

# Big Dates for Spring-Summer 2012

# LAAPAFEST 2012

# Save the Date!



## Where's YOUR Teacher Playing?

- Guitar Instructor **Josh Theriot** plays with his band Flashback a tribute band to the 80's! You can catch Josh on 4/13 SCC Golf Tour, 4/13 Strawberry Fest in Ponchatoula, and 4/21 Cate Street Pub in Hammond
- **Jack Pritchett** teaches brass/wind, piano, and percussion for the River Ridge School of Music and Dance. This March, he had the opportunity to go to Panama for the Boquette Jazz and Blues Festival and play with The Smoking Time Jazz Club.
- Come and Hear Your Teachers Perform! **FREE ADMISSION - LAAPA Faculty Concert 2012** —April 22 - 2:00 PM at Fuhrmann Auditorium. Featuring faculty members: Curtis Staples, Terrel Stewart, Victoria Hills, Joshua Theriot, Dr. Joseph Macaluso, Vanya Karachobanova, Simona Gronic, Joshua Eddington, Bill Solomon, Ben Hurst, Russell Tucker, Carolyn Moore, and Rebecca Posey. Don't miss this special event!



# Teacher Feature

Mr. Curtis Staples began teaching at LAAPA in 2009. He teaches guitar, piano, percussion, and music theory. Curtis says his favorite thing about being a teacher at LAAPA is attending the recitals and hearing students perform.

Curtis received a Bachelor's degree in music from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2007. He majored in classical guitar and music industry. While studying at USM, Curtis performed with Southern Miss Guitar Ensemble.

Curtis recently visited Japan with his family during the 2011 holiday season. He went sightseeing in Nagasaki, a city destroyed by

bombing during WWII. Inspired by the resilience of the people of Japan to rebuild Nagasaki into a beautiful city once again, Curtis believes Japan will be able to recover from the dreadful earthquake and tsunami that struck last year. Curtis will be playing the Sakura Theme by Yocoh Yuquujiro at the LAAPA Faculty Concert on April 22nd.

Curtis loves teaching at LAAPA and works very hard to help his students understand the many concepts of music.



Curtis learning Japanese Calligraphy.

Check out our website for more news and events!

[www.laapa.com](http://www.laapa.com)

### 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.*

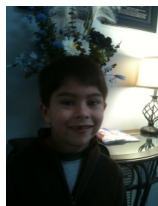
*All of our faculty members are experienced, degreed and qualified music instructors, many of whom are master teachers with advanced degrees. We are proud to have such talented, motivated faculty members and appreciate their hard work and dedication.*

*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](mailto:contact@laapa.com).*

# STUDENT NEWS



Anna Strickland sang the National Anthem with her peers in The Fontainebleau Jr. High School Choir at the Hornets game on March 24th. She attends the Mandeville School of Music.



Sammy Clark



Kate Rush

Sammy Clark & Kate Rush both received Superior awards when they competed for The Gold Cup String competition held at the Community Music School at Southeastern University. They both attend the Mandeville School of Music.



Wesley Hodges performed the lead role in Pirates of Panzance at the Atonement Lutheran School. He attends the River Ridge School of Music and Dance.



## The Pham Family

Mr. Tue Pham is very proud of all his children and his niece and nephew. They all attend the River Ridge School of Music & Dance. Annie, Tony, and Tue-sy, Mr. Tue's children, have been taking piano lessons for 5 years as have his niece, Lucy, and nephew, Michael. Lucy additionally studies violin and Michael also studies the guitar.

Annie, age 11, is in the 5th grade and attends St. Rita in Harahan. Her favorite song is Fur Elise and she loves Classical, Modern, Jazz and just fun music. When asked about the school Annie said "she loves almost everything about LAAPA."

Tony, age 12, is in the 6th grade and attends St. Rita as well. He does not particularly have a favorite song/style and just enjoys all music. He loves his lessons because he likes to learn the music he wants to play! He especially appreciates LAAPA because it is fun to learn new things.

Tue-sy, age 15, is in the 10th grade at De La Salle High School in New Orleans. He loves Hip Hop, Pop, and R&B music. He enjoys his lessons because of the great teachers who are very informative and interactive. He stated that LAAPA allows students of all ages an opportunity to learn any type of instrument.

Lucy Pham, age 15, attends De La Salle High School in New Orleans as well. She loves to listen to Pop and R & B. She really likes her lessons because the teachers are supportive and understanding. She said "the classes are just fun."

Mr. Tue Pham and his wonderful musical family live in Westwego, where the River Ridge School of Music and Dance is close to home. He heard about the school through a friend at his church parish who recommended the school highly. His children enjoy their music lessons, and he believes that their music instruction has helped them to develop their cognitive and concentration skills and abilities.

When asked about LAAPA Annie said "she loves almost everything about the school..."

On December 16, some of our adult violin students performed in a String Ensemble at the River Ridge Starbucks under the guidance of their teacher, Kate Withrow. Participants included students Adrian Barton, John Fore, and Gina Radecker. Even Jeannette Prater, staff member at the River Ridge School of Music and Dance, got in on the action and performed with the ensemble! Some video excerpts have been posted on our YouTube channel at <http://youtube.com/laapatube> as well as our website at [laapa.com/video](http://laapa.com/video). Check it out!



## ***IS YOUR TEACHER COMPLETELY BOOKED? TEACHERS WITH WAITING LISTS!***

**Many of our LAAPA INSTRUCTORS 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 May or June send an email to [contact@laapa.com](mailto: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).**

### **River Ridge School of Music and Dance**

#### **MONDAYS**

Kate W 3:00-845 PM **FULL!** violin

Bonnie F 2:00-8:00 PM 1 opening piano, voice, violin, flute

Gabriel P 3:30-9:00 PM **FULL!** violin

Ben H 3:30-9:00 PM **FULL!** guitar, drum, piano, banjo, ukulele, mandolin

Russell T 3:30-8:00 PM **FULL!** piano

Jennifer E 2:15-8:45 PM **FULL!** voice, piano

#### **TUESDAYS:**

Adam K 3:45-8:15 PM **FULL!** guitar

Dan C 3:30-8:00 PM 1 opening piano

Simona G 2:45-7:30 PM **FULL!** violin, viola, cello, piano

Russell T 3:30-8:00 PM **FULL!** piano

Kathleen M 2:45-8:00 PM 1 opening voice

#### **WEDNESDAYS:**

Bonnie F 1:45-8:45 PM **FULL!** piano, voice, violin, flute

Kathleen W 4-8:15 PM **FULL!** voice

Russell T 3:30-8:00 PM 1 opening piano

#### **THURSDAYS:**

Adam K 3:45-9:00 PM **FULL!** guitar

Bonnie F 2:45-9:00 PM **FULL!** piano, voice, violin, flute

Kathleen W 3:15-8:15 **FULL!** voice

Russell T 3:00-9:00 2 openings piano

#### **FRIDAYS:**

Bonnie F 3:30-7:00 PM **FULL!** piano, voice, violin, flute

Maggie P 4:00-7:15 PM **FULL!** piano, voice

Russell T 3:0-6:30 1 opening piano

#### **SATURDAYS:**

Kristen T 9:00 AM-3:00 PM 1 opening preschool music I,II, voice, piano

Ben H 9:00 AM-3:00 PM **FULL!** guitar, piano

Matt O 9:00 AM-3:00 PM 1 opening piano

Vanya K 9:00 AM-3:00 PM **FULL!** violin, viola, cello, piano, string ensemble, voice

David M 10:30 AM-3:00 PM **FULL!** drum, bass guitar

### **Mandeville School of Music**

#### **MONDAYS:**

Elena B 3:30-7:45 PM **FULL!** piano

Carolyn M 2:15-9:00 PM 1 opening voice, piano

Rebecca P 3:00-9:00 PM **FULL!** voice, piano

Josh T 2:00-9:00 PM **FULL!** guitar, bass guitar, drum, piano, rock band

#### **TUESDAYS:**

Curtis S 2:45-9:00 PM 1 opening guitar, bass guitar

Carolyn M 1:45-9:00 PM **FULL!** voice, piano

Rebecca P 1:45-9:00 PM **FULL!** voice, piano

Jan Z 2:30-8:00 PM **FULL!** wind, brass, violin, piano, voice

Ben H 2:30-9:00 PM **FULL!** guitar, drum, mandolin, banjo, ukulele, piano

#### **WEDNESDAYS:**

Dr. Joseph M 2:30-8:00 PM 1 opening brass, wind, percussion

Rebecca P 2:15-8:00 PM **FULL!** voice, piano

Meredith B 2:00-8:00 PM **FULL!** voice, piano, preschool I,II, music therapy, chorus

Josh T 2:15-8:30 PM **FULL!** guitar, bass guitar, drum, piano, rock band

#### **THURSDAYS:**

Rebecca P 3:30-9:00 **FULL!** voice, piano

Meredith B 2:30-8:00 PM 1 opening voice, piano, preschool I,II, music therapy, chorus

Ben H 12:45-9:00 PM 1 opening guitar, drum, mandolin, banjo, ukulele, piano

#### **FRIDAYS**

Simona G 4:30-7:00 PM 1 opening violin, viola, cello, piano

Rebecca P 12:30-7:00 PM **FULL!** voice, piano

#### **SATURDAYS:**

Josh T 9:00 AM-2:15 PM **FULL!** guitar, bass guitar, drum, piano, rock band

Simona G 8:30 AM-2:30 PM 1 opening violin, viola, cello, piano

### **Covington School of Music**

#### **MONDAYS:**

Meredith B 3:00-9:00 **FULL!** voice, piano, preschool I,II, music therapy, chorus

Curtis S 4:30-8:00 PM **FULL!** guitar, bass guitar

#### **TUESDAYS:**

Meredith B 3:00-9:00 **FULL!** voice, piano, preschool I,II, music therapy, chorus

#### **WEDNESDAYS:**

Carolyn M 2:30-9:00 PM **FULL!** voice, piano

Kathleen A 3:00-9:00 PM 1 opening voice, piano

Curtis S 3:30-8:30 PM **FULL!** guitar, bass guitar

#### **THURSDAYS:**

Josh T 2:30-8:00 PM 1 opening guitar, bass guitar, drum, piano, rock band

Kathleen A 3:00-9:00 PM **FULL!** voice, piano

#### **FRIDAYS:**

Ben H 3:00-7:00 PM **FULL!** guitar, drum, mandolin, banjo, ukulele, piano

Curtis S 3:00-7:00 PM **FULL!** guitar, bass guitar

#### **SATURDAYS:**

Bonnie F 9:00 AM-2:00 PM **FULL!** piano, voice, violin, flute

# How Does the Summer Work at LAAPA?

Here are some frequently asked Questions and Answers that we typically receive / provide each Spring:

**Q. "How do lessons work in the summer?"**

**A.** *The Academy is open year round, and we do not close during the summer. Your lessons will continue through the summer.*

**Q. "Do a lot of students stop during the summer?"**

**A.** *While a small percentage of students do take part of the summer off, June and July are strong enrollment months for new students as parents and students are eager to fill their summer schedules with lessons and our summer camps. These students often choose to continue their lessons into the Fall.*

**Q. "How full is the Academy?"**

**A.** *The academy has grown by over 100 students this year to 925 – the most in the history of the academy since its inception in 1978. Nearly all of the most popular lesson times of from 3 – 7 PM are now completely booked.*

**Q. "If we stop during the summer, can we keep our spot for Fall?"**

**A.** *While we have been happy to guarantee a spot for students taking part of the summer off in the past via our pre-registration and early registrations, we are no longer able to do so due to increased demand, our limited availability, and commitment to our faculty to provide them with their contracted salaries.*

*If you stop lessons during the summer months, we cannot guarantee that we will have a spot for you in the Fall as your spot will be open to both new students (who begin in the summer) and current students (who may wish to change their time or increase their time).*

**Q. "Can I change my lesson time for the Summer or Fall?"**

**A.** *Absolutely. While most schedules remain the same through the Summer, we are more than happy to try and work out a better alternative for you whenever possible. Students who take lessons at Kehoe-France Northshore and Stuart Hall will be called and scheduled on our campus closest to you: River Ridge, Mandeville, or Covington.*

*We are also happy to offer a pre-registration online at <http://laapa.com/preregister> to all current students. During the online pre-registration, you'll be able to inform us of your Fall scheduling preferences. You may also call the office at any time should you find that a schedule no longer works for you and we can immediately work on finding something more suitable for you.*

**Q. "If we continue lessons through the Summer to keep our spot, can we makeup missed lessons due to travel / vacations?"**

**A.** **YES! We are happy to makeup any classes that you miss while traveling over the summer. Group Makeup Classes Never Expire!** Just give us a call as usual whenever you will be absent and sign up for one or more of our makeup classes! **Another option new this year is SKYPE LESSONS with your teacher via any computer/IPAD with highspeed Internet and a webcam/microphone!** Please note that July 3-6 we will be closed for Summer Break so you won't miss any classes that week.

## FALL PRE-REGISTRATION

***Don't miss out on the most convenient lesson times this Fall!***

**Pre-Register for Fall Music Lessons & Dance Classes!**

***BEGINNING APRIL 30 – 9 AM ONLINE AT***

**[laapa.com/preregister](http://laapa.com/preregister)**

**\*\*\*Please note that pre-registration is available to all students continuing lessons through the summer. Failure to pre-register could mean losing your current schedule!\*\*\***

## CONTACT US!

Covington School of Music:  
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Mandeville School of Music:  
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School of Music & Dance  
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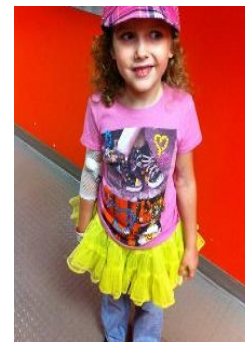
Do you have an idea for a future article? Any news or accomplishments? Let us know!

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## A STORY OF GIVING AND THANKS!

The Jarrell Family would like to thank everyone for their donation of \$1 for The Green Wagon Bracelet that will bring awareness to this deadly disease, Melanoma. One our own LAAPA family members has this disease and your donations will help in so many ways. Mr. & Mrs. Jarrell found out on July 20th that Grace has the worst of Melanoma. She has been having ongoing treatments and she is doing well. You can follow her story at <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/thegreenwagon>.

Grace loves getting your cards and letters. If you'd like to please send them to Grace Jarrell c/o Freedom Alarm Service Inc PO box 399 Abita Springs, LA 70420. Thanks!



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS!

Lisa Auberle	Carolyn Canulette	Zachary Eodice	Miles Hamauei	Robert Latournerie	Abigail Owens	Grace Stewart
Laine Barcelona	Carson Canulette	Adeoluwa Fadesere	Jack Harper	Camree LeBlanc	Joshua Owens	Alexander Stremiakov
Reginald Bartholomew	Claire Canulette	Tyler Fair	Lajuane Harris	Trent Lenze	Violet Porsche	Lillian Stricker
Ironisha Bates	Michael Chatelain	Whitney Fallo	Lindsey Henriques	Jessica Leslie	Brooke Quast	Anna Strickland
Skye Beasley	Eric Chin	Theodore Fang	Marta Herrera	Ari Li	Libby Rembert	Laura Strickland
Nicolette Belanger	Samuel Christian	Kennedy Felix	Cole Hodge	Brianna Lino	Tanesia Roberson	Zhan Su
Yvette Benedetto	Brian Clark	Savannah Fields	Ryder Hodge	Terri Lombard	Amelia Roberts	Deanne Tanner
Andrew Bertrand	Kyndall Clements	Max Flynt	Tammy Hopkins	Connor Mahony	Isabella Roberts	Miranda Tillery
Lauren Bishop	Aiden Cobb	Carl Foto	Cymiraj Hughes	Michelle Malouf	Nya Roberts	Anthony Treas
Miranda Bishop	Madelyn Cohen	Andrew Frey	Cameron Hunt	Isabel Mathes	Mario Rodriguez	Gabrielle Treas
Brielle Boudreaux	Anthony Colemann III	Kive Fritter	Leonard James	Leah McClendon	Harrison Rogers	Alexander Uyeda
Fawn Bradshaw	Kate Corcoran	Landon Frizzell	Krystal Johnson	Sarah McConnell	Bradyn Rohden	Linda Vermillion
Dhiren Brickman	Amy Cornforth	Jerry Froeba	Mary Kangas	Cameron Miller	Kandy Rose	Camille Villar
Olga Bueno	Sara Cordova	Hannah Garvey	Swathi Katakam	Zachary Miller	Lindy Sanders	Brandon Vo
Jade Buras	Robert Cusimano	Braden Gautreau	Kaelen Keeton	Lorelai Mitchell	Trey Aubert	Cameron Vo
Abby Buras	Shriharan Daasan	Carmen Giles	Jonathan Kelchner	Carley Mizell	Dustin Settles	Dylan Vo
Molly Buras	Tomas Day	Anita Gilford	Charles Kellum	Rayna Moiz	Caleb Shartle	Grant Voyles
Carol Burdsal	Avery DeFrank	Katie Glaviono	Samuel Kellum	Sireen Moiz	Caleb Shartle	Conner Wagner
Brennan Burger	Tai Desselle	Amanda Gordon	Gus Kitchens	Kelly Monaghan	Alexis Kay Silva	Stephan Weigand
Reginald Burris	Ava Marie Dieutto	David Gray	Siya Kumar	Charlie Myers	Grant Smith	Kobe Williams
Payton Calcagno	Emily Dong	Emily Griffin	Amelle Lagarde	Ruben Nambo	Traci Smith	Joshua Wingrove
Skylar Camardelle	TJ Dufour	Katy Guidry	Nicholas Lasala	Kadence O'Malley	Cheetara Stampely	Jordan Young
Parker Enright		Angelia Hallner		Chris Latournerie		Gary Zeringue