



Milwaukee Area Piano Teachers Association, Inc. 2026 Fall Newsletter

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Saturday, September 26, 2026 – Let's Play Music Games ~ presented by Sally Ritchie from "Keys to Imagination."

Wauwatosa Public Library, Firefly Room

7635 W North Avenue, Wauwatosa

9:30 Registration

9:45 Sally's overview of all the games and then we get to play all the games.

Games will be available for purchase.

[Attending this workshop will count for attending a fall meeting.](#) All members who enter students in the March Festival, must attend one meeting in the year previous to entering the event in January. This workshop or the January meeting would satisfy that requirement.

Please RSVP for lunch after the event to Janet Acker at ackerpiano@gmail.com

Friday, October 30, 2026 - Morning Coffee and Conversation for MAPTA Members ~ No meeting, just a fun get-together!

Place and time TBA

Please RSVP: 402-658-0698

Bring your entry forms and check for the Outstanding Competition.

Saturday, October 31, 2026 – Due date for all entries and fees for the Outstanding Competition for Solo, Duet, Trio and Pop & Jazz.

Please send your forms and fees to Janet Acker, her address is on the form.

Saturday, October 31, 2026 –

Final day to request alternate repertoire for Young Artist Competition and the March Spring Festival.

Janet Acker chairing YA and Christine Weege Chairing Spring Festival.

Saturday, December 5, 2026

Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church ~ from 1-6 pm.

2366 N 80th St, Wauwatosa 53213

Outstanding Solo, Duet & Trio Competition and Pop & Jazz Solo.

- Time of the winners' recital will be announced by November 21st. Please remember that at the end of each competition group, the finalists will be announced but not the actual ranking of winners. All finalists must perform on the recital to receive their trophy. Students may enter multiple categories.
- Solos, age 5-18, compete with students their own age as of 9/1/2026.
- Duets, Trios and the Pop & Jazz Category compete within a 3-year span.

Outstanding Solo, Duet & Trio Competition and Pop & Jazz Solo, cont'd.

- There will never be more than 8 entrants in a competition group.
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place trophies are awarded in each competition group
- There is no required repertoire and students perform only one piece.
- Solos must be memorized; duets and Trios do not.
- Parents (not teachers) may be part of duets and/or trios. These mixed age groups compete separately.

Saturday, December 5, 2026 - Due date for Music Quiz Bowl Entries.

Saturday, January 9, 2027 ~ Music Quiz Bowl, starting at 9 am

Mount Mary University, Notre Dame Hall, Classroom 150

- This event is open to non-members. Invite your friends.
- We will have all the details and summaries of questions for each of the 4 levels available for teachers who wish to participate. The questions will cover music theory and some music history. Students will compete as teams of 3, buzz in with answers and have bonus questions. Families are welcome to watch all the competition, and cheering will be encouraged! Trophies will be awarded to winning team members.

Questions? Contact Janet Acker: ackerpiano@gmail.com, 402-658-0698

Sunday, January 24, 2027 ~ January Membership Meeting

with the Annual potluck of hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

At the home of Christine Weege,

W160 N10795 Hidden Glen Lane, Germantown, 53022

- **Membership meeting at 2:00 pm**
- **Entry forms for March Festival are due on Jan.24th** to Christine Weege. Please note this is NOT a postmark date.

Friday, March 5th and Sunday, March 7, 2027 ~

MAPTA Festival of Solos and Duets

in Germantown & Wauwatosa.

- Rating sheets will be available after judging is complete in Germantown.
- Information can be found on the MAPTA website.
- Solo and Duet Repertoire is password protected. Password changes each year. This year it is – all caps.
- Students from this Festival may qualify to perform in the Honors Recitals.

Sunday, March 14, 2026 ~ Lions Performance Hall,

1786 WI-175, Richfield, WI

- **Young Artists' Competition** These auditions traditionally start at 8:30 or 9:00 am.
- **Junior Honors and Senior Honors Recitals** in the afternoon. Finalists of the Young Artists Competition must perform on one of the Honor Recital to receive their scholarship award, listed on last page.
- Seniors who have applied for the MAPTA Senior \$100 Scholarship must perform on the Honors Recital to receive their award, and trophy if earned this year.

April Membership Meeting – Date & time to be announced.

MAPTA is happy to welcome three **new members** this month. We hope they will join us at a future student event or at a membership meeting!

Barbara Gould lives in Grafton. She earned her B.S. her M.S. from U.W. Madison. She has been a member of WFMC and NPMC. Welcome!

Molly Scherr also lives in Grafton where she has her piano studio. Welcome!

Kari Johnson lives in Wauwatosa. She earned her B.M. at St. Olaf College and her M.M. in Piano Performance and Piano Pedagogy at U.W. Madison. Welcome!

If you have adult students who want to perform in the Federation Junior Festivals, they need to be members of Wisconsin Federation of Music Clubs. It is much cheaper for adult students to join a Federation Senior Club than paying the \$70 dues as an Individual Senior Member. The MAPTA Board recently approved accepting those adult student members. The students of MAPTA members can now join MAPTA for \$13. Adult students of non-MAPTA members can join for \$15. Please contact Janet or Christine if you need the **Adult Student Membership Application Form** which has the reduced \$13 price. The \$15 Application Form is on our website. You will still enter your regular Junior Festival site as you have in the past. MAPTA does not host a Junior Festival.

Updated MAPTA Young Artists Awards

Please note the newly increased amounts below:

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 – *New competition Level!*

1st Place - \$40

2nd Place - \$35

3rd Place - \$30

\$100 Senior Scholarship for seniors who perform in the Honors Auditions or the Young Artist Competition in their Senior year of high school and who have already earned their third MAPTA trophy. They must perform on the Senior Honors Recital, and the award will be presented at the end of the recital.