you!

[Alena Harrison](#)

Yummy!

You responded and provided quite a spread for our September

meeting potluck! Thanks to all who brought delicious goodies to share. We have some fantastic Betty Crockers in our organization!

The general consensus was that members would like to continue this practice for our remaining meetings for our 50th Anniversary year.

If you'd like to contribute goodies for future meetings, please [click here](#) to sign up. Someone from MAPTA will email you the week before to remind you that you signed up.

[Mickey Lytle](#)

MAPTA After 5

MAPTA's next After 5 gathering will be on **Sunday, October 15, at 5:30 p.m.** at [Funk's Pub](#) in Fitchburg. This is a non-meeting event for our members to get together socially and enjoy each other's company. Guests are welcome! Please RSVP to Mickey Lytle (mapta@madisonpianoteachers.org) by **Tuesday, October 10.**

[Mickey Lytle](#)

Upcoming Master Classes

The master class originally scheduled for **Saturday, October 21** has been **cancelled** due to conflicts with WMTA conference events. Be sure to mark your calendars for the rest of the master classes! Jess Johnson will lead the master class on **Saturday, January 6 at 5 p.m.**, and Martha Fischer will lead the master class on **Saturday, April 14 at 5 p.m.** These will take place at the Steinway Piano Gallery: [6629 Mineral Point Rd.](#), Madison.

[Jess Salek](#)

Performers Supporting Performers

PSP has changed the meeting dates for the next 2 months to accommodate other MAPTA activities. The next meeting will be **Friday, Oct. 27, 10 a.m.** at the home of Judy Ferreri, [3118 Timber Lane, Verona](#). MAPTA members are welcome to play music at any level in this informal setting. Listeners are also invited.

The November meeting has been changed to **Friday, Dec. 1, 10:00 a.m.** The location will be announced in next month's Nuances.

[Ruth Heinecke](#)

Monster Concert

October 28, 2017 is the date for the next Monster Concert. Madison Area Friends of Piano (MAFOP) is already working on organizing this annual fun event. [Barnes & Noble](#) at East Towne Mall again is the venue for your students to play their favorite fall pieces in their Halloween costumes. **All of the performance times for the Monster Concert have been filled!** We look forward to a full day of costumed students playing a variety of fun fall piano pieces. Feel free to contact Jeanne Felix with any questions regarding this concert.

[Jeanne Felix](#)

Fall Adult Music Social

The Fall Adult Music Social will be held on **Sunday, November 19th 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:608.222.5125) 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](#)

WMTA Conference Deadline Reminder

A reminder: The final deadline for mailed or online registrations is **October 15th**.

How to Register:

1. Online

This choice will give the option to register online and pay with a check by mail or to pay online for a \$5 processing fee.

[Click This Link to Begin Online Registration](#)

2. Print and Mail the Registration Form

This option will allow you to print the registration form, fill it out by hand, and mail it with a check for payment.

[Click Link To Print \(WMTA 2017 Annual Conference Registration Form\)](#)

3. On-Site at the Radisson Hotel in Madison During the Conference

(Please note, the fee is slightly higher for on-site registration. Please print and complete the registration form and bring it with you along with cash or check for payment.)

[Click Link To Print \(WMTA 2017 Annual Conference Registration Form\)](#)

Those who pre-register will find their badge and information at the registration desk located outside the Grand Canyon Ballroom at the

Radisson Hotel.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Deadlines:

The final deadline for mailed or online registrations is **October 15th**. After that, you will need to register on-site during Conference at the higher registration rate.

Student Participation Opportunities:

We are still looking for late elementary to intermediate pianists to participate in the Saturday Masterclass and collegiate students to participate in the Collegiate Chapter Poster Sessions. Please contact Gail Heywood at gailheywood0@gmail.com as soon as possible if you have a student who may benefit from this opportunity.

Registration Desk Hours:

Sessions start at 8:00 a.m. on **Friday, October 20th**. The registration desk will be open on **Friday, October 20th** from 7:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.-2:00p.m. It will also be open on **Saturday, October 21st** from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

We hope to see all of you there!

[Mickey Lytle](#)

MAPTA Fall Workshop

It's time to get reinvigorated through the Fall Workshop! Nationally acclaimed composer, Wynne-Anne Rossi, will be presenting on "Creative Composition in the Studio" and "American Music: Jazz meets Latin." There will be a unique master class in the afternoon – students either playing their own composition or one of Wynn-Anne's to get input from a fellow composer or THE composer.

Friday, November 17th, 2017

Christ Presbyterian Church

[944 East Gorham Street](#)

Madison, WI

Cpcmadison.org

9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Please [click here](#) for the brochure for details and print out the second page and send it to me today to register!

[Linda Johnson](#)

Honors Auditions

This year's Honors Auditions will take place on **Saturday, January 27, 2018** at [Madison Christian Community Church](#). Students will have the opportunity to audition 1 or 2 pieces of level 6 or higher for the possible selection for the Honors Recital. Our adjudicator will be Kirsten Ihde from Oshkosh who will be an excellent judge! The Honors Recital will take place on **Sunday, February 4** at 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Registration information will be published in the December issue of Nuances, with the entry deadline of **January 9, 2018**. For additional information, please consult the Membership Directory under Honors Festival. If you have further questions, please feel free to e-mail the Honors co-chairs, Daniel Kuzuhara and Patty Ladpli, honors@madisonpianoteachers.org.

[Patty Ladpli](#)

Upcoming Book Release

Professor Catherine Kautsky of Lawrence University will be releasing a new book entitled *Debussy's Paris: Piano Portraits for the Belle Epoque*. Please [click here](#) for more information regarding her book release event at Mystery To Me in Madison on **Thursday, October 19** at 7 p.m.

[Mickey Lytle](#)

MAPTA Directory Additions/Edits

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[Sue Ellen Dubbert](#)

Board Meeting Minutes

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