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- Violin Faculty member, Kate Withrow will be performing with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra as follows:
- Works by French Masters: Ravel, Saint Saens, and Faure
- May 9, 7:30 PM at First Baptist New Orleans
- May 10, 7:30 PM at First Baptist Covington
- Free Park Concerts: May 11, 6:00 PM at Bogue Falaya Park & May 22, 6:00 PM at Lafreniere Park
- Season Finale: Mahler Symphony No. 3
- May 16 and 17, 7:30 PM at First Baptist New Orleans



spoken word.

Piano, Voice, and Woodwinds faculty member, Mark Monistere can be heard each Friday and Saturday at New Orleans Famous Beignets & Coffee on Decatur St. from 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM and each Sunday at Copelands Jazz Brunch (701 Veterans Ave.) from 11 AM 3 PM



May 5 - at Jazz Fest with Grayhawk Band, two sets at the lagniappe stage and

May 5, from 7 to 11 PM at Ponchartrain Landing with Dapper Dandies

May 19 - Dance Quarter, the Trio





IMPORTANT DATES:

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May 27 -All Schools are OPEN for Memorial Dav 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

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River Ridge School of Music & Dance 504.738.3050 2020 Dickory Ave. Ste. 200 Harahan, LA 70123

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A huge congratulations to all of our students who participated in LAAPAFEST this year! Of the nearly 160 students that performed, we're pleased to report that 100% received either Superior or Excellent overall ratings from the festival judges!

This is truly a remarkable accomplishment for the Academy, and we're so very proud of our students and faculty for their preparations!

Congratulations to the following students who received an overall rating of Excellent this year at LAAPAFEST:

Harper B., Andrea B., Isabella B., Landon C., Paulina C., Sarah C., Madelyn C., Grace D., Adeolowa F., Cecelia F., Henry F., Saishreya G., Katie G., Madison G., Luke H., Gwyenth H., Scout H., Christopher K., Daniel M., Sireen M., Makayla P., Emma P., Logan R., Gabriele S., Beck T., Kaelin T., Cindy V., and Evan W.

Congratulations to the following students who received an overall rating of Superior this year at LAAPAFEST:

2nd Row: Gabrielle LaBiche, Kate Gautreaux, Kimberly A., Alison A., Declan A., Zachary A., Shelby Cameron Snider, Taylor Sims, Claire Bourgeois, B., Alex B., Zach B., Braden B., Ariana B., Colton B., Emily Dong, Gilberto Cobos, Porsha Delatte, Andrea B., Alexandria B., Macie B., Delaney B., Nathan Jackson. Jonathan B., William C., Peyton C., Chanel C., Alex C., 3rd Row: Sarah Tullier, Elizabeth Duclaux, Katherine C., Thomas D., Shay D., Grace D., Amanda Boe, Victoria Manguno, Rebekah Russell. Theodore F., Madison G., Tamar H., Jonathan H., 4th Row: Ben Caraway, Greg Rider, Jason Pounds. Ariel H., Emma H., Sameen H., Sarah H., Alex J., Lilli J., Yole-dy J., Ryan J., Samuel K., Olivia K., Once again, congratulations to all LAAPAFEST Susanna K., Gavin L., Spencer L., Chris L., Michael L., students! We look forward to hearing you and ALL stu-Madison L., Patrick L., David M., Konrad M., Fiona M., dents perform in our upcoming June concerts. During Luci M., Abigail M., Rayna M., Ana Maria M., Madeline M., Elizabeth M., Ian N., Jamie P., Noelle P., these concerts, all students who perform will addition-Sophia R., Brandon R., Lexie R., Isabel R., ally be recognized during an awards ceremony that Sarah R., Emily R., Julian S., Akshita S., Lillian S., concludes each program. Noah S., Sanjana S., M.J. T., Gabriella V.,



LAAPAFEST - A Huge Success!

Michael Austin V., Charlie V., Jack V., Trishia W., Abby W., Shelby W., Ben W., and Derek W.

Congratulations to the following students who received an overall rating of Superior and were selected as Alternates for the Honors Recital:

Abigail A., Malllory B., Nicholas B., Alina C., Alex C., David C., Patrick C., Olivia G., Madi K., Angelina M., and Mario R.

Finally, congratulations to the following students (pictured above) who received an overal rating of Superior and were additionally chosen this year by the festival judges to perform in the annual Honors Recital. held Sunday, April 21 at Loyola University New Orleans.

Pictured above are:

1st Row: Melissa Moore, Swathi Katakam, Alexandra Jaeger, Kate Rush, Gabriela Cordova, James Plaisance, Yaira Espinosa, Katelyn Jackson, Liam McCauley.





Welcome to our Newest Students!

Aaron D. Abby A. Aiden B. Alanis B. Alexis A. Alexis S. Asianae D. Benjamin B. Brayden L. Caleb B. Carly M. Chance T. Christian B. Christine B. Ella N. Emily R. Emmie N. Erica A. Evan N. Eviana R. Grace H. Haven F. Hudson F. Jasmine L. Jeff F. Justin A. Keren H. Lamart B. Lina S. Makavla A. Makaylin A. Megan L. Michael N. Monique V. Mychal A. Namratha M. Rachel A. Rex P. Ricky M. Sabrina H. Sarah B. Shelby S. Stella P. Tom C. Yuki S. 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!

In the News...

LAAPA Faculty member, Mrs. Bonnie Fagan and her husband recently welcomed their son, Hobbes Stark Taylor into the family and they are all doing guite well at home. Mrs. Bonnie has missed her students and looks forward to working with you all again when she returns on May 6!



On Wednesday, March 13th at 2:56pm, Mandeville School of Music student. Nina Derks became a big sister (again!) to a healthy little boy, Luke Christopher Derks (pictured left). She now has two little brothers who love to hear her practice piano

River Ridge School of Music & Dance piano student Spencer Lanosga won the state champion gold medal in Bantam 90+ at the Louisiana Kids Folkstyle Wrestling Championship. It was held in Lafayette on March 23, 2013.

This is Spencer's first year wrestling. He also won gold

at the Crusader Open and Jr. Storm tournaments. In the beginning of the season, Spencer, a 7 year old 1st grader at St. Matthew the Apostle, wrestled against 9 & 10 year olds at the Greater Baton Rouge Invitational and Tiger Open and walked away with a bronze and silver. Spencer says wrestling and football are his favorite sports.

May, 2013

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Have something to share? E-mail your news to studentnews@laapa.com!

Spring Recital 2013 Information

Dear Students and Parents,

Our Spring Concerts and Awards Ceremonies will be held Saturday June 8 at Fuhrmann Auditorium, 317 N. Jefferson St in Covington for the Covington and Mandeville campuses and Saturday, June 15, 2013 at St. Martin's Solomon Theatre 5309 Airline Dr. in Metairie for the River Ridge campus. Please keep the entire day open as we will have multiple concerts from 9 AM through 8 PM and we will not have your recital time info until very close to the recital day.

All students are asked to complete and return the participation form available via the link below by 5/7/2013.

RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION:

- All music students will be assigned one solo and may additionally participate in a duet or compose an original piece.

- All instrumental and vocal students (voice, guitar, strings, wind, brass, etc) will require accompanists. The accompanist fee is \$30 and will provide students with 3 mini-rehearsals with the accompanist (or their instructor within the lesson) in addition to the performance on the day of the concert.

- Mandatory rehearsals for music students provide the student with additional coaching from the Academy Faculty and will be held Saturdays at the Covington School of Music between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM on May 18, May 25, and June 1. Students must attend 2 of the 3 rehearsals. A more detailed schedule is forthcoming. - All dance students that are not performing in the concert must inform the teacher immediately as an exact count of students performing will be necessary for the choreography.

- All dance students will purchase their own costumes. Their teacher will assign costumes at least 1 month before the concert. Cash or check is preferred. All dance students must attend all lessons from now until the concert. If students miss more than two lessons from now until the concert they will not be able to perform. Rehearsal for dance students will be held the week before the recital. Dance students should come in full costume the week of June 10 for dress rehearsal held at The River Ridge School of Music and Dance.

Finally, all dance students should arrive at the Solomon Theatre 30 min prior to their performance time to allow for stage blocking.

Many trophies will be awarded at each program. Ask your individual instructor about our categories and how trophies are earned. Trophies and other awards will be awarded based on students' weekly performance and effort at lessons with the exception of the Original Composition trophy and Festival awards. Recital Tickets for General Admission may be pre-ordered for \$7.00 ea. at the Front Desk or by completing the form below. After May 7, tickets will be available for \$10.00 ea. at the Front Desk or at the door the day of the Concert. Two complimentary recital tickets (per family) are available for students and/or parents to pick up at the Front Desk.

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 li for a particular teacher, day, or time, please contact any 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 May or June send an email to Bill: MON & SAT 1 spot! FRI - BOOKED! Curtis: MON & TH 1 spot! TU & FRI – BOOKED! Jeff: WED 1 spot! Josh: SAT 1 spot! MON, TU, WED, TH - ALL BOOKED! Ben: TU & SAT 1 spot! MON, TH, FRI – ALL BOOKED! Adam: MON – BOOKED!

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:

Maggie: FRI 1 spot! TU – BOOKED! Kathleen: TU & WED 1 spot! Cara: MON & SAT 1 spot! TU, WED, FRI - BOOKED! Catherine: SAT – BOOKED! Bonnie: MON & FRI 1 spot! WED, TH- BOOKED!, Jennifer: MON – BOOKED! Russell: MON, WED, TH 1 spot! TU- BOOKED! Meredith: MON. TU. WED. TH - ALL BOOKED! Katarina: TU, WED, SAT - ALL BOOKED! Jenna: TH. WED. SAT – ALL BOOKED! Baylie: TH - BOOKED! Rebecca: TH & FRI 1 spot! MON, TU, WED - BOOKED

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Carolvn: MON. TU. WED - ALL BOOKED!

Student Shout Outs!

I've been taken guitar lessons

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since this past January and I love both Josh and the lessons he provides! I've always had a passion for the guitar and wanted to learn since I was a young child, but back then never got around to actually picking up a guitar and learning it. Then finally after a couple decades, and now at the age of 39. I tapped into my savings and bought the guitar I always wanted. Just when I was about to attempt learning the guitar on my own, a friend told me about Laapa. I was nervous (well actually ... it was more like awkward feeling) about the whole private instructor thing, I just felt I was too old for it. But Josh makes the lessons comfortable and fun. ~ Shelly Hebert



vour referrals! Your referral is the highest compliment that you can give to us!

When referring, please be sure to take advantage of our new referral program!

If you have a friend who might like to take lessons, if you refer them to LAAPA and they enroll, we'll give you a gift certificate for a free lesson in the program of your choice!

It's very easy to refer someone.

Just visit: laapa.com/referafriend

Type in your name, their name and their contact information and we'll take care of the rest!



	Victoria: MON & SAT, 1 spot!			
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of	Charmaine: WED 1 spot!			
	Ryan: TH – BOOKED!			

GUITAR/DRUMS:

VIOLIN/CELLO:

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

BRASS/WOODWINDS:

Vitalie: FRI 1 spot! MON – BOOKED! Rvan: TH – BOOKED! Jack: WED – BOOKED! Dr. Joe: WED – BOOKED!

Refer a Friend and Get



Lagniappe Corner



Pictured above is Covington School of Music student, Shelly Hebert's pet dog!

What Kind of Dog you ask?

He's a 7 year old male Dachshund, Rottweiler, and Louisiana Catahoula Leopard Dog mix.

She writes, "He's my biggest fan (....and critic), always right at my feet when I'm practicing my guitar, occasionally singing along."

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w Does the Summer Work at LAAPA?

As the summer approaches, we typically receive the following questions each year.

For your convenience, we have prepared answers to the most frequently asked questions!

Q. "How do lessons work in the summer?"

demy is open year round, and we do not close during the summer. tinue through the summer. We additionally hold summer camps each July!

Q. "Do a lot of students stop during the summer?"

tudents do take part of the summer off, June and July are strong enrollment months for udents are eager to fill their summer schedules with lessons and our summer camps. students often choose to continue their lessons into the Fall.

Q. "How full is the Academy?"

it's recent growth by over 100 students this year to 906 - the most in the history of the 978. Nearly all of the most popular lesson times of from 3 - 7 PM are now completely booked.

we stop during the summer, can we keep our spot for Fall?"

summer months, we cannot guarantee that we will have a spot for you in the Fall as your to both new students (who begin in the summer) and current students ho may wish to change their time or increase their time).

"Can I change my lesson time for the Summer or Fall?"

les remain the same through the Summer, we are more than happy to try and work out a r possible. You may call the office at any time should you find that a schedule no longer d we can immediately work on finding something more suitable for you.

oe-France Northshore and Stuart Hall will be called and scheduled on our campus closest to you: River Ridge, Mandeville, or Covington.

rough the Summer to keep our spot, how can we makeup missed lessons due to travel / vacations?"

area that offers multiple ways to makeup time missed due to traveling WITHOUT giving up your regular lesson schedule.

usual whenever you will be absent and sign up for one or more of our makeup classes! ses are offered YEAR ROUND and never expire. Please note that July 1-6 osed for Summer Break so you won't miss any classes that week.

eacher online via SKYPE! All you need is a WI-FI connection and a laptop, Iphone, Ipad, ke your lesson with your teacher anywhere in the world as all of our instructors are now outfitted with Ipads in their classrooms!

end or family member for the summer. This is always a popular option - as this way you when you return AND can have someone else enjoy the lessons and your convenient schedule during the summer!

y questions about Summer Lessons, don't hesitate to contact us!





Register Now for Music + Dance Summer Camps!







Is this the Summer you try something fun, new + exciting?

Summer will be here before you know it, and so will our Summer Music and Dance Camps! 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.

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.



May, 2013

Sign up for summer camp and receive free registration and a free camp tote bag with this coupon! **Expires 5/31/13**

Cannot be combined with any other offer.



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* or the registration form on the next page or CALL US TODAY!

JOIN US FOR SUMMER MUSIC & DANCE CAMP THIS JULY!

Covington School of Music 985-590-4545

Academy Mandeville School of Music 985-674-2992

FOR:

- Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Levels (AGES 5 through 16) \geq
- \geq levels.
- \geq vocal studies.

STUDENTS SELECT FIVE PROGRAMS FROM THE FOLLOWING: (IMP: indicate instrument if choosing Brass, Wind, or Ensemble)

Ensembles	Instrumental	Jazz Instrumental Studies	Music Theory & Composition
□ Orff/Kodaly Music & Movement (ages 5-10)	□ Piano (ages 5-up)	□ Jazz Piano (ages 9-up)	□ Ear Training (ages 6-up)
□ Chorus (all ages)	□ Guitar (ages 8-up)	□ Jazz Guitar (ages 9-up)	□ Composition (ages 10-up)
□ Beginning Band (ages 9- up)	□ Voice (ages 5-up)	□ Jazz Voice (ages 9-up)	□ Music Theory I (ages 5-8)
□ Jazz Ensemble I (ages 9- up) (<i>beginning students</i>)	□ Percussion (ages 5-up)	□ Jazz Percussion (ages 9- up)	□ Music Theory II (ages 9-up)
□ Jazz Ensemble II (ages 9- up) (<i>experienced students</i>)	□ Violin/Strings (ages 5-up)	□ Jazz Improvisation (ages 10-up)	□ Jazz Composition and Theory (ages 10-up)
□ Orchestral Ensemble I (<i>beginners</i>) (ages 9-up)	□ Brass (ages 9-up)	□ Jazz Brass (ages 9-up)	OTHER: Dance programs are available at River Ridge campus only
 Orchestral Ensemble II (<i>experienced</i>) (ages 9-up) 	□ Woodwind (ages 9-up)	□ Jazz Winds (ages 9-up)	 □ Acting (all ages) □ Dance - Ballet (ages 6-up) □ Dance - Jazz (ages 6-up)
□ Rock / Pop Band (ages 9- up)	□ Bass Guitar (ages 9-up)	□ Jazz Bass (ages 9-up)	 Dance - Hip-Hop (ages 6-up) Dance - Tap (ages 6-up)

Please note that the availability of some programs each week is based on enrollment.

DATES: July 8-12 (Mandeville/River Ridge), July 15-19 (all campuses), July 22-26 (Mandeville/River Ridge) HOURS: 9:00 A.M. - 2:45 P.M.

LOCATION: Covington School of Music, Mandeville School of Music, River Ridge School of Music & Dance

CAMP INSTRUCTORS: Faculty of the Louisiana Academy of Performing Arts

TUITION/FEES: \$250 per week per student. \$15 Registration Fee per student. All materials included. Tuition and Registration due upon application (checks payable to LAAPA and all major credit cards are accepted).

CAMPS FILL QUICKLY! ENROLL NOW!



River Ridge School of Music & Dance 504-738-3050

Prospective Beginners unsure of their area of interest...try one or more instruments at beginning

Current musicians...a week of concentrated study to accelerate your proficiency and generate motivation to learn new and improved methods of study...to give new life to your instrumental or