



MILWAUKEE AREA PIANO TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

April 2023 Newsletter

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We will be meeting in person on Sunday, April 23rd at the home of Christine Weege:
W160 N10795 Hidden Glen Lane
Germantown, WI 53022

12:50 p.m. **Board Meeting**

1:45 p.m. **Break**

2:00 p.m. **Program:** Dr. Justin Krueger: *"Exploring Beyond the Method Books:
Navigating the Less Charted Waters of Piano Repertoire."*

Membership Meeting with installation of new officers after the Program.



Justin Krueger NCTM teaches in the piano area at St. Norbert College. He is a nationally certified teacher of music and an active member of the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA), Wisconsin Music Teachers Association (WMTA) and Fox Valley Music Teachers Association (FVMTA). He serves as director of liturgy and worship at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Neenah, Wis. He is also the director for the Green Bay Diocesan Chorale and maintains an independent piano studio.

He earned his B.A. at St. Norbert College, his M.M. at Wichita State University, and his D.M.A. at West Virginia University.

Krueger is active as a performer, adjudicator, and a collaborative pianist, who serves currently as the FVMTA president and as the Vice President of Membership for WMTA. He has presented at various local, state, and national conferences and workshops, including the 2019 WMTA Conference in Eau Claire, Wis., the 2019 MTNA Conference in Spokane, Wash., and the 2016 National Conference on Group Piano and Piano Pedagogy at Oberlin College. His article "Smartphones, Tablets, and Chocolate Cake," was published in AMT Magazine in 2019. His musical instructors have included Peter Amstutz, Andrew Trechak, Sylvia Coats and Elaine Moss.

2023 Young Artist Award Winners

Levels 12-14

Sr. Annarose Griffin Memorial Award

1st PLACE: Angela Zheng \$200

from the studio of Richard Saler

2nd PLACE: Helina Menzel \$150

from the studio of Sam Ecoff

Levels 9-11

Clara Saler Memorial Award

1st PLACE: Jenny Mei \$100

from the studio of Richard Saler

2nd PLACE: Aniket Singh \$90

from the studio of Sam Ecoff

Levels 7-8

1st PLACE: Derek Liu \$75

from the studio of Sam Ecoff

2nd PLACE: Adelle Wang \$60

from the studio of Richard Saler

Congratulations to these fine students and their teachers!

The Young Artists Competition, Honors and Trophy Auditions were held at Hulbert Piano Store. We thank Audition Coordinators, Christine Weege and Cathy Anwar, who were there all day. As we did last year, all performers wore masks and no parents were allowed into the store. The following MAPTA Members served one or more shifts at Hulbert Piano Store: Janet Acker, Karen Bertucci, Sam Ecoff, Mary Radspinner and Rick Saler.

There were 18 solos and one duet on the Junior Honors Recital and 12 on the Senior Honors Recital at Mount Mary University. Five of the six award winners performed. We had a good size audience at both recitals. Trophies were presented at the conclusion of both recitals.

The ballot is attached for this year's election. You may print out the ballot, fill in your vote and mail it via USPS to Karen Bertucci or you may email a PDF of your completed ballot to Karen Bertucci.

It is time to promote the Summer Music Festival in your studio. The poster is attached. If you prefer a poster without the fees listed (some teachers add an extra fee to contest fees), please email me and I will send you a poster that you can use in your studio!

Please feel free to invite your friends to join MAPTA so that they can have their students in the Summer Music Festival. The students loved last year's medals.

I want to thank Paulette Garin for the fun photo of last year's medals. I am using it with her permission.