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Chad Mundt, instructor of bass, guitar, percussion, will be playing with his original band Ben Joseph & the Lay Lows on March 3 in Mobile, AL for the Wounded Warriors Benefit and on March 30 at Checkpoint Charlies.



Maggie Probst, instructor of piano/voice, will be performing in Samson et Dalila with the New Orleans Opera Association as a member of the chorus on March 15 and 17.

Kate Withrow, instructor of violin will be performing with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra featuring the following this month:

March 3 - Family Concert: Carnival Of The Animals on at Loyola University - Roussel Hall at 3:00 PM
March 8 - Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto 1 - 7:30 PM at First Baptist Covington (and March 9 at 8:00 at Mahalia Jackson)

March 15 (8:00 PM) & 17 (2:30 PM) - The Opera Sampson and Delilah at Mahalia Jackson

You can additionally catch her string quartet on the Northshore performing works by Mendelssohn and Mozart at the Christwood Church in Covington on March 31 at 3:00.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

- March 9 - LAAPAFEST in Covington
March 16 - LAAPAFEST in Mandeville
March 23 - LAAPAFEST in River Ridge
March 26-April 1 Easter/Spring Break Holidays
April 21 - Faculty & Honors Recital Loyola University New Orleans - 2 PM

SUMMER CAMPS AT LAAPA!

Early Registration Savings - Register by 3/31 to save \$35.00!



(pictured above - students from our past summer music and dance camps!)

Join Us this July for a Summer of Music, Dance and Fun!

Dear Parents and Students,

Summer will be here before you know it, and so will our Summer Music and Dance Camps! Early Registration is now available online at http://laapa.com/camp as well as at the front desk.

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!

For Brand New Beginners with Little or No Experience...

Campers (with little or no music or performing arts background) are able to receive initial training and see what program(s) interest them!

Perhaps your child has shown an interest in music, dance, piano, singing, guitar, violin, drums (just to name a few!)? Wherever his/her interest lies, we are happy to provide a formal introduction to the programs of your choice in a structured and fun environment!

At the conclusion of each week of camp, the faculty members write a brief overview of your child's aptitude for each program/instrument which is extremely helpful in determining which program/instrument would be a good match in terms of regular classes and private lessons.

Reserve your Spot Now at laapa.com/camp!

For Experienced Students...

Our camps also provide experienced students with a week of concentrated study to accelerate proficiency and to generate motivation to learn new and improved methods of study... giving new life to the student's instrument or vocal study.

All Students...

At the end of each day of camp, all students come together for performance classes which feature what they have learned that day in camp!

In order to maintain a balanced atmosphere of fun, creativity, and education, only 25 students are admitted each week.

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

Reserve your Spot at laapa.com/camp!

Save \$35 Register Online Now to Receive FREE REGISTRATION & ONE FREE INSTRUMENT RENTAL! While Supplies Last. Offer Expires 3.31.13 Limit 1 per student May not be combined with other offers

**Faculty Practice Tips:**

by  
Ms. Allison Craig  
instructor of dance/theatre

**"Stage Advice"**

As a live stage performer, something is bound to go wrong - forgetting a line or a dance step, no matter how much you practice.

The best advice is to always keep going! A good exercise to use with a partner in performing lines comes from improvisational theater - always say yes!

This can help get the dialog back on track by working off of your partner. When it comes to dance, always smile! 90% of the audience is not even looking at your feet but they are always looking at your face.



**A Huge Welcome to our Newest Students!**

AJ B., Akshay G., Alexander S., Alexandra S., Alicia I., Andrew W., Ashleigh H., Ashley H., Azieya F., Blakely S., Braiden H., Brianna S., Charlie V., Christopher I., Ella B., Ella J., Elliot K., Gia S., Grace W., Jason M., Joshua S., Judy M., Katherine C., Kaylee H., Keith B., Kenley D., Kristina D., Leighanne S., Macy R., Madison C., Marco V., Mayson W., Melody S., Mina P., Mitchell D., Natasha B., Parrish D., Patty D., Randi Shaye A., Ren F., Savannah H., Savannah F., Shelby S., Shelly H., Skyler B., Taylor V., Tyler V., Veronica H., Warren D.

**In the News...**

Mandeville School of Music students **James Plaisance** and **Liam McCauley** made the St. Tammany District Honor Band! James studies saxophone and Liam studies guitar at LAAPA. Both students are additionally members of the LAAPA Northshore Honor's Jazz Ensemble.



Covington School of Music student Taylor Sims recently sang in the District IX Honor Choir. She is also cast as one of the daughters in SSA's production of "Fiddler on the Roof." Taylor studies voice with Ms. Kathleen Anderson.



Staff member **Robin Wallace** and her husband Kevin welcomed their daughter Clara Margaret Wallace into the world on February 2!

Congratulations Robin and family!

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

**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 March or April, 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: TU BOOKED!, FRI 1 spot  
Kathleen: TU BOOKED! WED & TH 1 spot  
Cara: TU, WED, FRI, SAT ALL BOOKED!  
Kristen: SAT BOOKED!  
Bonnie: MON, WED, FRI, SAT – ALL BOOKED!, TH 1 spot  
Jennifer: MON BOOKED!  
Russell: MON, TU & TH 1 spot  
Meredith: MON, TU, WED, TH--ALL BOOKED!  
Katarina: WED & SAT BOOKED! TU 1 spot  
Jenna: SAT BOOKED! WED & TH 1 spot  
Baylie: TH 1 spot  
Rebecca: MON, TU, & FRI ALL BOOKED! WED 1 spot  
Carolyn: TU & WED BOOKED! MON 1 spot

Victoria: MON 1 spot, SAT BOOKED!  
Bethany: TU, 1 spot

**GUITAR/DRUMS:**

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

**VIOLIN/CELLO:**

Kate: MON BOOKED  
Gabriel: MON 1 spot  
Simona: WED & SAT BOOKED! MON & TH 1 spot  
Denise: MON & WED BOOKED! TU 1 spot

**BRASS/WOODWINDS:**

Vitalie: MON 1 spot  
Ryan: TH BOOKED!  
Jack: WED BOOKED!

**FREE SKYPE THEORY CLASSES!**

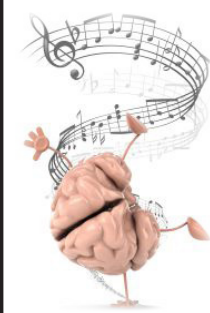
**Student Shout Outs!**

"Ben is an excellent and patient teacher. With his guidance, Daniel performed extremely well at the concert. With the confidence he has gained, he really enjoys performing. Since his grandmother was unable to attend the recital, Daniel surprised his granny by playing a song for her during Sunday service and brought her to tears!"

~ Carla Morelon

"Mr. Russell is the best piano teacher. He taught me everything I need to know. I can play the piano good now. Thank you Mr. Russell!"

~ Haley Tran



Expand your mind and join us online each Thursday for dynamic and fun music theory classes with school director, Ryan Cullen

FREE and OPEN to all students ages 10-adult!

Class times are as follows:

4:15-5:00 PM (ages 10-16)  
5:15-6:00 PM (ages 17 - up)

All you need is a laptop or desktop computer with Skype installed and a webcam.

For more information or to join the class, please login to Skype and send a Skype contact request to skype name *rpcullen.laapa*. Be sure to include your full name and note which class you'd like to join!

**Lagniappe Corner**

Recipe for Peach Cobbler - by Linda Mah-Kelly

Ingredients:

- 4 peaches
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 c. sugar
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
- 1 c. flour
- 1 c. milk
- pinch salt
- 8 1 c. ramekins.
- 8 TBSP. butter

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Slice up peaches and mix together with sugar (leave skin on). If your peaches are really sweet you can use less sugar. Set peaches aside.

Whisk together the sugar, baking powder, nutmeg, salt and flour. Add milk and mix together with whisk.

Add 1 TBSP. butter to each one cup ramekin. I have also used an 8x11 baking dish. Melt butter in the dish in 350 degrees preheated oven. When the butter is melted add the batter then add the peaches, divide equally in each ramekin (with juices on top of batter).

Bake for approximately one hour. Cool slightly and serve with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream. Enjoy!!

**Students of the Month - Alex and Alina Chiu**

How long have you been studying/playing the piano?: **Alina** – 5 years, **Alex**– 4 years

What is your favorite thing about taking piano lessons?: **(both)** "Learning and playing new songs."

What are some of your short term and long term goals while studying the piano?:

**Alex & Alina** – "We just enjoy taking lessons for ourselves, so no plans on joining a band – YET!"

What do you enjoy about your piano teacher, Ms. Victoria, the most here at LAAPA?

**Alex**– "She's nice and awesome and easy to learn from."

**Alina**– "She's funny!"

Who do you like to listen to: **Alex & Alina** – "Pop, Taylor Swift."

Mrs. Chiu, what made you choose LAAPA for your children's piano lessons?

"We had just moved here and were looking for a place to continue their piano lessons. I first discovered LAAPA by driving by. I did some research and checked out the website and liked what I saw.

We have stayed here at LAAPA because of their great teachers and great facility."

