



# Nuances

## The Newsletter of MAME

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### President's Message

Have you ever wondered what your students will be doing in 5, 10, or 20 years? What impact will your weekly lessons have on them as adults? While it's a relatively rare student who will keep in touch with their teachers in adulthood, I like to think that we are making a tremendous impact on their lives. As piano teachers, we teach more than scales and Sonatinas; we introduce time management, discipline, concentration, and joy in achievement among many other life skills. And the one-on-one interaction we have with students can be some of the most valuable interactions they have with teachers during their education.

As we ring in the new year, I encourage you to remember the potential your teaching has to enrich lives for years and years to come. Happy 2020!



[Denise Taylor](#)  
MAME President

# 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](mailto:wenzlaffsh@yahoo.com) (608) 663-9899 or Jane Peckham - [janempeckham@gmail.com](mailto:janempeckham@gmail.com) (608) 332-2466.

Please click [HERE](#) to view the adjudicator form.

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

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## Performers Supporting Performers

Performers Supporting Performers (PSP) will meet Friday, January 17, at 10:00 am at Deborah Ferris' home - [6771 Prairie View Drive, Sun Prairie](#). Listeners and players are welcome! Any MAME members interested in performing for the March general meeting should especially plan to attend.

[Ruth Heinecke](#)

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## Board Meeting

Our next board meeting will be held on Friday, January 24, from 10:00-11:30 am at [Heid Music](#). Mark your calendars.

[Ben Garber](#)

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## Upcoming MAME Program: Masterclass for Advanced Piano Students

**Date:** Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 4:00 pm

**Presenter:** Kangwoo Jin, DMA Candidate in Piano Performance and Pedagogy

**Location:** [Heid Music](#)

This masterclass is targeted for advanced piano students of all ages including young students and adults. Starting in January, email [programs@madisonmusiceducators.org](mailto:programs@madisonmusiceducators.org) (attn David Barach) your student's age and repertoire to apply for them to be in the class (you don't have to get the exact age from your adult students).

A general meeting will precede the masterclass at 3:20 pm.

[David Barach](#) and [Ann Cue](#)

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## WMTA District Auditions

Registration is now open for WMTA Madison District Auditions, taking place Sunday, March 8, 2020. Registration will be open **until Monday, February 10, 2020**. If you're unclear on how to register, go to the [District Auditions page](#) on the MAME website, and read the General Info Letter and the Ovation User's Guide to help you. I'm also here to answer questions, at [districtauds@madisonmusiceducators.org](mailto:districtauds@madisonmusiceducators.org).

Also, we still need volunteers! Thanks to the teachers and volunteers who have already signed up! It's a great day to help out and hear wonderful young musicians, as well as socialize with other teachers and volunteers at the downstairs potluck. Go to [the sign-up list](#) to snag the perfect shift for yourself. Several are already taken, so go now!

[Emily Schultz](#), NCTM  
Madison District Chair

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## Upcoming Young Artist Recital

The next Young Artist Recital (YAR) will be Saturday, February 29 at [Heid](#)

[Music](#). Teachers must register their students by no later than February 16, 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](#)

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## Piano Play-A-Thon 2020 Madison Area Friends of Piano (MAFOP)

Please join us again on **Saturday, February 8, 2020** for the Piano Playathon. There are still open spots in the schedule to reserve for your studio. Contact Lori Schultz at [lschultz2@uwhealth.org](mailto: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.

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!**

The 2020 Piano Playathon will be raising funds for the **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 2020 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 8!

[Jeanne Felix](#), MAFOP Representative

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## **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](mailto:music@standrews-madison.org)).

[Ken Stancer](#)

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## **Proposal to Amend MAME's Bylaws**

At our October meeting the MAME board approved three changes to our bylaws. These changes need to be approved by the membership at the next meeting, which is not as complicated as it sounds! Bylaws explain our operational structure, and they are available to read on our [website](#).

The three changes we want to make are, in short:

1. Change terms for the executive board to three years, eliminating term limits.
2. Require an annual audit for the Treasurer.
3. Change "Professional Goals" committee to "Steering Committee".

We will vote on these changes at the February meeting (February 15, 2020,

3:20 pm, at [Heid Music](#), immediately preceding the masterclass), so please be sure to attend. You can also send your vote via email to [mame@madisonmusiceducators.org](mailto:mame@madisonmusiceducators.org) (please write "Bylaw Vote" in the subject header). The precise wording of the changes can be found [here](#).

[Denise Taylor](#)

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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 board and general 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:**

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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