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Christmas Holiday Events!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Christmas Recitals
Covington/Mandeville
December 15

Christmas Recitals
River Ridge
December 16

Christmas/New Year Break
Dec. 20 - Jan 1

Classes Resume
January 2 at all campuses!

LAAPAFEST
March 9 - Covington
March 16 - Mandeville
March 23 - River Ridge

- It's hard to believe the Holidays are once again upon us. We'd like to extend to you a special invitation to our Christmas Concerts. Each year, our students, faculty, and staff put on a Benefit Concert to support the Teresian Sisters and their Mission in Batesville, Texas.



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Where's your Teacher Performing?

Kate Withrow, violin performs with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra. During the month of December, the LPO has several Christmas themed performances scheduled. More information may be found <http://www.lpomusic.com/?q=Concerts>



Katarina Boudreaux, piano/voice performs Tuesdays 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Oak Street Cafe. You can also catch her Saturdays in December 7 to 9 pm at Dos Jefes.

Whitney Cavanah, dance and Avatar Movement Dance

Company will present her original theatrical production "The Abandoned Heart Circus at Cafe Istanbul (Inside Healing Arts Center) 2372 St. Claude Ave. NOLA Free parking lot in rear Friday December 14th 7pm Saturday (Matinee) December 15th 1pm and Sunday December 16th 7pm.



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Even if you won't be performing this year, we hope that you can join us to enjoy the many wonderful performances from our talented music and dance students!

Wanda Cullen, Assistant Director, recently visited the Mission and interviewed some of the sisters and families. You can learn more about these families and watch a video presentation at <http://laapa.com/mission>.

Our productions will be held: Saturday, Dec. 15 at the Fuhrmann Auditorium in Covington for the Covington and Mandeville Schools of Music and Sunday, December 16 at St. Martin's Solomon Theatre for the River Ridge School of Music & Dance. Several concerts will be held each day, and times will be posted shortly on our website!

Admission is free and open to the general public - we do ask those who are able to bring a donated item for a family in need to help support the Mission.

Give and You Shall Receive! Additionally, this Holiday, we're offering a free \$30 private music lesson or dance class with every gift certificate purchase for any of our programs for children and adults at LAAPA. If you know someone who'll be receiving a musical instrument this Christmas or have a friend or family member whom you know would be thrilled to get started in music lessons or dance classes, you can bet our gift certificates will put a smile on their faces!



Don't miss the Christmas Past Festival in Old Mandeville Friday Dec. 7 - Saturday Dec. 8 on Girod Street! Christmas Caroling is FREE & Open to the public from 7-8pm on Dec. 7 at the Trailhead. Songsheets and candles will be provided.

St. Tammany Parish Library will provide an activity table for children before singing begins. There will be a few warm up songs by Katie O'Connell, then introduction by Ronnie Kole, then caroling led by 3 area churches, then LAAPA's own Rebecca Posey, with a finale by Ronnie Kole. For more information, please visit <http://www.oldmandevillebiz.com/Events/ChristmasPastFestival.aspx>

Student News

Please welcome our
Newest Students to the
LAAPA Family!

- Alyson V.
- Ava A.
- Beau L.
- Beth G.
- Brandon B.
- Cameron S.
- Camille F.
- Cara R.
- Caroline C.
- Charlie B.
- Claire B.
- Colin H.
- Conrad H.
- Curtise A.
- David D.
- Diego D.
- Domenic M.
- Emily W.
- Felipe M.
- Gavin M.
- Gunner H.
- Haiva-Larai H.
- Jena B.
- Jordan D.
- Katina C.
- Kyle S.
- Latoria H.
- Liam F.
- Libby T.
- Logan T.
- Madelaine L.
- Maxwell S.
- Menley D.
- Myla B.
- Namratha M.
- Napat L.
- Nathan E.
- Nicco O.
- Nicholas B.
- Nicholas Y.
- Noah M.
- Pakorn L.
- Payton M.
- Robin B.
- Sophia M.
- Terez L.
- Tina C.
- Vivian M.
- William F.
- Zachary D.

Kate Rush, a violin student at Laapa Mandeville, is a winner in Mandeville's Winter on the Water 2012 Arts Competition. Out of more than 1400 entries submitted, Kate's was one of 10 drawings that were selected to be turned into banners for display on lamp posts in Old Mandeville during the holiday season. Mandeville Laapa students should look for Kate's Santa Fish banner on their way to music class. The winning artwork will also be on display at Mandeville City Hall during the month of December.

Liam McCauley had been selected by Mandeville Middle School as a finalist in the PTA test in 3 categories: Literature, Music and Visual Arts. This year's theme is "The Magic of a Moment". Liam composed his own music on guitar. He also painted a picture of Jimi Hendrix (see below!) for the visual arts category. Good luck at District!



Have something to share? E-mail your news to studentnews@laapa.com!



Students of the Month
The Bishop Family

Miranda:

What do you like about violin?
MIRANDA LOVES THE SOUNDS OF IT, EVER SINCE SHE WAS A SMALLER CHILD, SHE WAS ALWAYS AMAZED BY THE SOOTHING SOUNDS OF VIOLINS PLAYING.

What do you like about your teacher?
MS. KATE IS FUNNY, WITTY, ALWAYS MAKES LEARNING FUN WITH GAMES TO HELP ME LEARN.

What is your favorite song to play?
LIGHTLY ROW- SUZUKI

What is your favorite color?
PURPLE OF COURSE

Lauren:

What do you like about dance?
THE MANY EXERCISES WE DO IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR THE DANCES.

What do you like about your teacher?
MS. WHITNEY IS FUN, ALWAYS WANTING US TO GET BETTER AND BETTER IN OUR ROUTINES.

What is your favorite activity in dance?
I LIKE THE FREEZE DANCE GAMES WE DO !!

What is your favorite food?
ANY KIND OF BIRTHDAY CAKE!!!



Vivienne:

What have dance & music lessons done for your girls here at LAAPA?
THESE LESSONS HAVE HELPED TO GIVE MORE FOCUS ON THEIR SCHOOL WORK. THE GIRLS ARE BOTH SHY BY NATURE, BUT I CAN DEFINITELY SEE THAT THEY HAVE BECOME MORE OUTGOING & ARE NOT AFRAID TO TRY NEW THINGS, THANKS IN PART TO TRYING SOMETHING NEW THAT THEY WOULD NOT HAVE ORDINARILY DONE. IT HAS TAUGHT THEM HOW TO ALSO SET GOALS & WORK TOWARDS THEM.

IS YOUR TEACHER COMPLETELY BOOKED? • TEACHERS WITH WAITING LISTS

Many of our teachers are totally booked! If you need a schedule change or would like to be added to a waiting list for a particular teacher, day, or time, please contact any of our office staff team and they can add you to the waiting list. There are still limited lesson spots available.

To inquire about openings for January or February, send an email to contact@laapa.com or call one of our locations: (504) 738-3050 for River Ridge, (985) 674-2992 for Mandeville, and (985) 590-4545 for Covington. The following is a PARTIAL list of who is BOOKED!

Here's just a partial list of who's currently full at all campuses:

<p>VOICE/PIANO:</p> <p>Kristen: SAT BOOKED Bonnie: MON, TUE, WED, FRI - BOOKED Jennifer: MON 1 spot Russell: TUES BOOKED, TH BOOKED, FRI 2 spots Meredith: MON BOOKED, TUES BOOKED Cara: MON BOOKED, WED 1 spot Katarina: WED 1 spot Jenna: SAT 1 spot</p> <p>GUITAR & DRUMS:</p> <p>Bill: MON 1 spot, FRI BOOKED Jeff: WED BOOKED Josh: MON BOOKED Ben: TUES BOOKED, TH BOOKED Curtis: TH 1 spot</p>	<p>VIOLIN/CELLO:</p> <p>Kate: MON BOOKED Gabriel: MON 1 spot Simona: TUES 1 spot Denise: TU & WED BOOKED</p> <p>BRASS/WOODWINDS:</p> <p>Vitalie: MON BOOKED Ryan: TH BOOKED Joe: TU 1 spot</p>
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Student Shout Outs!

"Denise is my violin teacher. Every week I leave her class believing in myself. She makes me want to study the violin even more. You are the best teacher Denise and I am so fortunate to study with you. Thank you!"

~ Tina T.

"I am 59 years old and my wife signed me up about 6 months ago. The school and the staff have been wonderful. Cyrena is always helpful and with a smile on her face. Now as far as my instructor Gabriel, well he is just fantastic!!! LAAPA is a great place and I hope to continue to attend classes for quite some time to come."

~ Vernon R.

Refer a Friend & get FREE lessons!

If you have a friend who might like to take lessons, if you refer them to LAAPA and they enroll, we'll give you a gift certificate for a free lesson! It's very easy to refer someone. Just visit: laapa.com/referafriend Type in your name, their name and their contact information and we'll take care of the rest! There's no maximum to the amount of free lessons that you can receive!



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COMPLIMENTARY LESSON
GIFT CERTIFICATE

THANK YOU _____

FOR REFERRING _____ TO LAAPA!

1.) To redeem your free lesson, call us at XXXX and sign up for an additional lesson, any day of the week, with your teacher or any of our other teachers. You are welcome to try another instrument if you like or give this to a friend. Lessons cannot be rescheduled once they are on the Academy calendar.

2.) Certificates may not be redeemed for cash or account credits.

Authorized by _____ Date: _____

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