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Newsletter

Milwaukee Music Teachers Association Inc.



September 2018

Message to Membership

Dear Members:

Welcome to the beginning of our annual year! I hope all of you had wonderful experiences this summer. It is hard to believe that already returning to our fall routines and schedules.

Consider this: MMTA was established in 1938. Think of all that has occurred historically in the world since then. Nevertheless, our organization has continued to thrive through numerous wars, technological innovations, demographic changes and so much more! It can be said that this organization has "stood the test of time."

Today, we find ourselves in a new era, the 21st century, and all that it holds for our profession, the country and even the world. We will be challenged to build upon the solid foundation built by our predecessors while embracing both new opportunities and challenges that affect our profession.

The purposes of MMTA are:

- **To elevate the teaching standards in our profession;**
- **To encourage and assist in the professional growth of teachers of music;**
- **To promote interest in music in our community;**
- **To present outstanding musicians in concerts and lectures;**
- **To sponsor MMTA Youth concerts and;**
- **To encourage scholarship grants through MMTA activities;**

I feel both humbled and honored to serve with a long list of Presidents, both men and women, who have led this organization. Together with our 16 member Board of Directors, we desire to continue making this an organization that serves its membership in the highest manner possible.

We also encourage all members to take an active role in this organization through whichever way you deem possible. Your presence and participation are what make this organization thrive. May the 2018-2019 year be the best ever for all of us individually and collectively!

Alison Guthrie
President – Milwaukee Music Teachers Association, Inc.

Website: <https://www.milwaukeeusicteachersassociation.org/>

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*Did you know?
September is National
Classical Music and Piano
Month!*



Upcoming MMTA Events

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Workshops – October 2018 and March 2019



On Monday, October 15, 2018, Jessica Johnson (professor of piano and pedagogy at UW-Madison) will present a workshop entitled, "**Awakening Rhythmic Intuition and Flow in the Developing Musician.**" The event time is 9:30AM-11:00AM at the Steinway Piano Gallery, Wauwatosa. This event is free to MMTA members and \$5 for non-members. **RSVP to Joan McCallum at (414)429-3018 or jmpiano@mac.com.**

On Monday, March 4, 2019, Dr. Kayme Henkel (Instructor of piano at the WI Conservatory of Music) will present a workshop entitled, "**Putting it All Together: Using Music Theory to Create Inspired Performances.**" The event time is 9:30AM-11:00AM at the Steinway Piano Gallery, Wauwatosa. This event is free to MMTA members and \$5 for non-members.

Annual Piano Olympics



This year's event will be held **Sunday, November 11, 2018** at Wisconsin Lutheran College, Center for Arts and Performance from 1:00PM – 5:00PM. Please note: The deadline for registration forms, rating sheets and registration payment is October 28th. For more information, please visit our website at <https://www.milwaukeekeemusicteachersassociation.org/forms>. Tami asks that you inform her of 2 things. 1) Will you be participating and 2) how many students will you be entering? Please contact Tami Samorajski at (262)782-1395 or TSamorajski@aol.com with this information in September or with any additional questions.

Artist and Debut Auditions 2018 - Sunday, January 27, 2019

The Artist and Debut auditions showcase MMTA teachers' most accomplished students in full or half-recitals with awards ranging between \$500 - \$950. The auditions are open to applicants who range in age from 14 to 30. Auditions take place in January at the Steinway Piano Gallery with winning recitals performed in the spring. Information and applications may be found at <https://www.milwaukeekeemusicteachersassociation.org/artist-and-debut-series>. Please contact Jenny Gettel (Artist and Debut Manager) at: jennygettel@gmail.com

Youth Concert Series 2018-2019(held at The Steinway Gallery)

The purpose of the Youth Concert Series is to further the musical talents of Active MMTA member' students by presenting them in public concerts, and to showcase the most accomplished young musicians. The following recitals will showcase students who were a opportunity to perform.

HONORS RECITAL:

Sunday, November 4, 2018 – (1:30PM and 3:00PM)

YOUTH CONCERTS:

January 27, 2019 (1:30PM)

March 3, 2019 (1:30PM and 3:00PM)

YOUTH CONCERT AUDITIONS(Piano, Strings and Voice welcome to enter)

Interested in having your student(s) participate? For information, contact Vickie Wagner at wagnermusicstudios@att.net or 414-871-1394 with any questions. Application form listed on the next page.



Auditions Date: Sunday, April 7, 2019
Location: The Steinway Piano Gallery

**MILWAUKEE MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
YOUTH CONCERT SERIES APPLICATION**

Age: _____ Grade: _____ Class: B A Special.A (circle one)

Student's Name Phone Accompanist

Address City Zip Code

Teacher's Name: _____ Length of time with present teacher: _____

Former teacher/Length of time studied: _____ Member of M.Y.S.O.? _____

Has student ever performed in a MMTA **Youth Concert** previously? _____ When? _____ Class? _____
Copy of previous program must be submitted with application

Has student ever performed in a MMTA **Honor Recital** previously? _____ When? _____ Class? _____

MUSIC TO BE PERFORMED AT AUDITION: *Include complete title and opus number*

PIANO AND STRINGS: 3 PIECES REQUIRED FROM 3 OF THE FOLLOWING PERIODS. *Special A must play 4 pieces from 4 of the following periods.*

Baroque: _____

Classical: _____

Romantic/Neo-Romantic: _____

Impressionistic: _____

*Twentieth Century or Contemporary: _____

VOICE: 3 PIECES REQUIRED. *One from each of the following categories, one of which must be in a foreign language.*

An Ayre or song-like aria before 1800: _____

Romantic/Neo Romantic 1800-1930: _____

Twentieth Century or Contemporary 1930 to present: _____

**Please note: only one date this year
AT THE STEINWAY SHOWCASE ON NORTH AVE.**

Piano and Voice: Sunday, April 7, 2019

Enclose \$30 entrance fee made payable to MMTA and send to:
Vickie Wagner at 3267 N. 86th Street Milwaukee, WI 53222
414-871-1394
wagnermusicstudios@att.net

**All repertoire is subject to approval by the concert manager.
*Please refer to the audition guidelines – revised in 2011.**

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILLED OUT AND MAILED BY THE TEACHER!
APPLICATION RECEIPT DEADLINE: March 16, 2019**

MMTA Calendar at a Glance 2018-2019

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SEPTEMBER 2018

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9 MMTA Social Event
(all members welcome)

3 Youth Concert-(1PM-3PM)
4 Kayme Henkel Workshop
(9:30AM)
11 MMTA Board Mtg. -(9:30AM)

MARCH 2019

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OCTOBER 2018

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15 Jessica Johnson Workshop
(9:30AM@Steinway Piano Gallery)

28 Piano Olympics Deadline

7 Youth Concert Auditions
29 MMTA Board Meeting

Artist and Debut Recital-TBA

APRIL 2019

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4 MMTA Honors Recital
(1:30PM & 3:30PM)
11-Piano Olympics(WI Lutheran)

18 WFCM State Fest. Comp.
TBA Annual Mtg/Luncheon

31 Fiscal year ends

MAY 2019

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10 Board Meeting (*tentative*)

JUNE 2019

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14 MMTA Board Mtg. (9:30AM)
27 Youth Concert(1:30PM)
27 Artist & Debut Auditions
(3:30PM)

FEBRUARY 2019

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1 Junior Festival-Wauk. West
2 Junior Festival-Wauk. West
3 Junior Festival-Wauk. East
9 Junior Festival-Wauk. North
16 Mke. West Strings
23 Junior Festival-Mke. South
24 Junior Festival-Mke. North

Junior Club Festival Information

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MMTA Junior Club

The MMTA Junior Club exists for those members who have 15 or less students who wish to enter them in the Federation Competition next February. These teachers would want to enter through our club rather than forming their own junior club. If you would like to participate this year, fill out the form and mail with your check to me by October 8th. The cost for state dues is \$2.80 per student. Make your check out to MMTA. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

Teacher's name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Telephone _____

Number of students entering _____

Number of potential gold cup winners for 2019 _____

Site where performing _____

Do you have any new students entering Federation this year that have entered previously with another teacher - yes / no



Cut above and return this form to the address below:

For questions or information contact:

Marcia H. Earl
 3942 Wooded Ridge Trail
 Colgate, WI 53017
 262-389-1803 – cell
 262-628-1337 – home
humady@aol.com

2019 JUNIOR FESTIVAL DATES AND LOCATIONS

DATE	CENTER NAME	FESTIVAL LOCATION	CHAIRMAN	E-MAIL
2/1/19 & 2/2/19	Waukesha West Festival	Hartland Music Center	Sam Ecoff	secoff@wfmc-music.org
2/3/19	Waukesha East Festival	Hartland Music Center	Jeanne Hryniewicki	jfkish@hotmail.com
2/9/19	Waukesha North	WI Lutheran College	Kerry Garcia	gonechopin@frontier.com
2/16/19	Milwaukee West Strings	St. Joseph School	Celestine Fitzgerald	cfitzgeraldbssa@gmail.com
TBA	North Shore	TBA	Kadie Johnson	kadiepiano@gmail.com
2/23/19	Milwaukee South	Hulbert Piano	Tami Samorajski	tsamorajski@aol.com
2/24/19	Milwaukee North	UW-Milwaukee	Twila Bergeron	tbergeron@wi.rr.com
5/18/19	WI State Fes. Competition	UW-Milwaukee Peck School of the Arts	Jeanne Hryniewicki	jfkish@hotmail.com

Scholarships, Awards and Recognition

WISCONSIN YOUTH 2019 BIENNIAL PIANO COMPETITION (presented by the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra and PianoArts)

The Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra and PianoArts are pleased to announce the 2019 Wisconsin Youth Piano Competition to be held June 14-17 at the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music. A concerto competition for pianists ages 10-16, the Wisconsin competition is held in years opposite the PianoArts North American Competition for pianists ages 16-21. Registration will be April 19. Cash prizes totaling \$2,750 will be awarded among the three Wisconsin finalists. The first place prize winner will have the honor of performing with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra for a Youth Concert. Details about the competition will be posted in September. For a list of the concertos, visit the PianoArts or MSO websites. For more information, contact MSO Director of Education Rebecca Whitney at WhitneyR@mso.org or Sue Medford, PianoArts Founder, at Info@PianoArts.org.

WFMC National Conference June 2018

Congratulations to past student of Richard Saler, Mary Kate Bielinski, who gave a fantastic performance at this year's National Conference!

Peggy Radmer Music Scholarship Recipient

We are pleased to announce that Natalie Schmidt, student of Mary Radell, was one of two recipients of the 2018 Peggy Radmer Music Scholarship. Congratulations to Mary and her student!

Did You Know WFMC Offers Monetary Awards?

If you are a member of WFMC (WI Federation of Music Clubs) there are several monetary awards and grants offered like the "Apple for Teacher," "Ruth Kreuser Scholarship" which members may benefit from. In addition, the "Junior Composers" competition provides winners with monetary awards at the state, regional, and national levels. For information on these awards, please go to the WFMC site address below.

<http://wfmc-music.org/competitions-awards/>.

MMTA Fall Social A Success!

On Sunday, September 9th, MMTA held its first ever Fall social event. Christine Weege opened her beautiful home to all MMTA members. The purpose of this event was to give members an opportunity to meet each other while sharing delicious food and drink. We also celebrated Vickie Wagner's birthday and enjoyed a few piano performances by members! It was a wonderful event for all who attended!



Happy Birthday, Vickie!



Members: Donations in any amount and toward any of our programs or scholarships are welcomed!

Keep Yourself Informed about MMTA Events...

1. MMTA Newsletter (approximately quarterly)
2. Internet(<https://www.milwaukee music teachers association.org>)
3. Facebook(Milwaukee Music Teachers Association)

Helpful Resources:

In this section, we will feature helpful resources to assist members in their teaching profession(s). In this issue, we feature the magazine **Clavier Companion** for pianists and piano instructors. From their website:

"*Clavier Companion* is the only publication devoted exclusively to piano pedagogy. A division of The Frances Clark Center for Keyboard Pedagogy, *Clavier Companion* is the leading source for the highest quality, curated articles on piano teaching at all levels. In addition to the searchable database of magazine articles, subscribers to *Clavier Companion* receive access to The Frances Clark Center Teacher Education Initiatives, including [Timeless Teaching Videos](#), [Webinars](#), the Facebook group [Piano Teach Learn](#), and additional Teacher Education Resources." Please visit their website at <https://claviercompanion.com/> to learn more.

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Jessica Johnson, Professor of Piano and Pedagogy, UW-Madison

Teacher Workshop

“Awakening Rhythmic Intuition and Flow in the Developing Musician.”

Date, time and location:

Monday, October 15, 2018

9:30AM – 11:00A.M

The Steinway Piano Gallery (11550 W. North Avenue, Wauwatosa, WI

RSVP by Friday, October 12, 2018 to:

Joan McCallum at (414)429-3018 or jmpiano@mac.com

Cost: Free to MMTA Members/\$5 to nonmembers