



Milwaukee Area Piano Teachers Association, Inc.

February 2026 Special Newsletter

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Young Artist Competition Update

As usual, the competition was scheduled at Mount Mary University last August. Unlike past years, when the contract for the year would be received in September, this year contracts were sent only one month before each event. I received the contract for March 15th a few weeks ago and our rent had been increased by \$400. Since the piano had 2 broken keys in December when I had a studio recital, we decided to cancel our contract. We have moved the Young Artist Competition to Christine Weege's home on March 15th and we will have no Junior Honors or Senior Honors Recitals or membership meeting. Qualifying Honor Audition students will receive their trophies, and the Young Artist Competition winners will receive their checks.

At the next board meeting, we will organize a committee to work on finding a new venue for our events next year. If you would like to be on this committee, please contact me.

Janet Acker, MAPTA President

Sunday, March 15, 2026 ~

- Young Artists' Competition in Germantown, 9:00 start time.
- NO RECITALS THIS YEAR

Sunday, April 26^{at} at 2:00 pm we will have a membership meeting to discuss plans for the next school year, including the Outstanding Competition, the Music Quiz Bowl, Honors & Trophy Auditions and the Young Artist Competition dates and fees.

Sunday, May 31, 2026, ~ All dues must be received by this date to avoid the late fee.

June ~ Summer Board Meeting This date will be set at the April meeting.

Tuesday, June 30, 2026, ~ Deadline for online Summer Music Festival

Updated MAPTA Young Artists Awards

Levels 12-14

Sr. Annarose Griffin Memorial Award 1st Place - \$300
2nd Place - \$250 3rd Place - \$200

Levels 9-11

Clara Saler Memorial Award 1st Place - \$175
2nd Place - \$150 3rd Place - \$125

Levels 7-8

1st Place - \$100 2nd Place - \$75
3rd Place - \$50

Levels 5 -6 have been added to the next Competition
Awards will be decided at the next Board Meeting

MAPTA welcomes new member Sandra Anderson! She attended Alverno College and is a friend of Susan Torres and Betsy Hegwood. She lives in West Allis and teaches at the Waukesha White House of Music. We look forward to her students participating in MAPTA events!

January 10, 2026 Inaugural MAPTA Music Quiz Bowl

Mount Mary University, Classroom 250 was the perfect setting for the first Music Quiz Bowl. We had internet connection for using Powerpoint projections, tables for the teams and comfortable chairs for the audience.

Dr. Juanita Becker, our guest Quiz Master, was fun and informative. Thank you to Christine Weege, scorekeeper, and Betsy Hegwood, who managed the buzzer system and called out which team buzzed in first for each question. We had two teams compete in each of the 3 events.

We hope that we will have 3 teams competing in each level next year at at least 2 teams in Level 4. We will have expanded study materials for next year.

Level 3 Competition: 1st Place ~ Happy as a Hemiola, from the Weege Studio, Germantown

2nd Place ~ Fortissimo & the 2 Sforzandos, from the Acker Studio, Wauwatosa

Level 2 Competition: 1st Place ~ Major Problem, from the Garin Studio, Kenosha

2nd Place ~ Sharp Kids, from the Acker Studio, Wauwatosa & Torres Studio, Waukesha

Level 1 Competition: 1st Place ~ The Staccatos, from the Acker Studio, Wauwatosa

2nd Place ~ Trio of Trouble, from the Hegwood Studio, Brookfield

The 3 first place teams, left to right: Happy as a Hemiola, Major Problem and The Staccatos. Trophies were awarded to both 1st place and 2nd place teams.

