



MILWAUKEE AREA PIANO TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

April 2020 Newsletter

<https://www.maptapianoteachers.org/>

So much has happened since our January meeting! We could never have imagined then that Mount Mary University would have to cancel our recitals scheduled for March 15th due to electrical work being done at the University. Christine was able to reschedule at the White House of Music in Waukesha.

The Young Artists Competition, Honors and Trophy Auditions were held on March 1st at Hulbert Piano Store this year. Everything ran very smoothly thanks to Chairmen Christine Weege and Cathy Anwar. Cathy Kliebenstein organized a lovely lunch with all the donations from members. We owe a big round of applause to everyone who helped to make audition day special!

22 Students qualified for the new Junior Honors Recital for students with perfect scores in Levels 1-4. The Honors/Trophy Recital was going to be especially nice this year with all 9 winners performing. Both recitals were highly anticipated by teachers, students and their parents.

Then, on March 11th the first person in Wisconsin was diagnosed with the Coronavirus and we had to decide if it was wise to hold the recitals. With the number of students on each recital, it was possible that we would have had a full house at the White House of Music for both recitals. We cancelled the recitals.

Since we are all still staying at home, there can be no April meeting.

Meanwhile, we do have new Board members who were elected:

Karen Bertucci, filling a one year as First Vice President
Cathy Kliebenstein, serving her 2nd term as Second Vice President
Elizabeth Green, serving her 2nd term as Secretary
Kimberly Rosenau, serving her 1st term as a Board Member

I hope you are well and keeping in touch with your students. The MAPTA Board will be meeting and decide where we go from here.

I know that we all hope to be together soon! Luckily, we all have our pianos to play for enjoyment and consolation.

Janet Acker,
President

MAPTA 2020 Young Artists Award Winners

Levels 12-14

Sr. Annarose Griffin Memorial Award

1st Place: \$150 **Edward Cook** from the Studio of Sam Ecoff
2nd Place \$100 **Tim Wang** from the Studio of Sam Ecoff
3rd Place \$75 **Elliott Lehman** from the Studio of Christine Weege

Levels 9-11

Clara Saler Memorial Award

1st Place: \$ 80 **Helina Menzel** from the Studio of Sam Ecoff
2nd Place: \$ 70 **Savanna Lemke** from the Studio of Sam Ecoff
3rd Place: \$ 60 **Shreya Girish** from the Studio of Rick Saler

Levels 7-8

1st Place: \$ 60 **Alex Meer** from the Studio of Eileen Haeuser
2nd Place: \$ 50 **Jasmine Sun** from the Studio of Sam Ecoff
3rd Place: \$ 40 **Lydia Otto** from the Studio of Janet Acker

Congratulations to these fine students and their teachers!

Teaching during the Time of Social Distancing

Many of us have decided to teach via cell phones, laptop computers or tablets using the internet. Although it is not the most ideal setting, students are definitely making progress at this time. When will we ever teach again without the distraction and demands of team sports or school activities? If you are teaching "online" right now, you have discovered that you need to have the score in front of you so that you can make specific comments after the student plays. I just received an email from Prima Music, located in Georgia, that they are offering 25% off of all Piano Methods and free shipping on orders over \$50 from now until April 26th. Some of us in MAPTA have been ordering from this company for years. I know we will all go back to our local music stores when they reopen, but if this gets us over the hump, I am all for it!

www.primamusic.com or call them at 877-877-5743

They have ALL the method books listed on this sale!

On another note, I have started telling a musical joke at each lesson. The students, and some of the parents, are having a good laugh!

What type of music are balloons afraid of? Pop music! Want to hear a joke about a staccato? Never mind, it's too short! How do you repair a broken tuba? with tuba glue.