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Upcoming Events

Fall Registration is going on now! Call today to reserve your schedule for the 2012-2013 School Year!

- *Administration Planning & Development (no classes August 30-31).*
- *Labor Day Holiday* will be on September 3rd.
- Bring a Friend Week

Time To Register for Fall!

Fall is nearly here! If you haven't already reserved your Fall lesson schedule and instruction please do so now! Many of our instructors are booked completely. You can register online or call the school office to register! New this year at LAAPA for students who simply don't have time to come out to our 3 campus locations are Skype Music Lessons! All current music students ages 10-up may also enroll in our FREE Weekly Skype Theory Classes for children and adults - space is limited!

Congratulations to Spring Recital Participants!

Our 2012 Spring Recitals were a great success—with some truly inspiring performances! The diversity of talent and ages of students who performed was an outstanding contribution to the success of the recitals. Every student went home with a trophy award! Congratulations to all our Spring Recital Participants! Videos of the concert are currently being added to our Video Gallery at <http://laapa.com/videos> (see the "newest videos" tab). We'll have additional photos and videos posted there soon as well as on our NEW FACEBOOK page at <http://facebook.com/laapaface>. Be sure to like us on Facebook if you haven't already done so!



Summer Camp Fun!

Our 2012 Summer Music Camps were a huge hit! Every year we accept 25 students each week of July to enjoy a variety of musical instruments and classes with us. This year, we had great experiences and witnessed many extraordinary performances! Each student received hands on lessons in performing arts foundations such as stretches, dance steps, stage presence, theory and ear training, chords, note reading and performance techniques.

Our more experienced campers took part in several ensembles and received advanced training in their selected programs. At the end of each week campers performed what they had learned in just a week's time!



Northshore Spring Recital Photos



1st Row: Michael Silvestri, Griffin Eberly, Alex Cobos, Ariel Hill, Alyssa Bergeron, Yaira Espinosa, Taylor Vander, Zachary Montz, Jade Buras, Brayden Rohden, Alyssa Bush, Matthew Fuentes

2nd Row: Debbie Lusco, Liam McCauley, Cecelia Falkenstein, James Plaisance, Carley Mizzel, Shelby White, Evan Wille, Carmen Giles, Lucas Plaisance, Amanda Gordon, Gilberto Cobos, Sydney Vander, Grace Grundmann

3rd Row: Sara Stoltz, Michael Lewis, Jamie Planchard, Shane Strander, Jonathan Covell, Sarah Tullier, Gabrielle LaBiche, John Hajjar, Randi Gaspard, Anna Leach, Cindy Van Duyne

1st Row: Delany Bright, Noah Strickland, Abigail Araki, Dash Hansen, Liam McCauley, Jake Bodie, Joel Rodriguez, Andrew Bertrand, Kaela Massey, Ariana Blagrove, Ethan Hansen, Emma Pradillo, Brian Bartee

2nd Row: Kate Gauthreaux, Charles Korndorffer, Bella Roberts, Katie Glaviano, Paulina Claros, Emily Araki, Mario Rodriguez, Michael Austin Verges

3rd Row: Zachary Araki, Isabella Rodriguez, Margaret Shephard, Marta Herrera, Jonathan Hansen, Madelyn Logan, Macie Breaux, Amelia Roberts, Colton Blagrove, William Dunford, Luke Hansen



1st Row : Hy Nguyen, Brooke Silva, Miranda Tillery, Grace Ladner, Chloe Shartle, Nhi Nguyen, Karli Silva, Nina Derks, Roman Pierson, Samantha Jaeger, Gabrielle Sudmann, Abigail Owens, Ashley Taylor

2nd Row: Kha Nguyen, Alexandra Jaeger, Britney Nguyen, Whitney Nguyen, Alyssa Schoeder, Lauren Parmer, Patrick Hoag, Kate Rush, Cymiraj Hughes

3rd Row: Hannah Sutton, Mallory Bogle, Grace Dumdaw, Allan Cuff, Micah Doyle, Stephanie Dribus, Maddy Rose, Phi Lam



1st Row: Ian Kelly, Ivan Guidry, Julian Shales, Charles Sandoz, Emily West, Madison Livacarri, Sydney Stokes, Mackenzie McClain, Sameen Hossain, Landon Frizzell, Patrick Cullen, Susannah Knights, Sammy Clark, Sophia Clark

2nd Row: Kate White, Jefferson Walker, Brandon Myers, Skylar Schoen, Madeline Moore, Ian Nicoll, Sarah Hossain, Mellissa Moore, Brandon Core

3rd Row: Haliegh Bishop, Shelby White, Liz Moore, Emily West, Alex Jarrell, Eryn Kelly, Mei-Lan Ordone, Logan Rogers, Emily Ruli, Thomas Ruli, Abigail McClain, Shaw Corcoran



Southshore Spring Recital Photos

1st Row: Olivia Kelly, Ana Maria Montes, Kate Corcoran, Ella Corsetti, Tori Patania, Fiona Marks, Anthony Lam, Haley Tran, Lilli Johnston, Audrey Layne Corcoran, Tracy Chen, Vania Castillo, Kaelin Taylor, Rayna Moiz

2nd Row: Shelby Baham, Emily Dong, Patrick Lyell, Nicholas Byland, Molly Buras, Emily Maffe, Konrad Marks, Katelyn Chopin, Madison Graf, Bennett Rine

3rd Row: Melissa Chadborn, Victoria Manguno, Maggie Graham, Vanessa Hanon, Molly Graham, Abby Buras, Fran Miles, Ben Willis



1st Row: Jayda Bullard, Molly Inman, Jack Lo, William Lavie, Matthew Baffe, Scout Hughes, Elijah Jonas, Collin Pelitere, Shelby Inman, MJ Thomas, Quinn Rosenstein, John Baumgarten, Degan Dansereau

2nd Row: David Dillon, Katherine Corcoran, Lexie Rodrigue, Callie Matyas, Miracle Lewis, Ironisha Bates, Dhrien Brickman, Angela Malespin, Brooks Garcia, Jarius Hurst, Abby Webb, Amaya Burrell, Jackson Bashaw

3rd Row: Marguerite Eppling, Armand Clark, Erik Huarcaya, Botao Shan, Swathi Katakam, George Tang, Tyler LeBlanc, Amari Hurst, Wesley Hodgson



1st Row: Alyssa Kerry, Miranda Bishop, Kaitlyn Cabiro, Ayva Smith, Amelie Bent, Kody Nguy, Siya Kumar, Tayja Taylor, Olga Bueno, Lauren Bishop, Brianna Lino

2nd Row: Anna Dawson, John Michael Tullier, Annie Pham, Victoria Henry, Collin Cruz, Fiona Ching, Spencer Lanosga, Juliette Enright, Parker Enright, Sakshi Sadhwani, Allison Tullier

3rd Row: Matthew Cruz, Matthew Plessala, John Duong, Tony Pham, Tamar Hankton, Michael Pham, Kelly Monaghan, Marcela Saavedra, Rahul Sadhwani, Lucy Pham, Munnawn Gill

4th Row: Harrison Rogers, Tue-sy Pham, Nicole Presley, Fahrawn Gill



1st Row: Michael Royerre, Rachel Royerre, Ava Richard, Seth Rutman, Brett Steele, Vito Eshleman, Adeoluwa Fadesere, Nathaniel Green

2nd Row: Ryan Jones, Emily Gray, Lana Lawson, Zelvin Collins, Devin Jones, Theodore Fang, Olivia Guerra, Nikki Thorne, David Price, Nathan Jackson

3rd Row: Kay Alexis Silva, Julia Simon, Landon Lawson, Lindsey Henriques, Alyson Vu, Camille Simon, Amanda Hale, Ana Paula Paiva, William Willis

4th Row: Michall Willis, Samantha Morris, Yole-dy Jolly, Victoria Miller, Daniel Mahne, Emmanuelle Willis, Tammy White, Katie Slater, Gabrielle Willis



Teacher Feature



Meredith Bradley

Meredith teaches piano, voice, preschool classes, choir, and music therapy sessions. Yes, you would say she is essential to Louisiana Academy of Performing Arts. She is beginning her second year with LAAPA and loves teaching here! Meredith's schedule is always very full which indicates her amazing gift for teaching.

Meredith is originally from New Orleans and grew up in North Carolina.

She earned her Bachelor of Music degree from Loyola University in New Orleans as well as a Master of Arts in Music Therapy from New York University. Meredith plays and sings classical music but enjoys working in all styles as well as exploring the world of improvisation and song-writing. Outside of music, she loves the outdoors and especially enjoys hiking. She is very happy to be back in Louisiana and enjoys spending time with her family and friends.

Where is Your Teacher Performing?



Josh Theriot's 80's tribute band will be playing:

August 11th at Cate Street Pub in Hammond, LA.

August 18 at Cadillac's Rock n' Country in Laplace, LA.



Maggie Probst sings with the New Orleans Opera Association and will be performing in the October Gala.



Carolyn Moore is finishing writing songs for her sophomore album. She will be going to the recording studio in Nashville during the holidays. She is currently involved in worship music at Church of the King. www.cr91.org



Victoria Hills plays piano for the church services at North Cross Methodist in Madisonville.

Welcome to our New LAAPA Teachers!

Denise Bonis

Dr. Jeff Copeland

Jenna McSwain

Katarina Boudreaux

Candace Schaedel

Baylie Stillwell

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT!

Music Tips from your Favorite Teachers!



Bill Solomon, *Guitar*—Remember to learn about playing music in different situations. Learn Happy Birthday or a Christmas song. This will get you used to playing in front of people and of course learning a fun song will help it seem like you are really not practicing!



Victoria Hills, *Piano*—Try to sight read on a regular basis. Pick a song easy enough to play through, look at the time and key signatures, any dynamic markings, tempo, rests, and any accidental it might have and play all the way through.



Curtis Staples, *Guitar*—Whenever learning a new piece of music, take a moment to recite the notes before you begin to play them. Be sure to count the time when beginning to learn a new piece. Give this practice strategy a real shot, and it will help you learn a piece in less time!



Maggie Probst, *Voice/Piano*—My favorite way to practice a new piece or skill is to use a metronome and slow it way down, about half tempo or slower. When you can play it accurately & steadily at that tempo, speed it up just a bit and play it again. Keep repeating until you can play it perfectly at the correct tempo.

Music & Laughter



Q: Why was the musician arrested?

A: He was in treble

Q: What do you call a guitar player that only knows two chords?

A: A music critic

Q: How many guitars players does it take to change a lightbulb?

A: 5...one to change and 4 to say they could have done it better!

Q: What's the difference between alto clef and Greek?

A: Some conductors actually read Greek?

Q: How are trumpet players like pirates?

A: They're both murder on the high C's.

HA-HA-HA

Student News



Bree Hollis performed in the Jefferson Performing Arts Society as Flounder, from the Little Mermaid. Bree was amazing and had a solo "She's in Love."



Tekla Babyak, pianist and fifth-year Ph.D. candidate in musicology at Cornell University, hosted a piano master class at the Christwood Retirement Community in Covington this past May. She chose to open the Master Class to students of LAAPA exclusively due to our reputation as the premier school of the performing arts in the area. Five students at LAAPA were selected to perform a solo during the master class, and Tekla provided them with help and resources during their performances.

Participants pictured from left to right: Madison Livacarri, Melissa Moore, Madelyn Moore, Tekla Babyak, Gabrielle Labiche and Sara Stoltz.

Piano Master Class
 Tekla Babyak pictured in middle "enjoyed performing and helping the students with their piano solos."

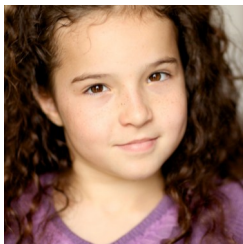
◆ Gabriel Rhinehart performed the role of Augustus Gloop in Slidell Little Theater's production of *Willy Wonka*.

◆ Ian Kelly won 1st prize at a Science Competition. He missed his first music class to give his presentation to the St. Tammany Parish School Board on ACOUSTICS!
 Great Job Ian!

◆ Mallory Bogle attended an opera camp in Dallas. She had to audition for the camp and turned out she was selected as the youngest in the group!



Michael Austin Verges will be portrayed as Troy Bolton in the cast of *High School Musical*.



Juliette Enright recently played a principle role in the Audubon Zoo/Aquarium/Insectarium commercial!

Look for her face the next time you see the commercial!



Holly Scalia brought a friend Shanna Baudier. Shanna really enjoyed observing Holly's lesson and would like to take lessons at LAAPA soon!

Remember "Bring a Friend Day" is coming up in October!

**Fall Dance Classes are Starting Now—
Register Today!**



Ms. Candace has been dancing since she can remember. "After years of balancing dancing and school I realized that I wanted to pursue a career in Performing Arts. I attended Arcadia University for communications and pursued my minor in Theater and Performing Arts. While at Arcadia University I choreographed for the dance group on campus all four years. In addition to that I came home to Delaware every summer and taught classes to New Castle Dance Academy's general students and dance team. I have worked with the dance team through four Star-Power competitions. Many of the students I have assisted in teaching have received Power Paks and special awards. I felt gravitated to share my passion for dance with others after seeing such great success in my students."

Ms. Whitney was born and raised in Denver, Colorado. She trained at Cherry Creek Dance, Miller Dance Studio & Cleo Parker Robinson. She has flourished as a professional dancer in a myriad of styles including: Jazz, Modern, Ballet, West African, Hip Hop, Tap, Lyrical, Tumbling, Break dancing, Aerial, Latin Ballroom, and Contemporary. She eventually decided to open Highlands Dance Studio which has always been her dream, and successfully ran it for 3 years. Whitney has recently moved to New Orleans with her husband. She has since come to the River Ridge School of Music and Dance, to spread her love of the arts and passion to the talented student there. We are very fortunate to have her here. Whitney eventually hopes to establish a Junior Company with students from RRSMD and even utilize the music department for a collaboration of young and unique productions.



River Ridge School of Music & Dance
Fall Dance Programs

Parent & Tot (ages walking—2)
Creative Movement—Intro to Dance, Ballet, Jazz (ages 3-5)
Ballet (ages 6-17)
Jazz (ages 6-17)
Tap (ages 6-17)
Hip Hop (ages 6-17)
Musical Theatre (ages 7-12)
Adult Dance
Tumbling

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Mandeville, LA 70448
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Welcome to Our Newest Students!

Kacie	Biennu	Sam	Durst	Bailey	Otero
Kimberly	Adams	Taylor	Durst	Derren	Parker
Max	Anderson	Jack	Ehlinger	Gwen	Ragas
Olivia	Apatini	Vito	Eshleman	Valentin	Ramonos
Laura	Arenas	Elise	Falkenstein	Eve	Rehkopf
Patrick	Bach	Macee	Fielding	Maha	Rehman
Ludovica	Ballou	Gabriela	Figuero	Sophia	Ren
Alex	Bellew	Luke	Fontan	Sierra	Roberson
Joshua	Bernard	Kennicka	Hagan	Isabella	Roberts
Tatum	Borne	Erroll	Harris	Isabella	Roberts
Jordan	Bowden	Julie	Hasse	Emma	Rogers
Chance	Bowden	Rachel	Higgins	Ethan	Rogers
Sophie	Broadway	Madelyn	Hill	Sarah	Rogers
Erica	Brooks	Wayne	Himel	Christopher	Ruello
Adair	Brossette	Elbert	Hoang	Merilly	Ruglas
Conner	Brown	Christopher	Iazzetta	Michael	Russell
Ella	Cabal	Dannaca	Ivory	Rebekah	Russell
Julia	Caronna	Chanelle	Johnson	Matthew	Schaff
Murphy	Chabaud	Emily	Johnson	Brookelyn	Session
Renee	Christina	Austin	Kent	Rhonda	Sims
Levi.	Christina	Samar	Khan	Oliver	Sobriano
Kelli	Clark	Mallory	Kiefer	Scott	Sorensen
Creed	Coleman	Burk	Kivilcim	Amanda	Steger
Jeff	Cooke	Joshua	LaBranche	Jakob	Sudmann
Anna	Cooke	Mary	Langlois	Julie	Townsend
Sharon	Crawford	Brynn	Loughlin	Elise	Trepagnier
Kendrick	Cromwell	Deborah	Love	Maria	Vargas
Kendrick	Cyprian	Alyssa	Loyd	Elizabeth	Volpi
Alyssa	Davis	Alexe	Ortiz	Cecilia	Vu
Kahlon	Davis			Roslyn	Walsh
Ethan	Diliberto			Craig	Williams
Jena	Diliberto				
Joey	Diliberto				
Joanna	Drivalas				
Melissa	Dupre				

