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### Upcoming Performances by Faculty & Students - Not to Be Missed!

This year we are pleased to be featuring over 300 of our music and dance students at our Spring Recitals. Our students have been attending rehearsals and putting on the finishing touches! Join us **June 8** at the Fuhrmann Auditorium in Covington and on **June 15** at St. Martin's Solomon Theatre at 10 AM, 1 PM, 4 PM, or 7 PM for performances and presentation of awards. General Admission is \$10 cash or check at the door. Good luck to all students!



Also this June you have a number of opportunities to catch piano/voice faculty member, **Jenna McSwain**. She'll be performing as follows:

- June 7 - The Columns Hotel 6-9pm
- June 8 - 3 Muses 6-9pm
- June 12 - Dos Jefes 9:30-12:30
- June 14 - The Maison 7-10pm with the Fauxbarrio Billionaires
- June 11, 21, 25 - Mojitos 6-9pm

June 29th - Cafe Istanbul - Premiere of songs from the Debut Album - Wax & Wane: Songs Without Seasons, 10pm

Ready to Try Something Fun, New & Exciting this Summer?  
Have some extra free time now that school is out?

#### IMPORTANT DATES:

**June 1 -**  
Final Spring Recital  
Rehearsals for all Music  
Students who will be performing in Spring Recital!

**June 8 -**  
Northshore Spring Recitals  
at the Fuhrmann Auditorium  
in Covington

**June 10 - 14**  
Dance Dress Rehearsals in  
Full Costume at the  
River Ridge campus

**June 15 -**  
Southshore Spring Recitals  
at St. Martin's Episcopal  
School Solomon Theatre



Summertime is here, and the livin' is easy! Maybe a bit too easy in some cases.

Ah, you know what I mean parents - now that the kids are home most of the day, they've got extra time on their hands - **and energy!**

Now that school is out, do your kids follow you around the house each day asking you, "What can I do?", "What can I do now?", "I'm bored.?"

How about getting them involved in a music or dance program guaranteed to enrich their summer and creative spirits! Whether you're interested in our July summer camps or weekly private lessons - we have a program for you!

If your kids enjoy spontaneously bursting out into song and dance - consider our vocal, dance, and/or musical theatre programs!

Do you wake up each morning to the joyful sounds of your son or daughter endlessly pounding away at random notes on the piano? Let us show them how to make beautiful music in your home this summer!

Is your child driving you crazy beating on the kitchen pots and pans!? How about drum lessons instead?! Guaranteed to put all of that energy to good use! We can also recommend some excellent silent drum sets like we have at our schools for a peaceful and happy home!

Already taking a program with LAAPA? The summer is an excellent time to add a program or increase your weekly lesson time. More time to

practice at home means that you will progress faster and will need more time in your weekly lessons to truly accommodate and challenge your growing skills! To add a program or increase your weekly lesson time - check with the school office to see what we have available!

And adults, don't forget about yourselves - it's important to take time away each week from the every day grind. Music and Dance classes for adults at LAAPA provide an oasis of mental and physical rejuvenation that is like no other.

And by the way, I practice what I preach - this May I just started bass lessons at the River Ridge campus with LAAPA Faculty member, Chad Mundt (pictured above). As I sat down to begin the lesson, it was awesome to put all of my regular responsibilities out of my mind and to just focus on something totally new and exciting. Like all of our instructors, Chad made it very comfortable and easy for me to get started on the bass, and I now have something to look forward to each week - and a new skill to add to my list to boot!

Whatever you do this summer - don't just sit around - be creative and enjoy doing something new!

Sincerely,

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Academy Director, Parent of 3, & Aspiring Bassist

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**Welcome to our Newest Students!**

- Alexandra M.
- Amanda G.
- Angel H.
- Aydan L.
- Blake H.
- Brian F.
- Brooklyn W.
- Chloe S.
- Christian J.
- David D. Jr.
- Elizabeth D.
- Elizabeth F.
- Emma F.
- Gabe B.
- Jackson D.
- Jasime B.
- Jennifer G.
- John C. Jr.
- Kinley S.
- Lee M.
- Maddie G.
- Mary G.
- Murphy C.
- Paris C.
- Paul Joseph G.
- Ryan C.
- Ryan I.
- Serenity C.
- Sophie S.
- Theo B.
- Tulasi P.

It's a true pleasure to have all of you joining us here at LAAPA this past month!

Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us!

Isabella - "Playing a new song without mistakes!"

**What is your favorite song to play?**

Andrea - "We are Young" by Fun  
Isabella - "Forest Drums"

**What are your hobbies other than piano?**

Andrea - "Swimming and reading"  
Isabella - "Gymnastics, swimming, and art"

**In the News:**



On Saturday, May 4 Louisiana Academy of Performing Arts' Mandeville and Covington School of Music Students **Kate Rush, Madeline Moore, Melissa Moore, and Grace Dumdaw** participated in the Louisiana Music Teacher Association String Rally competition in Baton Rouge. Kate Rush received the First Place Trophy in Category Prep B, Madeline Moore received Honorable Mention in Level II, and Melissa Moore (Level I) and Grace Dumdaw (Level I) were virtually in third place.

**Students of the Month - The Bohorquez Family**

**Andrea and Isabella Bohorquez** take piano lessons at the River Ridge School of Music and Dance (Andrea for 4 years and Isabella for 3 years).

We recently had a chance to ask them how their lessons were going at LAAPA and how they got started!

**What is your favorite part of taking lessons at LAAPA?**

Andrea - "Learning new songs everyday!"

**Why did you choose LAAPA and how did you find out about us?**

Maria (mom) - "I found out about LAAPA at work. LAAPA is a good academy - they have many teachers, and you can choose from a wide variety of instruments and programs!"

On May 11, 2013, Kate Rush performed at the LMTA String Rally Awards Ceremony at LSU where she will get her trophy for winning First Place (in Category Prep B.)

**Simona Gronic**, String Instructor at Louisiana Academy of Performing Arts, is pictured with Grace Dumdaw(left) and Kate Rush(right). Madeline and Melissa Moore were not available for the photo.

The Directors, Faculty, and Staff of Louisiana Academy of Performing Arts congratulate these students and their Instructor for their dedication and hard work and hours of practice!

**In other student news, Covington School of Music student, Delynn Basso** will be performing at 7pm June 29th @ Muffaletta's in Amite as part of Jason Baglio's "The Elvis Experience". \*\*Call for seating (985) 747-0491...best to call two weeks before show date.



**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 June or July 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: SAT 1 spot! MON, TU, WED, FRI – ALL BOOKED!
- Catherine: SAT 1 spot!
- Bonnie: TH & FRI 1 spot! MON, WED, TH – ALL BOOKED!
- Jennifer: MON – BOOKED!
- Russell: WED & TH 1 spot! MON, TU – ALL BOOKED!
- Meredith: MON, TU, WED, TH – ALL BOOKED!
- Katarina: TH 1 spot! TU, WED, SAT – ALL BOOKED!
- Jenna: WED, TH, SAT – ALL BOOKED!
- Baylie: TH – BOOKED!
- Rebecca: WED & FRI 1 spot! MON, TU – ALL BOOKED!
- Carolyn: FRI 1 spot! MON, TU, WED – ALL BOOKED!

- Victoria: MON & SAT 1 spot!
- Bethany: TU 1 spot! SAT – BOOKED!
- Ryan: TH – BOOKED!
- Mirka: TU 1 spot!
- Daniel: TU 1 spot!

**GUITAR/DRUMS:**

- Bill: WED & SAT 1 spot! Mon, FRI – ALL BOOKED!
- Curtis: TH 1 spot! MON, TU, FRI – ALL BOOKED!
- Josh: SAT 1 spot! MON, TU, WED, TH – ALL BOOKED!
- Ben: SAT 1 spot! MON, TU, TH, FRI – ALL BOOKED!
- Adam: MON – BOOKED!

**VIOLIN/CELLO:**

- Kate: MON 1 spot!
- Gabriel: MON 1 spot!
- Simona: MON & SAT 1 spot! WED, TH – ALL BOOKED!
- Denise: MON & TU 1 spot! WED – BOOKED!

**BRASS/WOODWINDS:**

- Vitalie: MON & FRI 1 spot!
- Ryan: TH – BOOKED!
- Jack: WED – BOOKED!
- Dr. Joe: WED – BOOKED!
- Brittany: FRI 1 spot!

**Student Shout Outs!**

"I'm THRILLED! My two young sons (ages 4 and 6) have been taking piano and violin lessons at LAAPA for over a year now and I couldn't be happier! The curriculum is age-appropriate and they work very hard to match teacher personalities with each child individually....this is the key to their success! My children are eager to go to class and always come out beaming because they made their teachers proud. They feel so empowered when they can make music on their own...their lessons and recital opportunities have truly developed their self-confidence. LAAPA has passed my critical "Mommy" tests time and time again. I HIGHLY recommend them to anyone looking to expand their children's horizons!"

~ Elizabeth Hansen

**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/)**

**Spring Recital Invitations!**

Have a special someone you'd like to invite to see you perform at the Spring Recital?

Good news... We have just the thing! Pick up your complimentary Spring Recital invitations at the Front Desk and distribute to any friends and/or family you'd like to formally invite!

