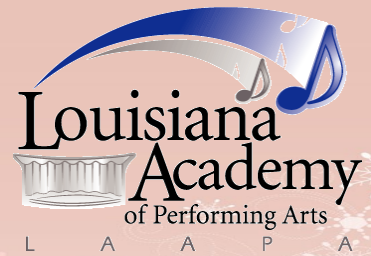


Quarter Notes

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Christmas Joy to the Children of Batesville

Dear Wanda, Ryan and parents of the Music Schools, and the entire Jefferson, Orleans and St. Tammany Communities,

Here we are once again, writing to you with hearts overflowing with gratitude. You have done it again! We have heard the reports from our sisters in Covington, about the tons of Christmas joy that is waiting for us when we get there on December 26! This year some of the toys have already made it to Texas, thanks to one of the sisters who came our way a few days ago with her car loaded to capacity. She was amazed at the amount of toys she left behind!

As always, your toys will make many children very happy these coming days. When I say "many" I literally mean it. The difficult economic situation in our country is even more difficult for our people. This year, Toys for Tots has not given their annual contribution of toys for the children of Batesville. Very conscious of those who will not receive any, we have expanded beyond our Catechism customers, and have been able to help many other families. You have made possible for us to reach many other families including those who line up on our bread line, both in Batesville and Uvalde. You

should have seen the faces of the parents light up with joy!

The cash you sent us has helped us all through the year to come to the rescue of many families who needed help with their basic needs. Food, pampers, electric and water bills, gas emergencies, homeless and migrant shelter for the night, badly needed dentist visits, medicines...you name it! Our people know that they are not alone and deeply appreciate your help. We always tell them that we can help them thanks to your generosity. You can be assured of their grateful prayers for their benefactors.

May your compassionate and

generous hearts continue to become more and more like Jesus. You are so good at helping Him do his work!

May this New Year be rich in God's blessings for you and your families. Count on our prayers and our love.

Gratefully,
Teresian Sisters
Uvalde, Texas

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Upcoming Events

- Feb. 18th – River Ridge Campus closed for Mardi Gras
- Feb. 20-24th Mardi Gras Holidays
- March 3rd – LAAPAFEST Covington Campus
- March 10th – LAAPAFEST Mandeville Campus
- March 17th – LAAPAFEST River Ridge Campus



From left to right: Wanda Cullen: Assistant Director, Ryan Cullen: Director
Jeannette Prater: Administrative Assistant, Christina Wilke: Instructor
Cyrena Adkins: Manager, Students Maegan Braud, Lexie Rodrigue, Lilly Kelly, Daniel Jiang

Northshore Christmas Recital Group Photos



10:00 AM RECITAL (From Left to Right)

1st Row: Robert Klazynski, Johnathan Hansen, Peyton Marcantel, Logan Rogers, Thomas Ruli, Emily Ruli, Mallory Bogle, Amanda Boe, Raeanne Boynton

2nd Row: Noah Strickland, Felipe Aceves, Alejandro Cobos, Zachary Montz, Olivia Miles, Charles Sandoz, Alexandra Jaeger, Taylor Vander, Holly Scalia, Emilie Stoltz

3rd Row: Ethan Tardy, Gilberto Cobos, Lindsey Chamberlain, Isabella Lambertson, Sarah Clifton, Quincy Laurent, Sydney Vander, Maddie Monlezun, Justin Marcantel, William Kropog, Madeline Logan, Sara Stoltz, Karleigh Greer



11:45 AM Recital (From Left to Right) 1st Row: Griffin Eberly, Reina Ramlawi, Yaira Espinosa, Patrick Cullen, Nina Derks, Evan Wille, Carter Neill, Pauline Claros, Garret Delony, Dixie Camille

2nd Row: Michael Silvestri, Ariana Blagrove, Amanda Gordon, Cecilia Falkenstein, Ariel Hill

3rd Row: Landon Chambliss, Jonathan Covell, Grace Grundmann, Karlee Babbel, Stephanie Dribus, Colton Blagrove, Shane Strander, Alyssa Bush, William Dunford



1:30 PM RECITAL (From Left to Right) 1st Row: Seth Grieco, Karen Lopez, Macie Breaux, Theresa Smith, Emily Araki, Zoe Zollinger, Kate Zenor, Kristy Tucker, Taylor Sims, Sarah Tullier

2nd Row: Christian McDonald, Brandon Myers, Zachary Araki, Angelina Mesa, Skylar Blake, Oliva Gray, Haley Rietschel, Luci McCaleb, Emma Pradillo, Kate Rush, Mark Broussard

3rd Row: Josh Smith Michael Lewis



3:15 PM RECITAL (From Left to Right) 1st Row: John Hajjar, Ethan Lafont, Cindy Van Duyne, Rebecca Armijo, Ashley Crespo, Bailey Jennings, Phi Huynh, Shelby Stephens, Haleigh Bishop

2nd Row: Tyler Clement, James Plaisance, Hayden Waguespak, Matthew Gorbaty, Vittoria Notoroberto, Ethan Hansen, Dash Hansen, Catherine Plaisance, Vennila Satheesh

3rd Row: Matthew Fuentes, Liam McCauley, Julian Miller, Lucas Plaisance, Ian Nicoll, Patrick Hoag, Brooke Silva, Alex Chiu, Casey Osbourn, Kaitlyn Pattarozzi



5:00 PM RECITAL (From Left to Right) 1st Row: Liz Moore, Stephen Gardner, Greg Rider, Katherine Mena, Kha Nguyen, Mandolin Barberito, Madeline Moore, Margaret Shephard, Isabel Rodriguez

2nd Row: Hy Nguyen, Nhi Nguyen, Sameen Hossain, Sofia Clark, Sammy Clark, Susannah Knights, McKensie McClain

3rd Row: Julian Shales, Melissa Moore, Madison Livacarri, Skylar Schoen, Kate White, Max Barberito, Michael Billiot, Brandon Richards, Shaw Corcoran, Tianna Royal, MacKayla Page, Rannie Walker, Sarah Hossain

Southshore Christmas Recital Group Photos



12:00 PM RECITAL (From Left to Right)

1st Row: Kartik Joshi, Andrew Cheung, Molly Inman, Kyle Smith, Isabella Bohorquez, Shelby Inman, Kaelin Taylor, Tracy Chen, Haley Tran, Akshita Sridhar

2nd Row: Andrea Bohorquez, Jackson Bashaw, Alex Fryer, Chanel Cheung, Gavin Landry, Alex Bao, Sanjana Subramaniam, Lilliana Marlowe, Spencer Lanosga, Anthony Lam, Callie Matyas, Ana Maria Montes, Brooks Garcia, Fiona Ching

3rd Row: Abby Webb, Lauren Dabdoub, Shelby Baham, Victoria Manguno, Nicholas Byland, Caroline Crowell, Vanessa Hanon, Botao Shan, George Tang, Marcela Saavedra, Marguerite Eppling



2:00 PM RECITAL (From Left to Right)

1st Row: Scout Hughes, Matthew Baffes, Allison Tullier, Elliot Schmedtje, William Lavie, Alyssa Kerry, Degan Dansereau, Drew Kitchen, John Baumgarten, Quinn Rosenstein, Maddox Jacob Thomas, Declan Altikriti

2nd Row: Rachel Royerre, Michael Royerre, David Dillon, Madison Graf, Sakshi Sadhwani, Julia Oubre, Patrick Lyell, Bennett Rine, William Chen, Brett Steele

3rd Row: Jon Mitchell, William Brown, Evania Phillip, David Dillon, Rahul Sadhwani,

4th Row: Molly Graham, Maggie Graham, Emily Maffe, Munnawan Gill, Fahrawn Gill, Samantha Morris, Rebecca Culberson, Emily Champagne



4:00 PM RECITAL (From Left to Right)

1st Row: Collin Cruz, Zelvin Collins, Emily Zeringue, Kelsey Henry, Niko Gaudin, Grace Williams, Audrey Layne Corcoran, Gabriella Cordova, Autumn Starling, Olivia Kelly, Seth Rutman, Reece Hazard, Lathaniel Green, Vania Castillo, Madison Woodruff, Lilli Johnston

2nd Row: David Price, Michael Plessala, Matthew Cruz, Emily Yalcin, Lana Lawson, Wesley Hodgson, Devin Jones, Olivia Guerra, Theodore Fang, Victoria Henry, Logan Henry

3rd Row: Tamar Hankton, Michall Willis, Armand Clark, Ryan Jones, Erick Huarcaya, Landon Lawson, Vennela Vellanki, Amanda Hale, Emmanuelle Willis, Gabrielle Willis, Will Willis



6:00 PM RECITAL (From Left to Right)

1st Row: Alyssa Fortier, Lexie Rodrigue, Amaya Burrell, Fiona Marks, Ella Corsetti, Kody Nguy, Tori Patania, Daniel Jiang, Ava Falcon, Shriharan Daasan, Katherine Corcoran, Sofia Dickson

2nd Row: Annie Pham, Nikki Thorne, Konrad Marks, Parker Enright, Colin Falcon, Lilly Keel, Abigail Pratt, Aiden Edsall,

3rd Row: Karlie Winn, Emily Gray, John Duong, Taylor Bonnet, Michael Pham, Yole-dy Jolly, Pearson Pratt, Maegan Braud, Tessa Anderson, Matrel Turner

4th Row: Sydney Campbell, Carolina Avila, Lucy Pham, Tony Pham, Daniel Mahne, Katie Slater, Sean Henry, Tue-Sy Pham

STUDENT NEWS



- **Katherine Corcoran** sang the National Anthem at a Zephyr's game in August.
- **Emily Ruli, Taylor Sims, & Victoria Vercher** auditioned and were chosen for supporting roles for the classic play of *West Side Story*. Opening night is March 22nd at St. Paul's School.
- **Shane Strander** auditioned for the Louisiana Music Educator's Association All-State Band (alto sax).
- **Zach Barth** auditioned for the all district honor's choir for St. Tammany Parish. He is currently attending Mandeville High School.
- **Amanda Boe** and **Kate Gautreaux** recently auditioned and was chosen in supporting roles for the play *Hairspray* at St. Scholastica High School.
- **Colton Blagrove** made the Jesuit High School Golf Team, scoring a 42 which is exceptional for a sophomore!



The Nguyen Family

Mr. and Mrs. Nguyen have three amazing children. All three of their children take lessons at the Louisiana Academy of Performing Arts!

Hy, Kha, and Nhi all take piano lessons. Nhi is a brand new student, Kha has been taking for 3 years, and Hy for 2 years.

The Nguyens live in Slidell and make it a family day after their lessons each Saturday. They believe music is a very important aspect in the children's lives and are very involved in keeping them interested in music.

The Louisiana Academy of Performing Arts' Mandeville School of Music was their school of choice after much research on which music school their children should attend. The family's goal is for each child to be an accomplished pianist and to understand the joy of music.

How are Your Classes Going?

The Louisiana Academy of Performing Arts has been providing the Greater New Orleans community with only the finest programs in music education for over 30 years.

All of our faculty members are experienced, degreed and qualified music instructors, many of whom are master teachers with advanced degrees. We are proud to have such talented, motivated faculty members and appreciate their hard work and dedication.

We are always happy to hear feedback from you as students of our programs. We welcome comments from parents and students as communication is one of our highest goals. Please let us know how your classes have been going, student success stories, etc by calling the office or e-mailing contact@laapa.com.

We want to help ensure that your instruction at LAAPA is the best in every way!

Thank you again for being a part of the LAAPA family!

A Note from the Assistant Director

It always warms my heart to hear stories from all of you regarding you and/or your children who are part of the LAAPA family. I hear at least two each week and I thank God for the gift of music and dance and the wonderful staff and faculty here at LAAPA.

Many of your children and our students begin to shine so brightly once they are playing their instruments, singing, or dancing. Stories of self-esteem that skyrockets with ongoing lessons continue to confirm my belief in our mission and goals we set here at LAAPA. Children and teens (and even adults) come to us many times with doubt and anxiety not believing that they can succeed. Within a few months I see them again with heads held high, smiles on their faces, and joy in their hearts.

The world today is hurting in so many ways and we all, as well as our children, can delight in the experience of the world of music and dance. If any of you have a similar situation to share with me, I encourage you to call me (985-231-0875 x 305) as I would love to hear and share your story or stories of your children and the successes they have had and are having in their music and dance lessons.

We are so grateful to all of you for sharing your families with us. Feel free to contact me at any time as I would love to hear from you!

As always,

Wanda Cullen, Assistant Director

Teacher Feature!



Faculty member **Joshua Theriot** has been playing music since he was 8 years old when he started as a guitarist in his dad's Cajun French band, LA Rose. Joshua is actually one of the few remaining young people who can read, write and speak Cajun French!

His passion for music remained with him throughout high school where he played baritone in the Vanderbilt Catholic Regiment marching/concert band and guitar in the indoor percussion and jazz ensembles. Joshua later went on to study Music/Business Management and guitar at the prestigious Berklee College of Music where he graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Music degree.

While studying there, Joshua started his own band, Abigail's Ghost and his own record label, Aesperus Music. He has since released two full length records and a live DVD with Abigail's Ghost on his label. Abigail's Ghost has sold thousands of records all over the world and Joshua is currently recording the band's third album. He can also be found playing with 80's tribute band, Flashback and Funk/Dance band, Souled Out. We have been lucky enough to have Joshua teaching at LAAPA for four years now. He now instructs students in guitar, bass, piano, drum, voice and directs the Rock/Pop ensembles for both our Covington and Mandeville schools!

LAAPAFEST 2012

Attention All Students!

Ready for LAAPAFEST?

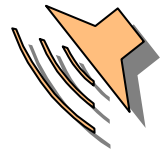
Important Dates / Locations:

- Fri. February 17, 2012 – **Registration Deadline. All paperwork must be turned in to the Office!**
- Sat. Mar. 3, 2012 – LAAPAFEST at Covington School of Music (held at 857 N. Collins Blvd.)
- Sat. Mar. 10, 2012 – LAAPAFEST at Mandeville School of Music Festival (held at 316 Girod St.)
- Sat. Mar. 17, 2012 – LAAPAFEST at River Ridge School of Music Festival (held at 2020 Dickory Ave.)
- Sun. April 22, 2012 – Honors Concert – 2:00 PM at Fuhrman Auditorium

Reserve Your Spot Now as Openings are Extremely Limited!

We are proud to welcome the following new Faculty members for 2012!

- **Kelly Getty**, instructor of voice/piano (Mandeville)
- **Whitney Cavanah**, instructor of dance (River Ridge)
- **Kathleen Westfall**, instructor of voice/piano (River Ridge)



Contact us!

Covington School of Music:
985-590-4545
Mandeville School of Music:
985-674-2992
River Ridge
School of Music & Dance
504-738-3050

Do you have an idea for a future article? Any news or accomplishments? Let us know!

E-mail:
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Lagniappe Lessons from Our Faculty...

Kathleen Anderson: *Voice Students– practice breathing exercises in the bath or shower– where you can inhale warm, moist, air that will not dry out your vocal cords!*

Josh Theriot: *Guitar students– never sacrifice playing accurately for speed!*

Terrel Stewart: *Breathing exercise tip, lie on bed or floor with a book on your stomach inhale book should go up; hold breath, then exhale slowly go down.*

Remember to Practice, Practice, Practice – AND HAVE FUN DOING IT!

Word Scramble...

Word Scramble: How Many Can you Unscramble? E-mail your correct answers to us at quarternotes@laapa.com!

pumneiuho, lanmoidn, horaminc, nciusma, zaotrm, eobenvhte, paala, tropinonucte

Hint: all music related words!

Welcome to our Newest Students...

Cole Acosta	Kim Dupuy	Swathi Katakam	Libby Rembert	Grant Voyles
Memphis Amedee	Ata-Han Erentok	Gus Kitchens	Greg Rider	Taylor Voyles
Trey Aubert	Emin Erentok	Sydney Latour	Kimberly Roane	Conner Wagner
Aniya Bennett	Whitney Fallo	Asha Liban	Arielle Sanchez	Hannah Walton
Nyomi's Bennett	Theodore Fang	Guled Liban	Lindy Sanders	Abby Webb
Deja Beraud	Savannah Fields	Brianna Lino	Chloe Shartle	Emily West
Miranda Bishop	John Fore	Xavier Lopez	Dustin Settles	Joshua Wingrove
Jake Bodie	Cody Fricke	Sarah McConnell	Caleb Shartle	Jordan Young
Jade Buras	Anita Gilford	Lorelai Mitchell	Kynnadi Smith	Gary Zeringue
Carolyn Canulette	Katie Glaviono	Carley Mizell	Beck Tabor	Sandra Zulli
Carson Canulette	David Gray	Kelly Monaghan	Tina Tabor	
Wes Carr	Ivana Guidry	Charlie Myers	Mary Sadler Thompson	
Savannah Carr	Sirlei Guidry	Colin O'Malley	Anthony Treas	
Annie Carr	Austin Guy	Mei-Lan Ordone	Gabrielle Treas	
John Chelette,	Jack Harper	Abigail Owens	De'Ja Treavdo	
Mccormick Collings	Laiuane Harris	Josuha Owens	Camille Villar	
Jonathan Covell	Alexis Harry	Nathan Owens	Mickala Vogt	
Shriharan Daasan	Ashley Harry	Anna Parmer		
Lauren Dabdoub	Kaitlyn Harry	Pedalino Casey		
Micah Doyle	Brian Hickey	Noelle Presley		
Mason Drouant	Meagan High			