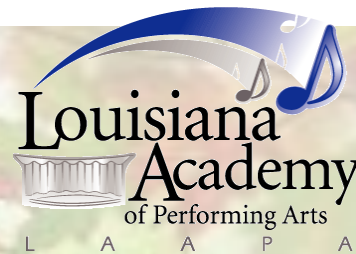


Quarter Notes

Fall Edition • October-December



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- ◆ **October 22-27th** is “Bring a Friend Week/Open House” where you can show off your talents to your friends & family. Refer to the back of this newsletter for your invitation to invite a friend! Your friend can even try an instrument, too! Lot’s of fun!



- ◆ Halloween, on **Wednesday, October 31st**, is a fun time for children and adults to enjoy their neighborhood’s festivities by sharing in the fun and games. But remember to always think about safety. Suggested listening on Halloween – Toccata and Fugue in D minor - J.S. Bach!



- ◆ Christmas is Coming! This year’s Christmas Concerts will be held Saturday, December 15 at the Fuhrmann Auditorium in Covington for the Covington/Mandeville Schools and on Sunday, December 16 for the River Ridge School. Admission is free to all, but donations to the Mission we support are welcomed. For more information on the Mission – please visit <http://laapa.com/mission>.



- ◆ Teachers at the Louisiana of Academy of Performing Arts are now nominating students for our 2012-2013 ensembles. We are looking for talent to add to our jazz ensemble, string ensemble, chorus, and rock ensemble. Those nominated will have a great time each week learning with fellow musicians. If you are interested in joining an ensemble, please speak with your private teacher or stop by the front desk for more information!



Ryan Cullen, Director and family are proud to welcome their son Benjamin James Cullen into the world!

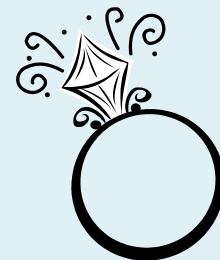
Born on 9/18/12

Congrats, Ryan, Margaret, Patrick, and Lucy!

LAAPA ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Congratulations to our Faculty on their recent engagements !

- ◆ Josh Theriot, instructor of guitar
- ◆ Simona Gronic, instructor of violin & Vitalie Gumeniuc, instructor of brass/winds/percussion (to each other!)
- ◆ Victoria Hills, instructor of piano



STUDENT NEWS



Lorelai Mitchell auditioned and was selected for the 3rd grade chorus at Magnolia Trace School.

CONGRATS LORELAI!



Michael Lewis is playing the role of Lionel (the inventor of the cheeseburger) in an original play, "Freddy Finkles Fabulous Frankfurters," written by the students of Northlake Christian School.

AWESOME MICHAEL!



The Hossains are proud to be part of the LAAPA family. Both daughters have been attending lessons since 2010. Sarah (almost 9), enjoys playing the violin and piano. She was part of LAAPA's 2011-2012 String Ensemble and was thrilled to perform with her group at LAAPA's recitals throughout the year. Sarah received a superior award at LAAPAFEST and performed at the Annual Honors Recital this year. Sameen, age 7, loves taking piano lessons. She also participated at LAAPAFEST and received a Superior award.

Sabrina and Mohammed, originally from Bangladesh, moved to the area to attend UNO for what they thought would be a two year's stay. "We fell in love with the city, the culture and the music." They have been living in the US for 14 years now and living in Mandeville since 2007. LAAPA was highly recommended by friends, teachers, and peers alike. They have been extremely pleased with all the teachers, staff, and music curriculum. They feel the girls are developing a greater appreciation of music through the knowledge of their teachers!



Skylar Schoen, pictured above, is forming a Christian youth leadership program at the Church of the King.

GREAT WORK SKYLAR !



Pictured left, Katherine Corcoran, member of the St. Mary Magdalene School Chorus, auditioned and was selected for the 2012 District VI Honor Chorus held at the First Baptist Church of New Orleans.

CONGRATS KATHERINE!

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 October or November 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. We don't have nearly enough room to publish all of our schedules, but here is just a PARTIAL list of who is BOOKED:

RIVER RIDGE

Voice or Piano

Kristen: SAT 1 spot open

Jenna, SAT 1 spot

Bonnie, MON 1 spot, WED 1 spot, FRI BOOKED

Guitar or Drum

Ben: SAT BOOKED

Bill: FRI 1 spot

Violin or Cello

Vanya: SAT 1 spot

Kate: MON BOOKED

Denise: WED 1 spot

MANDEVILLE

Voice or Piano

Rebecca: MON BOOKED, TU 1 spot, FRI 1 spot

Carolyn: MON 1 spot, TU 1 spot

Meredith: WED 1 spot, TH BOOKED

Katarina: WED 1 spot

Ryan: TH BOOKED

Cara: FRI 1 spot

Guitar or Drum

Ben: TU BOOKED, TH 1 spot

Curtis: TU 1 spot

Josh: SAT 1 spot

Josh: MON 1 spot

Wind or Brass

Vitalie: MON 1 spot

COVINGTON:

Voice or Piano

Bonnie: SAT 1 spot

Meredith: MON BOOKED, TU BOOKED

Kathleen: TU 1 spot, WED 1 spot

Carolyn: WED BOOKED

Guitar or Drum

Josh: TU 1 spot

Curtis: FRI BOOKED

Ben: FRI 1 spot

Violin or Cello

Simona: TU 1 spot, WED BOOKED

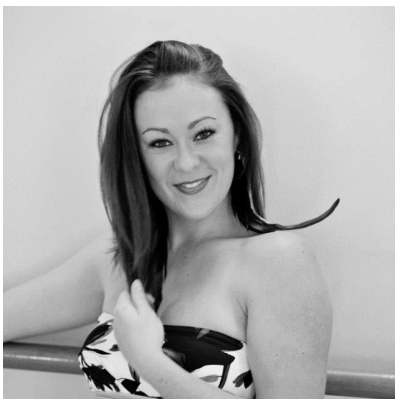
Where is your teacher performing?



Jenna McSwain, instructor of piano, jazz piano, and voice, is performing:

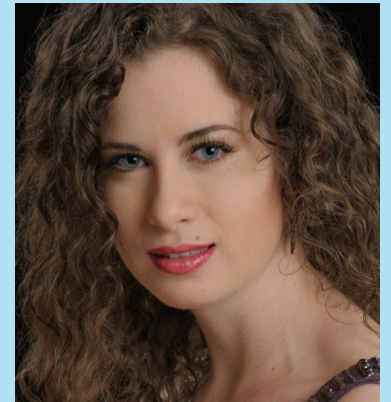
- October 2nd & October 30th 4-6pm at Mojitos

- October 5th & 26th , 4-6pm at Three Muses



Whitney Cavanah, instructor of dance, will be performing at "MEET AVATAR MOVEMENT DANCE COMPANY"

- Thursday, October 18th at Mojitos for 7pm. Be There!



Cara Williams, instructor of voice/piano, will be performing October 3rd at the *Rusty Nail* "Opera on Tap" as a soloist. 7pm.

Lagniappe Lessons from Our Faculty...

- ◆ To make note learning fun, take an inexpensive cookie sheet, draw the staff with a permanent marker and use magnets as notes; lot's of fun! – Kathleen Anderson, instructor of voice/piano
- ◆ When practicing a new song, look for all the measures that are the same and group them into sections. Then, practice each section until you know it, and put all the sections together. It's easier and you will learn faster, and of course, if it is a real difficult section, practice each hand alone first. – Russell Tucker, Associate Director & instructor of piano
- ◆ Upon sitting down with your instrument to practice each day, play something unusual first. By starting off with an exercise or phrase that you are not used to playing, you push yourself to learn new things and experiment – Josh Theriot, instructor of guitar/piano/drums

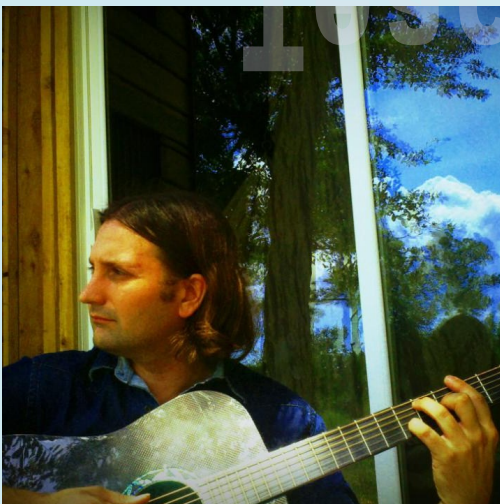
For more tips/techniques – visit laapa.com/video to watch our Faculty as they share their wealth of knowledge in our Lagniappe Lesson Video Series.



Get Involved! Working with the Teacher...

It's no secret! Students make the most progress when parents and teachers are both involved. Both must provide inspiration and encouragement. Parents – take a few minutes each week to stop and check in with your child's instructor to see what you can do to become more involved in your child's performing arts education!

Teacher Feature



Ben Hurst has been playing guitar for the past 20 years, and has been teaching guitar since he was 16 years old. He graduated from Louisiana Tech University in 2005 with a degree in classical guitar. Since moving to the New Orleans area in 2006, he has been teaching at LAAPA and at the Choice International School of Performing Arts in Laplace, LA, where he also teaches guitar.

He plays numerous instruments and teaches them all: guitar, piano, drums, bass guitar, mandolin, banjo, dulcimer, and ukulele. In addition to teaching, Ben likes to compose his own instrumental music on his guitar in the fingerstyle method of Chet Atkins and Tommy Emmanuel. While music is his passion, Ben also has numerous other

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endeavors. He has a passion for organic farming and raising livestock such as chickens, ducks, rabbits and goats. He likes all things natural and strives to live a sustainable lifestyle.

His latest project is building his own house out of recycled material and powering it with renewable energy systems such as solar panels. You can follow his blog documenting his progress on his tiny house at: smallhomebiglife.blogspot.com. In the near future, after finishing his house, he will focus on building the farm of his dreams and recording an album in his new home!

YOU ARE INVITED

By _____

“To attend our special “Bring a Friend Day.”

Tag along to your friend's music lesson or dance class the week of October 22-27, 2012.

Covington School of Music

857 N. Collins Blvd. Ste A

Covington, LA 70433

985.590.4545

Mandeville School of Music

316 Girod Street

Mandeville, LA 70448

985.674.2992

River Ridge School of Music & Dance

2020 Dickory Ave. Ste. 200

Harahan, LA 70123

Welcome to our Newest Students...

Kaylie	Abel	Alan	Ehrich	Ellette	Vorhoff
Dylan	Acree	Cameron	Ellis	Roslyn	Walsh
Andrea	Andrade	Zoie	Espinel	Karli	Williams
Karen	Antunez	Andrew	Fogg	Laila	Williams
Fraelle		Sean	Fogg	Jeanne	Roberson
Mhae	Bade	Will	Frischhertz	Dagon	Parker
Ethan	Barker	Alexaner	Herrera	Lily	Pryor
DeLynn	Basso	Kaelyn	Hobson	Kennedy	Ray
Addyson	Belk	Gwyneth	Hughes	Mariena	Ray
Ella	Bergeron	Yuyao	Jiang	Jaelinn	Scarborough
Adrien	Bordelon	Claire	Johnston	Matthew	Schaff
Olivia	Bordes	Trey	Knight	La Tya	Schexnayder
Jacob	Bossier	Bonnie	Lewis	Brinkley	Seal
Alexandria	Bowers	Zenia	Lottier	Xiola	Spaulding
Erica	Brossette	Joshua	Marshall	Ashleih	Stoltz
Abby	Brown	Stuart	Marshall	Christian	Thomas
Adair	Brown	Jahel	Marze	Teyana	Thomas
Jonathan	Bryant	Holly	McDaniel	Kaitlyn	Tillery
Kaden	Buffinet	Ian	McDaniel	Gabriella	Vargas
Luke	Burlison	Blake	Mediamolle	Maria	Vargas
Sarah	Chandonnet	Love	Mikolavich	Jack	Verret
Levie	Clark	Joel	Monnerjahn	Nicholas	Verret
Kacey	Cognevich	Jaden	Nitschke	Cecilia	Veters
Kamiya	Collins	Luke	Nitschke	Jack	Vonier
Madeline	Colombo	Aaron	Nitschke		
Jeff	Craighead	Madison	Noveh		
Adam	Cuevas	Leah	Oddo		
Nancy	Davis	Justin	O'Hara		
Chase	Derenbecker				
Cole	Derenbecker				
Emily	Dufrechou				
Grace	Dufrechou				