



Nuances

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President's Message

Our inaugural year got off to an invigorating start with a General Meeting on September 14 featuring an interactive demonstration of Dalcroze Eurythmics led by Diana Popowycz. We left with some great ideas and got a workout too! You can check out some fun photos on our [facebook page](#).

By now you should have received your MAME Directory which lists the myriad of events we are offering this year. (If you haven't received it, please be in touch with Debbie Yee at membership@madisonmusiceducators.org) You can also access our calendar on our [facebook page](#) -- search for Madison Area Music Educators - MAME. In particular, you won't want to miss our next General Meeting on October 12 and a Masterclass on October 13 (see articles below for both of them). There are so many ways to get involved and have MAME improve your professional growth. I, for one, appreciate the camaraderie and warmth felt at each meeting....which makes it all the harder for me to announce that I will need to take a short personal leave of absence due to an illness in my family. I will truly look forward to connecting with each and every one of you at a future meeting. In my absence, our Vice President Denise Taylor will be leading MAME until I am able to return. I know you'll be in good hands until then.

Happy Fall everyone!

Linda Johnson

MAME President



From the Vice President:

MAME Welcomes New Members!

Even though MAME enjoys its status as a new local affiliate club of WMTA, many of our members have come directly from MAPTA. But not everyone....so I'd like to issue a warm welcome to all new members to our group. I remember when I was a new member it felt like an impersonal organization where I didn't know anyone, and wasn't sure how to fit it into my professional life. But that doesn't need to be the case! We are very eager to meet each and every one of you, our new members:

Erin Bauer

Jennifer Hedstrom

Andy Jarvis

Jessica Johnson

Liz Kihslinger

Kathryn (Kitty) Maas

I'd encourage you to begin by attending one of our general meetings (the next one is October 12), where you can meet our members and begin professional networking and development. By now I hope you know that MAME offers many programs for teachers (in addition to our monthly meetings, there's Performers Supporting Performers, the Fall Workshop, Continuing Education grants, and access to WMTA's annual State Conference taking place this year Oct. 19-20) as well as many opportunities for your students (Young Artist Recitals, Honors Festival, Composition Festival, and next year's very popular Piano Play Together).

Please let me know if you have any questions and about how to get involved and have MAME fit your professional needs. Welcome!

[Denise Taylor](#)

Music Composition Workshop

The first of three Music Composition workshops will be held in early October, on Saturday, October 6, from 4:00 - 5:30 pm. It will take place at Steinway Gallery ([6629 Mineral Point Road, Madison](#)).

Please RSVP to Shad Wenzlaff via email: wenzlaffsh@yahoo.com
RSVP prior to October 4 is preferred.

In your email, please share the following information:

1. Your name (teacher) and your student's name
2. Student age & approximate level (early beginner, 2 years of instruction, Faber 4, Federation P4, whichever applies/however you label student levels as a teacher)
3. Instrument
4. How much experience does this student have with composition and/or improvisation. Please note that experience is NOT a prerequisite. The only qualifying factor is that you as the instructor believes this student would enjoy, or thrive in an environment of, music composition.

If you will be bringing more than one student, please let me know that information as well. If by bringing more than one student that equates with trying to help students compose a chamber piece, or a duet, please also share this information with me so that I can prepare adequately.

Please direct any questions to me via email. I'm looking forward to seeing a community of young composers thrive this year!

[Shad Ryan Wenzlaff](#)

October Meeting

Our next General Meeting will be Friday, October 12, from 9:30-11:30 am at Heid Music ([7948 Tree Lane, Madison, WI 53717](#)). First we will have a presentation from Emily Schultz, NCTM, titled "Why WMTA District auditions are the best event your student can do." As the district auditions chair, Emily will guide us through the ins and outs of auditions held each March at UW-Madison. She will touch on the benefits to your studio, various options for participating, the nuts and bolts of preparing pieces, studying for the theory exam, and how to get parents and students on board. She will also discuss important changes to repertoire rules that even seasoned participants need to know. Please come and learn how to incorporate this into your studio....or share your experiences if you're a veteran teacher of auditions.

Following Emily's presentation there will be a short general meeting. All are invited to attend.

[David Barach](#) and [Denise Taylor](#)

Upcoming Masterclass

MAME is pleased to offer a public masterclass, led by esteemed artist Catherine Kautsky of Lawrence University, on Saturday October 13, 2018 at 6:00 pm. The masterclass will take place at Steinway Gallery ([6629 Mineral Point Rd. in Madison, WI](#)).

A number of budding artists will perform, whereupon Ms. Kautsky will offer suggestions to enhance the performance and raise the level of artistry. This is a wonderful opportunity for pianists, teachers, and general fans of classical music.

A reception will follow the masterclass. Hope to see you there!

[Jess Salek](#)

Performers Supporting Performers

Performers Supporting Performers will meet Friday, Oct. 19, 10:00 am at the home of Cheri Lewis, [1706 Wild Oak Circle, Madison](#). All MAME members are invited to join us to play in an informal, friendly setting. Listeners are welcome, too!

[Ruth Heinecke](#)

MAME Fall Workshop

The Fall workshop was always MAPTA's flagship event of the year, and we intend to continue the tradition with MAME. We're very excited to announce this year's presenter will be Dr. Jessica Johnson of the UW-Madison School of Music. She will give two presentations in the morning, followed by a masterclass in the afternoon.

The workshop will be held on Friday, November 9 at Christ Presbyterian Church ([944 E. Gorham St, Madison](#)), from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm. To register, please print off the [attached form](#) and mail it to Denise Taylor (address on the form) with a check payable to MAME by October 26. Be sure to indicate if you'd like to include lunch in your registration. You are welcome to register at the door but we won't be able to include lunch for late registrations.

CALLING ALL MASTERCLASS STUDENTS! We are currently looking for students of MAME teachers to participate in the masterclass. Dr. Johnson welcomes any age and ability level. Since one of her talks is about small hands, she mentioned it might be relevant if we could include a student with small hands. Please submit your student's name, age, piece (title and composer) to Denise Taylor at vp@madisonmusiceducators.org.

It's sure to be an invigorating day, see you there!.

[Denise Taylor](#)

Fall Adult Music Social

The Fall Adult Music Social will be held on Sunday, November 18th 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 with any questions. Cheri will be hosting the event at her home ([1706 Wild Oak Circle, Madison, WI 53713](#)).

[Cheri Lewis](#)

Madison Area Friends of Piano (MAFOP)

Monster Concert:

The 2018 Monster Concert will be held on Saturday, October 27 at [Barnes & Noble, East Towne Mall](#) from 10:00 am - 5:30 pm.

Piano students of all ages will be dressed in their Halloween costumes while playing their favorite fall pieces. This is a wonderful performing opportunity for students and a great way to show the public how much fun it is to play the piano!

Teachers may sign up their studio (in 15 minute increments) by contacting Jeanne Felix at jmfelix@netzero.net. Many times have already been reserved, so contact her now!

[Jeanne Felix](#)

Salon Piano Series Masterclass

The Salon Piano Series at Farley's House of Pianos is offering a Piano Masterclass on Saturday, November 3 at 5:00 pm at Farley's House of Pianos ([6522 Seybold Road, Madison](#)). Kenneth Broberg, the featured soloist of the Salon Piano Series on November 4 will conduct the masterclass. Kenneth Broberg is the distinguished **Silver Medal** recipient of the 2017 Van Cliburn Competition.

Website News

We are experiencing many changes in fully transitioning to MAME from MAPTA. Our new website took a little longer to update due to the directory delay. But it's finally up and running! www.madisonmusiceducators.org Please note that our old domain, www.madisonpianoteachers.org, will continue to forward to the new site. You can type in either domain and get to the same website.

MEMBER LOGIN:

Your username and password from the MAPTA site will get you into the MAME site. If you have forgotten your login, please email [Mickey Lytle](#). She will give you your login, but she does not have your password. If you have also forgotten your password, you will prompt the site to reset your password. If you need a new login, email Mickey and she will assist with that as well, although it will take a couple of days to set that up.

FIND A TEACHER:

Please check your referral listing, as well as the accompanist, adjudicator, and piano technician lists. If you have any changes or corrections to be made, please email Mickey so she can pass on those requests. All lists will be alphabetical by the end of this month, as some aren't currently. Thank you for

your patience.

CALENDAR:

If you scroll to the bottom of the home page on the website, you will find a link for the MAME google calendar as well as our Facebook page. Please reference these for information on all things MAME-related. In addition to the Directory and the monthly Nuances, this is the fastest and best way to get current information.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

If you are a general board member with a blurb in the directory about your committee area, please check your content on the website for accuracy. If you notice any changes or corrections to be made, please send that to Mickey. If you have any calendar changes that occurred after the directory was published, please make sure to get those changes to publicity@madisonmusiceducators.org so the updates can be made in all the right places.

NOTES FROM THE WEB DESIGNER:

I'm sure we'll run into some little oddities here and there. It's like playing whack-a-mole to get a site totally ironed out for every platform/device/browser. If members see an issue, can you make sure they provide some concrete details? I'd like to know:

- which page the error is happening on
- what sort of error/a description
- what sort of device (phone/tablet/laptop)
- platform (for instance, iphone 7 /windows 10 pc/razr tablet)
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Saying "the page looks odd" or "the link doesn't work" is useless. I can fix things much faster with "The links on the the XYZ page don't load a new page on my iphone6 when I use Chrome, but they do work on my Windows PC running Version X on Opera."

If you notice any issues, please email the details to Mickey and she will forward them to the web designer.

[Micky Lytle](#)

Just a Reminder....

that the board's email addresses all changed when we transitioned from MAPTA to MAME. The old *@madisonpianoteachers.org* addresses will no longer work. Please update your email address book with the new ***@madisonmusiceducators.org*** to ensure that your messages are received. For example, instead of *nuances@madisonpianoteachers.org* the appropriate address is for contacting your friendly Nuances editor now is nuances@madisonmusiceducators.org.

[Jennifer Zuhlke](#)

Board Changes

On September 28, Daniel Kuzuhara resigned as Treasurer of MAME. The Board voted to replace him with Cynthia Stephan for the remainder of the fiscal year. Thank you, Daniel for your service, and welcome back Cynthia!

[Denise Taylor](#)

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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[Mickey Lytle](#)



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Submissions:

Completed submissions of articles, events and other music-themed features are welcome. All submissions are due by the 21st of each month to be considered for publication.

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