ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL PIANO INSTRUCTORS
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2026-2027 Calendar

Website: appimn.org / Email: president@appimn.org
Monthly meetings at Schmitt Music, Bloomington 11:00 am-12:30 pm

SEPTEMBER
Friday, September 11 – Teacher Meeting
Topic: Motivation for Students, Parents AND Piano Teachers - Sharing Session facilitated by APPIcers
Time: 11:00 - 12:30

OCTOBER
Friday, October 9 – Teacher Meeting
Topic: Celebrating Joyce Grill: Music and Memories of APPI's Founding Patron - Collaborative session presented by APPI members, followed by refreshments to celebrate APPI's 25th birthday!
Time: 11:00 - 12:30

Sunday, October 11 – Living Room Session
For teachers only
Location: Laurie Sanderson's home
6550 Kimberly Lane North, Maple Grove 55311
Time: 4:00 – 6:00 pm

NOVEMBER
Friday, November 13 – APPIcer Meeting & Teacher Meeting
Topic: From Panic to Performance: Mastering Piano Memorization
APPI Speaker: Rebekah Richards
Time: APPIcer Meeting: 10:15 - 10:45 am
Teacher Meeting: 11:00 - 12:30

Saturday, November 21 – Educational Field Trip: The Nutcracker: A Musical Storybook
Time: 10:00 – 11:00 am
Cost: $5/participant
Location: Mt. Olivet Church - Family FIKA Concert
5025 Knox Avenue South, Minneapolis 55419
Registrations due by November 13

DECEMBER
Friday, December 11 – Teacher Meeting
Topic: A Gift For You - Sharing Session of holiday tunes, self-care activities with a massage therapist on site!
Time: 11:00 - 12:30

JANUARY
Friday, January 8 – Teacher Meeting
Topic: Small Sprints, Big Progress: Goal Setting for Creative Music Studios
Guest Speaker: Leila Viss - ZOOM ONLY
Time: 11:00 - 12:30

FEBRUARY
Friday, February 12 – Teacher Meeting
Topic: Developing Student's Imagination Using Tchaikovsky's *Album for the Young*
Guest Speaker: Dr. Anton Melnichko
Time: 11:00 - 12:30

Saturday, February 27– Education Field Trip:
Hoċokata Ṫi Cultural Center Museum
Time: 2:00 - 3:30 pm
Cost: $5/participant
Location: 2300 Tiwahe Circle, Shakopee 55372
Registrations due by January 29

MARCH
Sunday, March 7, 3-5 pm – Let's Du-et! - NEW!
For APPI teachers and adult students - Just for the JOY of making music together. Bring any 4-hand, 6-hand, 8-hand (!) music for 1 or 2 pianos. Any/all levels welcome. Playing is not required.
Location: Laurie Sanderson's home
6550 Kimberly Lane N, Maple Grove 55311

Friday, March 12 – APPIcer Meeting & Teacher Meeting
Topic: Making the Necessary Arrangements: DIY Arrangements in the Studio
APPI Speaker: Jim Lansing
Time: APPIcer meeting: 10:15 - 10:45 am
Teacher Meeting: 11:00 - 12:30

APRIL
Friday, April 9 – Teacher Meeting
Topic: Motivating Moments from MMTA and MTNA
APPI Speakers: Ann-Marie Graffunder and Laura Harding
Time: 11:00 - 12:30

Saturday, April 17 – APPI Piano Festival and Composition Festival
Location: Valley Community Presbyterian Church
3100 Lilac Dr., Golden Valley 55422
Time: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Registrations due by March 12

MAY
Friday, May 14 – Teacher Meeting
Topic: Taking a Deep Breath - *More* Yoga for Piano Teachers!
Guest Speaker: Liz Anema
Time: 11:00 - 12:30

JUNE
Sunday, June 27 – APPI Planning Retreat
All APPI Members are welcome to come and help create a new year for APPI.
Location: TBD
Time: 5:00 - 8:00 pm