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**Where's your Teacher Performing?**

**Sunday, April 21 - 2 PM  
 Faculty & Honors  
 Recital**

Join the LAAPA Faculty, Staff, and Students as they perform in our annual Faculty & Honors Recital!

The concert will be held this year in Nunemaker Auditorium on the campus of Loyola University New Orleans.

The concert will feature our faculty members as well as students who received an invitation from the LAAPAFEST judges to perform.

Our faculty members are preparing a variety of classic pieces and original compositions for your listening pleasure! Our faculty performers this year will include:

Meredith Bradley, piano  
 Dana Hudson, flute  
 Jenna McSwain, vocal/piano  
 Vitalie Gumeniuc, saxophone  
 Adam Bock, guitar  
 Victoria Morehead, piano  
 Simona Gronic, violin  
 Vanya Karachobanova, violin  
 Chad Mundt, bass  
 Ryan Cullen, piano  
 Katarina Boudreaux, vocal/piano  
 Brittany Piatz, marimba  
 Rebecca Posey, soprano  
 Josh Theriot, guitar  
 Russell Tucker, piano  
 Carolyn Moore, vocal/piano  
 Cara Williams, soprano  
 Curtis Staples, guitar

**One Show Only!  
 Not to Be Missed!  
 Free Admission!**

**IMPORTANT  
 DATES:**

April 21 -  
 Faculty & Honors Recital  
 Loyola University  
 New Orleans - 2 PM

May 27 -  
 All Schools are OPEN  
 for Memorial Day  
 Classes

May 18, 25, June 1 -  
 Spring Recital  
 Rehearsals for all Music  
 Students who will be  
 performing in Spring  
 Recital!

June 8 -  
 Northshore Spring  
 Recitals

June 15 -  
 Southshore Spring  
 Recitals

**New at LAAPA - Ipads in the Studio!**

**LAAPA Embraces Technology in the Classroom**



At LAAPA, we're always improving the overall experience for our students and parents. Our most recent **\$10,000** project has focused on bringing the latest generation of Ipads into each of our classrooms at the Mandeville and River Ridge campuses - and very soon to our Covington campus!

New backend networking equipment to handle all of the Ipad traffic as well as a new and improved guest wi-fi network for our students and parents was also part of the upgrade!

When asked about what they thought of the new Ipads at LAAPA, our students and faculty responded as follows:

**Students - What do you think about LAAPA's new Ipad install?**

*"It's fun to play with the apps and gives us something to do other than use our books."*

~ River Ridge campus music theory students

*"They are lots of fun!" ~ Abby Roux (pictured left)*

*Pictured below L-R-B are Ms. Vanya & Alison Agena, Ms. Denise & Cameron Vo, and Elliette Vorhoff*

**Teachers - What do you think about LAAPA's new Ipad install?**

*"They are a great tool to work on music theory especially. It is a new way to get the kids engaged and excited. It keeps their attention in a whole new way. The ability to record the students and let them hear themselves is really cool too."*  
 ~ Meredith Bradley, voice/piano faculty (pictured above)

*"Love it! It is very useful and the games are fun."*  
 ~ Vanya Karachobanova, violin faculty

*"Having another teaching tool is always awesome and some apps the kids really love."*  
 ~ Denise Bonis, violin/piano/theory faculty

**Students - What are some of your favorite apps?**  
*"Music Tones, Music for Little Mozarts" ~ Alison Agena*  
*"Sight Reading and Tenuto" ~ Abby Roux*  
*"RHYTHM CAT!" ~ Theory class altogether!*

**Teachers - Would you say that having access to this kind of technology in your lessons gives your students an educational advantage?**

*"Absolutely! To see them really engaged is awesome for a teacher. Also, having another visual, aural, tactical activity keeps their minds active in another musical way than playing their instrument or looking at their book is important."*  
 ~ Denise Bonis, violin/piano/theory faculty

Have an app suggestion for the school Ipads? Write to us at [studentnews@laapa.com](mailto:studentnews@laapa.com)!





## Faculty Practice Tips:

by  
Ryan Cullen, Director  
“Building Chords - Pt. 1”

Building chords on any instrument in any key is easy once you know how they are put together!

First some basics - most music that we listen to is built in half and whole step intervals. A half step is the smallest interval and occurs when you move from one key to the very next key on the piano (whether black or white). A whole step occurs when there is ONE key (whether black or white) between any two other keys on the piano.

Now armed with that knowledge, let's build a basic major triad. A major triad consists of a “major 3rd” interval on the bottom and a “minor 3rd” interval on the top. For example, on the piano, if you play a middle C to the E above, the distance between those two notes is two whole steps, or what we call in theory, a “major 3rd” interval.

The distance from the same E to the G above is slightly shorter at one whole step and one half step, or what we call in theory, a “minor third” interval.

**Now you know the secret to building major triads in any key!**

## A Huge Welcome to our Newest Students!

Chloe B., Eleanor S., Kenneth B., Sarah D.,  
Serena G., Dilara G., Kaycie B., Malobi M.,  
Ricardo A., Brian F., Lexi K., Hayden I., Justin M.,  
Lindsey B., Sequoia B., Idalie W., Frankie M.,  
Sthael F., Sydney S., Hayden J., Nilah M.,  
Rachel D., Connor M., Gracie R., Jessie M.,  
Jethro M., Michael A., Olivia J., Parker T.,  
William T., Ava S., Namratha M., Madelyn H.,  
Margery P., Derek W., William C.

## In the News...

Covington School of Music vocal student, DeLynn Basso has several gigs coming up at Muffaletta's - part of Jason Baglio's “The Elvis Experience”.  
Call for seating (985) 747-0491.  
Best to call two weeks before show date.  
She'll be performing -  
April 27th @ Muffaletta's in Amite 7pm  
May 25th @ Muffaletta's in Amite 7pm

Covington School of Music piano student, **Bailey Sitarz** won 1st Place in Junior Earth Science in Southeastern Regional Science Fair. Her project was “Levees.”

River Ridge School of Music & Dance piano student, **Colton Blagrove** made Eagle Scout and there was a Resolution from City Council of Slidell in his honor.

River Ridge School of Music & Dance piano student **Olivia Kelly** auditioned and made it into her school (St. Catherine of Siena) Variety Show. Thanks Mr. Russell who helped us put something together on such short notice! She played “The Grandfather's Clock” and “When the Saints Go Marching in.”

River Ridge School of Music & Dance vocal student, **Nicholas Byland** was presented with an American Physiological Society Science Fair award for his project entitled, “How do Plants grow with and without Fertilizer?” Nicholas received an APS T-shirt, certificate and a “Physiology Researcher” lapel pin for the best physiology project. He will go on to compete statewide.

**Have something to share? E-mail your news to [studentnews@laapa.com](mailto:studentnews@laapa.com)!**



## Students of the Month - Brandon & Andrew Core

**How long have you been studying/playing?**

Brandon – “Piano 2 years and Guitar 3 months.”

Andrew – “Violin 8 years and Guitar 3 months.”

**What is your favorite thing about taking guitar, piano, and violin lessons at LAAPA and the Covington School of Music?**

Brandon – “Being able to play the songs I like.”

Andrew – “Learning something and then hearing it on the radio and recognizing it.”

**What kinds of things do you work on in lessons?**

Brandon – “Scales and Chords.”

Andrew – “Whatever I like is what Josh helps me out with...songs, theory and chord progressions.”

**What are some of your short term and long term goals while taking lessons at LAAPA**

Brandon – “Learn a lot of songs.”

Andrew – “Looking forward to playing with friends for fun.”

**What do you enjoy about your teacher the most here at LAAPA?**

Brandon – “He's good and knows a lot.”

Andrew – “He is funny, energetic and really knowledgeable.”

**What are some of your other interests/activities?**

Brandon – “Sports.”

Andrew – “Soccer and Networking.”



## 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 April or May, 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.

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

**VOICE/PIANO:**

**Maggie: FRI 1 spot! TU – BOOKED!**

**Kathleen: TU & WED 1 spot!**

**Cara: TU, WED, FRI – BOOKED!**

**Kristen: SAT – BOOKED!**

**Bonnie: MON & SAT 1 spot! WED, TH, FRI – BOOKED!,**

**Jennifer: MON – BOOKED!**

**Russell: MON, TU, TH 1 spot! WED – BOOKED!**

**Meredith: MON, TU, WED, TH – ALL BOOKED!**

**Katarina: TU 1 spot ! WED & SAT – BOOKED!**

**Jenna: TH 1 spot ! WED & SAT – BOOKED!**

**Baylie: TH – BOOKED!**

**Rebecca: WED 1 spot! MON, TU, TH, FRI – BOOKED**

**Carolyn: MON, TU, WED – ALL BOOKED!**

**Victoria: MON & SAT – BOOKED!**

**Bethany: TU 1 spot! SAT – BOOKED!**

**Daniel: TH 1 spot!**

**Charmaine: WED 1 spot!**

**Ryan: TH – BOOKED!**

**GUITAR/DRUMS:**

**Bill: FRI, 1 spot! MON & SAT – BOOKED!**

**Curtis: FRI 1 spot! MON – BOOKED!**

**Jeff: WED – BOOKED!**

**Josh: WED, TH, SAT 1 spot! MON & TU – BOOKED!**

**Ben: SAT 1 spot! MON, TU, TH, FRI – ALL BOOKED!**

**Adam: MON – BOOKED!**

**VIOLIN/CELLO:**

**Kate: MON – BOOKED!**

**Gabriel: MON – BOOKED!**

**Simona: MON & TH 1 spot! WED & SAT – BOOKED!**

**Denise: TU 1 spot! MON & WED – BOOKED!**

**Vanya: SAT 1 spot!**

**BRASS/WOODWINDS:**

**Vitalie: MON – BOOKED!**

**Ryan: TH – BOOKED!**

**Jack: WED – BOOKED!**

**Dr. Joe: WED 1 spot!**

## Student Shout Outs!

“I have been associated with the Louisiana Academy of Performing Arts (LAAPA) and the Covington School of Music for over six years. My son took piano and guitar lessons for four years and I started voice lessons in September of 2011.

The professionalism of the management and staff is commendable. The staff at LAAPA are dedicated to their students and work hard to create venues and new opportunities for the students to perform and express their talent. They also are very attentive to the unique learning style of each student and match the student and instructor as closely as possible. I'm pleased to be part of the LAAPA family.”

~ **Cindy Van Duyne**

## Join Us This July for a Summer of Music, Dance, & Fun!

Our Summer Music and Dance Camps provide all campers (ages 5-16, beginning, intermediate, and advanced) with the opportunity to explore up to five of our instrumental, vocal, and performing arts programs in a fun and creative environment!

### 2013 Summer Camp Details

**July 8-12**

(Mandeville and River Ridge campuses)

**July 15-19**

(Covington, Mandeville, &  
River Ridge campuses)

**July 22-26**

(Mandeville and River Ridge campuses)

**Tuition:**

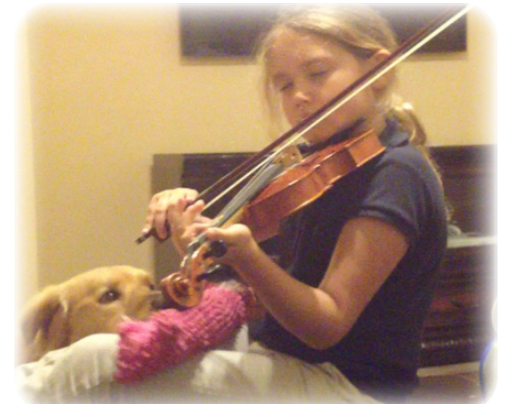
**\$250.00/week**

**Registration:**

**\$15 per student**

**For more information or to Reserve your Spot - go to [laapa.com/camp](http://laapa.com/camp)!**

## Lagniappe Corner



Mandeville School of Music violin student **Alison Agena** recently shared with us that her dog, Percy tries to make her play with him while she's trying to practice!

She also writes that sometimes he just enjoys the music and tends to sing along!

Keep your eye out for Percy - maybe he'll be on stage at the next recital?!