



# Nuances

## The Newsletter of MAME

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### President's Message

Welcome to the first *Nuances* of spring! I hope you're as happy as I am to see bright skies and green(ish) grass! As MAME's inaugural year nears its close, the Board would like input from our members about the ways in which MAME will best suit your needs. Please take time to complete the [online survey](#), see below for more details.

I'm very excited to share that not only does Heid Music sponsor our meeting space, they are now able to offer use of their upstairs space for piano recitals free to MAME members! They have recently installed an ACOUSTIC piano upstairs for recitals! If you are interested please contact store manager [Patrick Coughlin](#) to schedule a recital.

Continue reading for more announcements on upcoming events. Happy Spring!



[Denise Taylor](#)  
MAME President

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## MAME Survey

The board has worked together to present survey questions for our membership. We hope you will take 5-10 minutes out of your day to [provide feedback](#) as we prepare for the 2019-20 year. The survey is open April 1-10.

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## Upcoming MAME Masterclass:

MAME is pleased to offer a public masterclass, led by esteemed artist Jess Johnson of UW-Madison, on Saturday April 6, at 7:00 pm. (PLEASE NOTE the time change!) The masterclass will take place at Steinway Piano Gallery ([6629 Mineral Point Rd, Madison 53719](#)).

A number of budding artists will perform, whereupon Professor Johnson will offer strategies to improve 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](#)

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## Spring Adult Music Social

The Spring Adult Music Social will be held on Sunday, April 7 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. Contact Cheri Lewis at (608) 222-5125 with any questions.

Cathy Crams (student of Ruth Heinecke) will be hosting the event at her home ([11674 Midtown Road, Verona 53593](#)).

[Cheri Lewis](#)

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## Upcoming MAME Program

**April MAME Program:** Beyond the Piano Studio: Re-thinking the History of Sonatinas

Date: Friday, April 12, 9:30-11:30 am

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

Presenter: Denise Pilmer Taylor, Ph.D

Description: As teachers we have many sonatinas in our pedagogical arsenal, and hardly a young piano student doesn't love playing them. But what are the musical and societal circumstances that brought about this genre? In this talk, MAME's very own musicologist Denise Taylor will talk about the rise of the sonatina, introduce routine and exceptional examples, and discuss several composers in detail. The event is free and open to the public.

**Call for 2019-2020 MAME Programs/Masterclass Ideas:** Following the program on April 12, members are invited to share their ideas for programs and masterclasses in 2019-2020. If you can't make it, please email your ideas to [David Barach](#) and [Ann Cue](#). Programs are generally one hour long lectures or workshops. For masterclasses, please send ideas of different people you would like to see work with different age and playing level demographics (somebody great with young beginners, somebody great for advanced level teenagers and adults, etc).

[David Barach](#)

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## Performers Supporting Performers

The final Performers Supporting Performers for this school year will be held on Friday, April 26, at 10 am at the home of Cheri Lewis ([1706 Wild Oak Circle, Madison 53713](#)). This meeting had originally been scheduled for April 19, which is Good Friday. PLEASE NOTE the date change! Any members interested in performing in an informal setting are welcome, as well as those who just wish to listen.

[Ruth Heinecke](#)

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## Music Composition Festival

Please email [Shad Wenzlaff](#) if you plan to enter a student to participate in our final Music Composition Festival activity of the year.

Date: Saturday, May 11, 4:00-5:00 pm

Where: Shad Wenzlaff Piano Studio ([615 N Sherman Ave, Suite 21. Madison, 53704](#)).

Who: Student & teacher participants will work on notation with the goal of submitting an original composition to the MTNA state festival.

[Shad Wenzlaff](#)

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## Performers Play Together Update

We are very excited to confirm our 2019 Performers PlayTogether (PPT) event!

The concert will be held on Sunday October 20, 2019 at Mitby Theater ([Madison College Truax Campus - 3550 Anderson St, Madison, WI 53704](#)). The dress rehearsal will be on Saturday October 19 at Mitby Theater.

The first general rehearsal will be held at Heid Music, a MAME Platinum Sponsor, on Sunday October 13.

Participants must attend both the first general rehearsal and the dress rehearsal in order to participate in the event. Additional rehearsals may be necessary for advanced level pieces (including the *Fur Elise* feature - more details in May!).

The dress rehearsal and concert will be conducted by Jeremy Hanson, piano and theory composition teacher at the MacPhail Center for Music in Minneapolis.

Please watch for repertoire details in the May *Nuances*. Pre-registration will begin in May, and more detail regarding rehearsals will be forthcoming. Each student participant must pay a per student registration fee. (The fee will be determined at our March board meeting and published in the May *Nuances*; it will be due postmarked no later than September 19, 2019). Pre-registration will be very important to assure that the piece of your choice is not filled.

We are very excited about the variety which the PPT repertoire will offer to all levels of performance.

Finally, if you are a piano technician, we have an opportunity for you to participate in the event as our event technician. Please email [Debbie Yee](#) to learn more about our "call for technicians".

[Debbie Yee](#) and [Lana Robotewskyj](#), PPT Committee Chairs

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## Membership News

2019 - 2020 membership renewal will be happening soon! Please note that renewal for MAME membership will be completed when you renew your membership with MTNA.

You will be soon be receiving notification from MTNA for your renewal for the upcoming year. When you receive this notification, please fill it out and make sure to fill out the line for the local dues. By filling out this form and specifically the local dues line, you will automatically renew your membership in MAME. There will be no need for any additional fees or paper work.

I will be personally emailing all patron members regarding information on the procedure for their MAME renewal.

If you do not receive notification for MTNA by the end of April, please make sure to contact me so that I can help you. If you have any questions or difficulties in renewing your membership, please make sure to contact me.

[Debbie Yee](#)

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# Madison Area Friends of Piano (MAFOP) 27th Annual Piano Playathon Update

The 27th annual Piano Playathon was a success! Thank you to the 147 students represented by 22 teachers who participated in our music sharing day at Barnes & Noble East Towne on February 9. A total of \$8,005.98 was raised for the Music Therapy Program at the American Family Children's Hospital!

Lavonne Berkvam was the teacher winner of bringing in the most money from one studio. A total of \$1,560 was raised. Congratulations to Lavonne and her students!

The student winner of the random drawing, from all students who raised a minimum of \$125, was Josiah Eenigenburg, student of Karen Mitten. Josiah won an overnight stay at the Great Wolf Lodge. Congratulations to Josiah!

The student winner for raising the most money, also winning an overnight stay at the Great Wolf Lodge, is Gabriel Weldeslassie. A student of Alena Harrison, Gabriel alone raised \$350. Congratulations to Gabriel!

Thank you to all of the teachers in providing a fun way to let your students share their musical talents for a very worthy cause. American Family Children's Hospital is a special place where amazing things are done for its young patients. To see some examples of the medical miracles that happen every day please visit <http://www.uwhealthkids.org/amazingkids>.

**Save the date of October 26, 2019** for the next Monster Concert. This will be a great opportunity for your students to play their Performers PlayTogether duets in costume! More information will be provided in August.

[Jeanne Felix](#), MAFOP Representative

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## Membership Update

Please update your directory with the following changes:

NEW MEMBERS:

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[Debbie Yee](#)

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## Board Meeting Minutes

Are you curious about what happens at our board and/or general meetings? Please click [here](#) and [here](#) to check out our most recent general meeting and board meeting minutes.

[Ben Garber](#)

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## Additional MAME Resources

Make sure to like and follow us on our [Facebook page](#), and check out our [website](#) and [Google calendar](#):

[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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