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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

Ah, February in Wisconsin. That dismal gray month where we're either anticipating our "winter escape" or living vicariously through those who have planned one. A day of sunshine can alter our mood in an instant. It's a difficult month to motivate students to practice and reach their goals.

The piano lessons we teach and the creative space we provide can be that sunshine our students crave in those dismal times. Here's to you, Sunshine!

"Music is sunshine. Like sunshine, music is a powerful force that can instantly and almost chemically change your entire mood. Music gives us new energy and a stronger sense of purpose." –Michael Franti



As a reminder: MAPTA is sure to have some exciting months coming up. We're still celebrating the fact that we've been around for 50



years—what an achievement! We're also going through a state of transition as we become MAME. We're anticipating new and exciting programs and colleagues while still preserving the core of what has made MAPTA great all these years. It is the board's hope that all of our current members will become MTNA members and continue to enjoy the professional and personal benefits of our local association. I encourage you to read our emails, ask questions if you have them, and enjoy this exciting time in MAPTA, our "fresh start" and new beginnings.

[Mickey Lytle](#)

MAPTA President

Honors Festival

This year's Honors Auditions took place on **Saturday, January 27, 2018** at Madison Christian Community Church. Over 40 Students had the opportunity to audition 1 or 2 pieces of level 6 or higher for the possible selection for the Honors Recital. Big thanks to Kirsten Ihde from Oshkosh for judging this year! The Honors Recital will take place on **Sunday, February 4** at 2:00 p.m. (Grades 6-8) and 3:30 p.m (Grades 9-12) at [Morphy Hall](#) on UW-Madison Campus in the Humanities Building. Please join us at the recital to celebrate the accomplishments of these highly dedicated students. 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.

[Daniel Kuzuhara](#)

Upcoming Presentation

Join us on **Friday, February 9 at 9:30 a.m.** at [Heid Music](#) for our

scholarship presentations!

David Barach will be sharing experiences from Marilyn Lowe's 3-day Music Moves workshop on teaching piano using Edwin Gordon's research on Music Learning Theory. The Music Moves resources are designed to help learners perceive and plan out tonal and rhythmic patterns when performing and hearing music. They are appropriate for ages 4 through adult.

Mary Roberts will present take-aways from UW Milwaukee's Piano Festival workshop titled "The Art of Teaching: Creative Communication." UWM piano faculty members Elena Abend and Peggy Otwell and distinguished guest clinician Randall Faber shared humorous assessments of the interactions between teacher and student, offered strategies to improve communications within the student-teacher-parent triangle, and provided valuable feedback during a lively Q&A session.

[Alena Harrison](#)

MAPTA Becomes MAME

Our Professional Goals committee has worked all year on researching the pros and cons of MAPTA becoming a local association of MTNA. In September, the membership voted to become a local association beginning with the 2018-19 fiscal year.

On **February 9, 2018**, those MAPTA members who have become MTNA members as of that date will be asked to vote on the slate of officers presented for the inaugural year of our new local association, Madison Area Music Educators (MAME). Please see below for the current slate of officers:

President: Linda Johnson

Vice President: Denise Taylor

Secretary: Ben Garber

Treasurer: Daniel Kuzuhara

We also encourage nominations for officers; please email Debbie Yee (deb53711@yahoo.com) with your suggestions.

If you are not yet a member of MTNA, we encourage you to take advantage of the 6 month [trial](#) membership offered to new members. This is offered for the period of Jan 1 through June 30. You can enjoy all the [Benefits](#) of MTNA membership and reduced half-year dues. Click on the links for more information and dues rates.

[Click here](#) to find out how to apply and join today!

Professional Goals committee:

Debbie Yee, Denise Taylor, June Zeeh, Lana Robotewskj, Linda Johnson, and Mickey Lytle

[Mickey Lytle](#)

Performers Supporting Performers

Performers Supporting Performers will meet **Friday, Feb. 16, 10:00 a.m.** at Shad Wenzlaff's studio, [615 N. Sherman Ave, Suite #21](#). Plan to join us to play, or just listen. The PSP Recital is scheduled for **Sunday, March 4, 7:00 p.m.** in the Grand Hall at Capitol Lakes, [333 W. Main St., Madison](#).

[Ruth Heinecke](#)

Piano Playathon-MAFOP

Please join us again on **Saturday, February 10, 2018** 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**.

There will be special thank you gifts to all participating students, an extra special fun and exciting 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 the fabulous Great Wolf Lodge Waterpark! The teacher who raises the most money from his/her studio will also get a special surprise gift!

New this year is the 2018 Piano Playathon will be raising funds for the new Music Therapy Program at American Family Children's Hospital. The Music Therapy program brings music to patients who are on inpatient floors. The program is new to UW Health as of January 2017 and is supported solely by philanthropic donations. Music Therapy supports the goals that the patient, patient's family, and health care team have set for the patient. From listening to live music, playing instruments, singing, writing songs, making music videos and more, Music Therapy is an interactive modality that can reduce pain, reduce stress and anxiety, encourage self-expression, and support the well-being of each patient and their family.

Let's make the 2018 Piano Playathon 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 10!

[Jeanne Felix](#)

Bach Around the Clock

Bach Around The Clock is back!! This event brings the entire Madison-area community together to celebrate the music of J.S. Bach in a marathon concert that is free and open to the public. Performers range from young students and adult amateurs to professional musicians. The event is videotaped and live-streamed.

This year's event is scheduled for March 10th, 2018 at St. Andrew's Church, [1833 Regent Street](#) in Madison. We are inviting teachers to sign up for a time slot -- either for themselves or for their students. Please request a time between 10am-10pm by emailing batcmadison@gmail.com.

And do consider joining us in the audience! There will be professional musicians throughout the day. The schedule is posted on bacharoundtheclock.wordpress.com. [Click here](#) to access the flyer for this event.

[Denise Taylor](#)

Piano Master Class



On **Saturday, January 6, 2018** Jess Johnson of the UW Madison School of Music faculty led a masterclass sponsored by MAPTA. The event took place at the Steinway Piano Gallery on Mineral Point Rd. Four students performed works of Mozart, Chopin, and Debussy. Several local students, teachers, and family were there to

support the performers and to hear some insightful and encouraging comments from Ms. Johnson. A good and productive time was had by all! The next masterclass is **Saturday, April 14 at 5 p.m.** at the Steinway Piano Gallery and will be led by UW Professor Martha Fischer.



[Jess Salek](#)

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