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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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The Newsletter of MAPTA

President's Letter

Does anyone know where the last three months have gone? As I write this, it's one of the many things on my list that I'm trying to get done before Thanksgiving preparations begin, and I know it's a slippery slope to the end of December. MAPTA is enjoying a busy 50th Anniversary, and we had



fantastic attendance at our Fall Workshop featuring Wynn-Anne Rossi. Special thanks to Linda Johnson for putting that event together. Our MTNA committee is working hard to transition us to a local chapter for next year, and our Honors Recital chairs are ramping up preparations for that event in early 2018. Thank you to our board members and our members at large for your support of this worthwhile organization. We are doing great work! Enjoy your holiday celebrations with your family and friends. See you in 2018!

[Mickey Lytle](#)

MAPTA President

Performers Supporting Performers

PSP will meet on **Friday, Dec. 1, 10:00 a.m.** at the home of Cheri Lewis, [1706 Wild Oak Circle, Madison](#). Anyone who is interested in sharing a piece of music with others is welcome to attend, as well as anyone who would prefer to just listen.

[Ruth Heinecke](#)

Honors Festival

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. (Grades 6-8) and 4:00 p.m. (Grades 9-12) at Morphy Hall on UW-Madison Campus in the Humanities Building. Registration information is on the MAPTA Honors Festival Page, 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.

You can access the registration form via our website soon! [Click here](#) for registration information and materials.

[Daniel Kuzuhara](#)

WMTA/MAPTA Update

Transitioning into a local chapter of WMTA and MTNA is well under

way! Thank you to Debbie Yee, Denise Taylor, Mickey Lytle, Linda Johnson, June Zeeh, and Lana Robotewskyj for helping make this happen! It's exciting to think of the potential of our new identity; MAME (Madison Area Music Educators). Currently, Lana Robotewskyj, Shad Wenzlaff, and Debbie Yee are the nominating committee for the new slate of officers of 2018-2019, with Linda Johnson presiding for the upcoming year. The newly updated bylaws are nearly completed, review of MTNA's FTC Compliance Procedures is in the works, and we are quickly moving on tasks needing to be completed in order to become a local chapter by late Spring, just in time for renewal of MTNA and WMTA registration. We plan to overhaul the website, and will be seeking volunteers for our new website committee. Additionally, WMTA members not part of MAPTA will be reached through WMTA's newsletter. MAPTA is inviting WMTA members to our February 9 meeting to discuss the future of MAME, the benefits of local membership, and of course, to meet more fellow musicians! Opening MAME to all music educators brings not only benefit to the membership drive in regards to numbers, but will further help spread our advocacy of music study and its benefits. Programming will be more encompassing, new friendships are about to happen, and bringing new ideas to the table will make us a stronger and healthier organization. We will keep you updated. More news to follow soon.

[Lana Robotewskyj](#)

MAFOP Piano Play-a-Thon 2018

This year's MAFOP Piano Play-a-Thon will be on **Saturday, February 10, 2018** from 10 a.m.-6:15 p.m. at [Barnes and Noble West](#). Barnes and Noble will donate a percentage of purchases made that day! Click on the links below for more information:

[Teacher Information Letter](#)

[Parent/Student Information Letter](#)

[Pledge Form](#)

WMTA Competition Dates

WMTA Madison District Auditions will be held **Sunday, March 11, 2018** at the UW School of Music. If the date does not work for your student, for any reason, Whitewater and Milwaukee/Waukesha are the closest sites with different dates that may work for them. Check the website (www.wisconsinmusicteachers.com/event-information-and-rules-handbook) for different sites and dates and how to enter at a different site.

WMTA Badger South Competition will be held **Sunday, May 6**, at UW-Milwaukee--please note the change from the MAPTA directory. Badger-qualified students may request a different Badger site from the Badger chair, which are held on Saturday, May 19, but only for religious exemption or WYSO conflict.

If you are not a WMTA member yet and are interested in entering your students, or simply want more information, check the website at www.wisconsinmusicteachers.com/event-information-and-rules-handbook.

[Emily Schultz](#)

MAPTA Directory Additions/Edits

Please add the following to your directory:

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[Sue Ellen Dubbert](#)

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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