



Nuances

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President's Message

Just over a week ago, I was delighted to connect with music teachers around the state at the WMTA fall conference in Eau Claire. We were treated to informative presentations, performances and a masterclass. I loved the energy and talking with other professionals around the state. I recommend all teachers attend a conference to refresh and reset, for both experienced teachers as well as those new to the profession. To help offset the cost of attending conferences, MAME offers a few [Continuing Education grants](#) each year.

Needless to say, you don't actually have to travel anywhere to receive MAME's excellent programming! We remain committed to bringing you an array of quality teacher-oriented events right here in Madison. To that end, we have two upcoming MAME-sponsored masterclasses: on November 9 and February 15 (see below for more information on the one on November 9). Each masterclass will be preceded by a [general meeting](#), beginning at 3:20 pm. (This early time is to accommodate Heid's hours and not intrude on evening plans.) I hope to see you there!

[Denise Taylor](#)

MAME President



Upcoming MAME Masterclass for Beginning and Intermediate Students

Date: Saturday, November 9

Time: General meeting starts at 3:20 pm; Masterclass starts at 4:00 pm

Location: [Heid Music](#)

Presenter: Kayme Henkel, DMA Piano Performance and Pedagogy

Description: This masterclass will include beginning and intermediate piano students of all ages. Dr. Henkel has expressed interest not only in students with a finished work, but also students who are midway through their process with a work. Memorization is not a requirement. Pieces can be very short—for example, 16 bars—or they can be longer.

A short general meeting will precede the masterclass, beginning at 3:20 pm. Here's the [agenda](#).

[David Barach](#)

Performers Supporting Performers

Performers Supporting Performers (PSP) will meet on Friday, November 15, at 10 am at Cheri Lewis' home ([1706 Wild Oak Circle, Madison](#)). Any MAME members interested in playing in an informal setting are encouraged to attend. Listeners are welcome, too!

[Ruth Heinecke](#)

Upcoming Fall Adult Music Social

The Fall Adult Music Social will be held on Sunday, November 17 at 2:00 pm. Please encourage all your adult students to participate in this opportunity. The event is fairly informal and will help musicians at all levels to become more comfortable sharing their pieces with others. Selections 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 or at studiolewis@charter.net with any questions. Cheri Lewis will be hosting the event at her home ([1706 Wild Oak Circle, Madison, WI 53713](#)).

[Cheri Lewis](#)

Upcoming Young Artist Recital

The next Young Artist Recital (YAR) will be Saturday, November 30 at [Heid Music](#). Teachers must register their students by no later than November 17, by filling in the attached [form](#). Please include a check for \$5.00 per student made out to MAME and mail to Pamela at the following address:

Pamela McMullen
5002 Sheboygan Ave. #226
Madison, WI 53705

[Pamela McMullen](#)

MAME Honors Festival

The Honors Festival is coming soon. Let's encourage our young musicians! Please note that the auditions and the recital are on the same weekend this year: Saturday, February 1 (at Madison Christian Community, located at [7118 Old Sauk Rd, Madison](#)) and Sunday, February 2 (at [UW-Madison Morphy Hall](#)).

Please fill out the attached [student](#) and [teacher](#) forms and send them in no later than January 10, 2020. If you have questions, please contact Shad Wenzlaff - wenzlaffsh@yahoo.com (608) 663-9899 or Jane Peckham - janempeckham@gmail.com (608) 332-2466.

[Shad Wenzlaff](#) and [Jane Peckham](#)

Sonatina Festival Events

There are two events that are free and open to the public at this year's Sonatina Festival on Saturday, November 9. Dr. Nick Phillips (UW-Eau Claire) will present a solo piano recital featuring Griffes' *Roman Sketches* and *Sonata* by Florence Price at 11:15 am. The awards recital will take place at 7:00 pm, featuring the first place winners of each category. Both events take place at Madison Christian Community, ([7118 Old Sauk Rd, Madison](#)). More information is available at www.sonatinafestival.org. Please invite your students! Special thanks to all the MAME members who entered students in this year's festival.

[Mickey Lytle](#), NCTM, festival founder and coordinator

Madison Area Friends of Piano (MAFOP) Piano Play-A-Thon

The 28th annual **Piano Play-A-Thon** will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at [Barnes & Noble West Towne](#). There will be a piano on both levels of the bookstore with students playing throughout the day. This event is a wonderful way for students to share their talents while helping those in need. This fundraiser benefits the Music Therapy Program at American Family Children's Hospital. The 27th annual Playathon raised almost \$10,000!

If your studio has participated in the **Piano Play-A-Thon** in the past, you will receive registration information in late November. If you have not participated in the past but would like to learn how you and your students can participate in this worthy event, contact Lori Schultz at lschultz2@uwhealth.org.

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>.

[Jeanne Felix](#)

Pedals, Pipes and Pizza - An experience with the Pipe Organ

The Association of Church Musicians will once again sponsor a hands on pipe organ experience for youth from Madison and area communities on Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 8:45 am to 1:00 pm. This experience will be for both interested intermediate to advanced level piano students and for young people who are already studying organ. The hosting churches are on the eastside of Madison – [St. Luke's Episcopal](#) and [Lake Edge Lutheran](#). All will begin together at Lake Edge, the beginning students then working at St. Luke's and the experienced students participating in a master class with a professional organist. Later in the morning the students will perform a mini recital followed by pizza lunch and a recital by our guest organist. Piano teachers are kindly asked to make this opportunity known to their students. Questions should be directed to coordinator Ken Stancer (music@standrews-madison.org).

[Ken Stancer](#)

Performers Play Together

On Sunday October 20 the 2019 MAME Performers Play Together was held at Mitby theater. It was a smashing success. All 100+ students played beautifully and had fun. All 12 teachers prepared their students extremely well and were tremendous help over two weekends of rehearsals and recital. The venue was beautiful and many audience and families commented how they thoroughly loved Mitby theater. Jeremy Hanson was an amazing conductor. All the students and teachers were so impressed how he was able to professionally achieve nice nuances in the pieces in a very fun and complimentary way. He was able to work very well with the students of all ages and abilities. It was an event that was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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

MTNA Anniversaries

Each year WMTA recognizes membership milestones in their fall conference booklet and announces their names at the banquet. Congratulations to **Alena Harrison Eales** on her 10th anniversary of membership in MTNA. And further congratulations to **Lana Robotewskyj**, who is celebrating her 25th year of membership in MTNA. Impressive!

[Denise Taylor](#)

Welcome, New Members!

Welcome to the new members who have joined this past month:

Satoko Hayami - student
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Sarah Elizabeth Prescott
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We look forward to seeing these new members at the many events which MAME offers this year.

There are now 6 student members and 1 more active member for a total of 66 members.

[Debbie Yee](#) - membership chair

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 board and general meeting minutes.

[Ben Garber](#)

Additional MAME Resources

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[Mickey Lytle](#)



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Submissions:

Complete 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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