



Nuances

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President's Message

Winter is a busy time for music students, not to mention their teachers. It sure seems like many auditions and events take place during the winter. Must be because all this Wisconsin snow allows for inspired practice time! MAME has its own events to offer in the coming weeks, as well as district auditions. I want to especially encourage you to make time to come to the February 15 meeting where, among catching up with your fellow MAME members, we will be voting on the change to the bylaws. Read below for details. See you soon!



[Denise Taylor](#)

MAME President

Honors Festival Auditions and Recital

With 12 teachers entering a total of 43 students, we look forward to the Honors Festival Auditions on Saturday, February 1. We trust that our newly appointed judge, Karen Hill, will enjoy her day with our students (even if she has a tough time choosing winners from our hardworking soloists).

All are cordially invited to the Festival Recitals the very next day, February 2, at 2:00 and 3:30 pm in [Morphy Hall, UW Humanities Building](#). Warm-ups for the 2:00 pm Junior Artists begin about 1:00 pm and for the 3:30 Senior Artists about 2:50 pm. See you there!

[Shad Wenzlaff](#) and [Jane Peckham](#), Co-Chairs

WMTA District Auditions

The WMTA District Auditions registration deadline (online and postmark) is Monday, February 10. Get your registrations completed ASAP! The District Auditions will be held Sunday, March 8, 2020, in the [UW Mead Witter School of Music](#). All types of students, from beginning to advanced, young to old, are encouraged to participate! For more information on getting started, go to the [general information letter](#) on the District Auditions page of the MAME website. I'm also here to answer questions at districtauds@madisonmusiceducators.org.

Also, we still need volunteers! 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. Even if you don't enter students, all teachers in MAME are encouraged to volunteer! Without extra volunteers, District Auditions could not possibly happen. Sign up for a work shift online [here](#) – there are still spots that need to be filled, so don't wait in getting the spot you really want! Thanks to the teachers and volunteers who have already signed up!

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

Masterclass for Advanced Piano Students

Place: [Heid Music, Madison](#)

Time: Saturday, February 15. Masterclass starts at 4:00 pm, with General Meeting beforehand at 3:20 pm. Event ends at 5:30 pm.

This masterclass is targeted at advanced piano students of all ages, including young students and adults. The practitioner is Kangwoo Jin. A general meeting (click [here](#) for the agenda) will precede the event. We still have openings. If you are interested in submitting your students, please send student name, repertoire, and age (doesn't have to be specific if adult) to david.barach@gmail.com.

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

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](#)

Performers Supporting Performers

Performers Supporting Performers (PSP) will meet Friday, February 21, 10:00 am at the home of Linda Johnson ([1917 Vondron Road, Madison](#)). Anyone interested in performing in the March 13 PSP Recital should plan to attend. Listeners are welcome, too. Any MAME members interested in performing who have not yet contacted Ruth, please do so with the link below.

[Ruth Heinecke](#)

Spring Adult Music Social

The Spring Adult Music Social will be held on **Sunday, April 19 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. Details about the location will be announced in March.

[Cheri Lewis](#), Adult Music Social Chairperson

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 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

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](#)

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 (please write “Bylaw Vote” in the subject header). The precise wording of the changes can be found [here](#).

[Denise Taylor](#)

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

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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