



# Nuances

## The Newsletter of MAME

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### President's Message

I hardly know where to begin this message. Less than a week after our district auditions, we received word that COVID-19 had become a global pandemic, Wisconsin schools shut down for the foreseeable future, and we are now to practice social distancing by remaining six feet apart from anyone not a family member. Our world as piano teachers [turned upside down virtually overnight](#). As President of MAME I'd like to do what I can to help console you (yes, this sucks!) and guide you as you make the switch to online lessons. This is a totally new skill to me, and to make matters worse, I have often felt like a luddite with technological advances. But I just knew that I wouldn't be alone in this transition, and fortunately I have found rich sources of advice and support from various places: [WMTA \(see our email dated March 16\)](#), [Piano Magazine/Clavier Companion](#), [Noa Kageyama](#), Facebook, and last but certainly not least, our fellow MAME members, many of whom have successfully switched to online teaching. As I navigated this uncharted territory I found my most vocal supporters to be parents of students -- many offered assistance in setting things up and almost all of them expressed relief and appreciation for the change. So don't be nervous – you have more help than you think out there!

MAME members: we need your help – for those of you who have changed to online teaching, will you please share what you've learned? You can email your comments to [mame@madisonmusiceducators.org](mailto:mame@madisonmusiceducators.org) or send a comment from [our website](#). When I've gathered enough helpful tips, we can send another

communication with you. Do you have questions? Feel free to send me an email and I'll do my best to refer you to someone who can help.

Good luck, and please stay healthy!



[Denise Taylor](#)  
MAME President

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## Performers Supporting Performers (PSP)

For the sake of our members' safety, the April PSP meeting is cancelled. We optimistically look forward to resuming our meetings next September.

[Ruth Heinecke](#)

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## Upcoming Young Artist Recital

In light of COVID-19 safety protocols MAME has canceled the upcoming Young Artist Recital.

[Pamela McMullen](#)

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## Adult Music Social

The Spring Adult Music Social scheduled for April 19 is postponed indefinitely. If we can't meet in May, the next Adult Social will be held in mid-November.

[Cheri Lewis](#)

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## Composer Festival

The Composer Festival scheduled for October with Melody Bober has been cancelled. We will have the Festival in 2021. Stay tuned for future updates.

Meanwhile, please send me your ideas for Melody Bober's presentation and the young composers' competition ages 5 through adult. Thank you for all your contributions to making next year's Composer Festival a success.

[Liz Agard](#)

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## WMTA District Auditions

WMTA District Auditions were on Sunday, March 8, 2020. 99 students of all ages and levels from 17 teachers participated in solos and duets. 57 awards were earned and distributed. Unfortunately, the rest of District Auditions and Badger Competitions were cancelled for the remainder of the season. With only 4 out of 14 districts having held their Auditions, these students were fortunate that they were able to play what they worked so hard for. I'd like to thank the students for playing their hearts out, and for all the teachers and volunteers who put in effort to make the day successful. Fantastic job, everyone! See you next year!

[Emily Schultz](#), NCTM

Madison District Chair, WMTA District Auditions

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## MTNA RENEWAL

Everyone should be receiving through email and/or snail mail a reminder from MTNA to renew for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Please make sure to be on the look out for these reminders so that you can renew as soon as possible.

Please review the information which MTNA has on file for you and make any changes which are necessary.

If you wish to be a patron member, please send a check made out to MAME for

\$35 and send it to P.O. Box 44152 Madison Wi. 53744

[Debbie Yee](#) - membership chair

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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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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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