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LAAPANOTES

This student waited too long to Register for Fall Classes and didn't get his preferred schedule & teacher...

If you took the summer off and are ready to resume lessons this Fall or are a brand new student who is ready to get started in music lessons or dance classes...



NOW IS THE TIME TO GIVE US A CALL

before our most convenient schedules are gone!

Give us a call now for more information about current scheduling options!

Covington - 985.590.4545
Mandeville - 985.674.2992
River Ridge - 504.738.3050

Welcome to Our 108 Students who began lessons in August (continued from p. 2!)

Jena B., Jody T., Joshua O., Joshua W., Justin V., Kaleb P., Katya D., Kaylee L., King T., Kristen P., Landon C., Lauren J., Lauren P., Layla L., Liam T., Lila M., Madison Z., Madison Page T., Maggie M., Malobi M., Maxwell S., Merrill M., Miranda H., Nicole L., Olalekan F., Oumar D., Peighton S., Penny W., Peter B., Raquel M., Renee G., Riley S., Ronisha C., Rowaen J., Rylee B., Saanvi G., Sadie G., Sage M., Sam R., Samantha S., Sarina S., Savana S., Selah R., Seth R., Sofia O., Swathi K., Sydney O., Tabatha P., Thorin C., Tina P., TJ T., Tod L., Tony H., Tory W., Warren D., Zachary D., Zoie S.

It's a true pleasure to have all of you joining us and in some cases returning to us or adding additional programs here at LAAPA!

Where's Your Teacher Performing?

Maggie Probst, instructor of piano/voice is the musical director/conductor for a production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church.

Performances will be held: Friday, Sep. 20 at 7pm, Saturday, Sep. 21 at 2pm and 7pm, and Sunday, Sep. 22 at 2pm.



LAAPANOTES September, 2013

Are You Ready to Join a Band this Fall?
Here are just a few things you should know!



IMPORTANT DATES:

September 2
Labor Day Holiday

September 3-30
Registration Open to all Prospective and Former Students for the Fall.

September 9-14
Dance Open House

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"Providing students of all ages with the education, inspiration, and motivation conducive to a lifetime appreciation for the performing arts since 1978."

It's no secret that here at LAAPA we teach A LOT of private music lessons, preschool music classes, theory classes, skype theory classes, and dance classes each year. Actually, the number comes out to be right around 41,000 lessons/classes every year!

What is perhaps not as well known is that several of these classes are performance based ensemble classes that are open to all LAAPA students based on age and your private teacher's recommendation!

Performing in an ensemble is an important learning experience for all musicians and further develops each student's rhythmic precision, ability to listen, creativity, intonation, and overall confidence and stage presence.

As with all of our classes, our faculty Ensemble Directors are truly inspiring instructors and make each rehearsal, well - just plain FUN!

Our groups/ensembles perform at all of our school recitals and on occasion at other events as schedules permit.

Our Covington School of Music Choir, for example, is open to all students ages 12-18. No singing experience is required. This group has an ambitious performance schedule this Fall which includes:

- Singing the National Anthem at the Hornets/Pelican's game in the Spring, date not confirmed yet.
- Singing at Merry Christmas Madisonville.
- Singing at a couple of the nursing homes in Mandeville/Covington area.
- Members will be auditioning for LMEA and ACDA district and all-state honor choirs.

In the choir, each student is given a CD with their part

recorded on it to rehearse the songs at home, so they can come to rehearsals prepared.

Solfege/Sight Singing (i.e. DO-RE-MI) is also taught at each rehearsal. Each rehearsal teaches the aspects of good choral singing which are: tone, vocal health, blend, balance, diction, phrasing on top of other basic vocal techniques.

If singing isn't your main interest, we also have Jazz Bands and Rock Bands to join! Our Rock Bands and Jazz Bands are open to students ages 10-up and also perform at all school recitals and other events.

Our Jazz Bands focus heavily on the development of ear training and theory/improvisational skills.

In addition to performing, our Northshore Jazz Band regularly composes their own music as a group and has recorded a music video available in the online edition of our September newsletter at <http://laapa.com/news/laapanotes.htm>.

Our Rock Bands focus on teaching students classic and contemporary covers and always manage to get the audience grooving along at each recital - and they are currently adding new band members like crazy (so don't wait too long to inquire if you're interested!).

Performing in a group is a great way to put all of your skills from your private instruction to good use! If you love performing at recitals - I cannot emphasize enough how important it is for you to join a group this Fall to further your musicianship. For more information on getting started in an ensemble, just give us a call. I look forward to seeing you jamming on stage!

Sincerely,

Ryan Cullen, Academy Director

Welcome to Our 108 Students who began lessons this August!

- Adeoluwa F.
- Aiden D.
- Alex M.
- Alexandra S.
- Alexandra V.
- Alivia S.
- Andre S.
- Anna T.
- Ashleigh H.
- Ashley H.
- Autumn C.
- Averie M.
- Beck T.
- Brennan S.
- Brian F. III
- Caileigh C.
- Caleb S.
- Cameron D.
- Camille F.
- Chance M.
- Charles S.
- Chloe L.
- Corbin K.
- Damyra W.
- Daniel G. Jr.
- Daniel C.
- Diego D.
- Elise T.
- Elizabeth E.
- Ella C.
- Elliott L.
- Ethan O.
- Ethan E.
- Fraelle Mhae B.
- Gabrielle H.
- Gavin D.
- George T.
- Gracie C.
- Harris B.
- Harris S.
- Harrison P.
- Heaven C.
- Heidi B.
- Helen S.
- Ian S.
- Isabella P.
- Isabelle B.
- Jace C.
- Jack E.
- Ja-naya R.

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STUDENT NEWS

River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, **Jesse Lynn LeBoeuf**, age 12, finished 1st in two events at the Louisiana State Long Course Championship Swim Meet held in Baton Rouge on the LSU campus. The four day meet, hosted by Tiger Aquatics, took place on July 11 – 14, 2013. Jesse was named 2nd overall high point girl in the 11 - 12 age category in the State of Louisiana.



Jesse competed in 7 individual events and 2 team relays. In the Finals of the 11 – 12 Girls' age group, she placed 1st in the 50 meter backstroke, 1st in the 50 meter freestyle, 2nd in the 50 meter butterfly, 2nd in the 100 meter backstroke, 4th in the 100 meter freestyle, 6th in the 200 meter freestyle, and 6th in the 400 meter freestyle. She also swam in the two relay events for her age group. Her relay team placed 3rd in the medley relay and 5th in the freestyle relay.

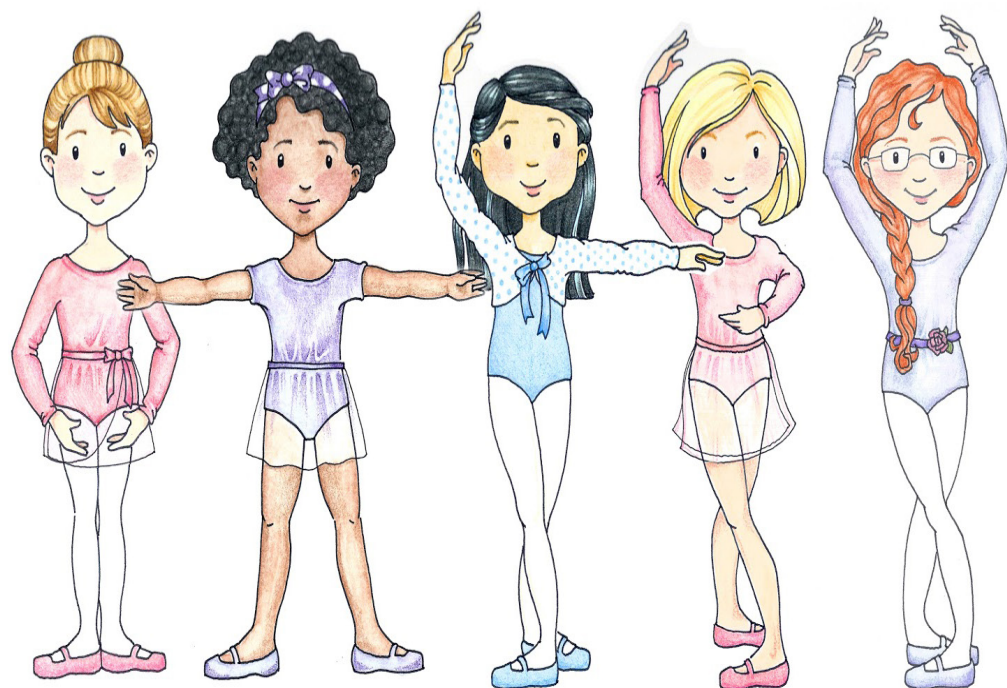
Jesse swims year-round for Crescent City Swim Club of Metairie.

Covington School of Music student, **Cindy Van Duyn**e, recently joined the Pat Barberot Orchestra as a vocalist and will be performing 9/1 & 9/15 from 7-10 PM at the Jefferson Orleans. The Orchestra is the longest running in the country and regularly has guests like Pete Fountain that sit in.

Have News to Share? E-mail your news to studentnews@laapa.com! Connect with us on Facebook at [facebook.com/laapaface](https://www.facebook.com/laapaface)

THE DANCE CORNER

Pictured below is an illustration by Susan Fitch (<http://susanfitchdesign.blogspot.com>) that we recently came across and wanted to share with all of our Dance Students! It demonstrates the Five Ballet Positions. Keep this handy as it makes a great reference chart!



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH - HAYLEE HUI, KING TSANG, & ANNA TSE



River Ridge School of Music & Dance students, **Haylee Hui** and **Anna Tse (daughter and mother)** take dance, violin and piano lessons here at LAAPA! Haylee's cousin, King Tsang (also pictured left) is also just getting started in dance classes this Fall! We recently had a chance to speak with them and learn a little more about their lessons and interests!

Questions for Kaylee:

- What is your favorite thing about dance?** *Learning new moves.*
- What is your favorite thing about violin?** *Learning to play songs with the violin.*
- What is your favorite song to play in violin lessons?** *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.*
- What do you enjoy about your dance and violin teachers?** *My violin teacher is really fun and my dance teacher taught me some new moves and I really enjoyed that.*
- What is your favorite food?** *Vietnamese noodles with lime and soup.*
- Are you excited about your cousin joining your dance lessons?** *Yes! Very excited!*

Questions for Anna:

- Why did you choose LAAPA for Kaylee's dance and music lessons?** *Recommendation from friends.*
- What made you decide to take piano lessons?** *I always wanted to learn piano but never had the chance. Now, I can learn while waiting for Kaylie to finish her lessons.*
- How do you feel piano and dance lessons have helped Kaylee?** *The lessons help her concentrate in her studies.*
- Any other comments that you have about our school?** *Open one in Metairie closer to my house! :)*

IS YOUR TEACHER COMPLETELY BOOKED? • TEACHERS WITH WAITING LISTS

As Fall begins, many of our teachers are already nearly or 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 for September and/or October.

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

PIANO/VOICE

- Maggie: TU & FRI – **BOOKED!**
- Kathleen: TU –**BOOKED!**
- Cara: MON, TU, WED, FRI, SAT – **BOOKED!**
- Bonnie: MON **1 spot!** WED, TH, FRI – **BOOKED!**
- Jennifer: MON – **BOOKED!**
- Russell: TH & FRI **1 spot!** WED – **BOOKED!**
- Meredith: MON, TU, TH – **BOOKED!**
- Katarina: TH **1 spot!** TU, WED, SAT – **BOOKED!**
- Meghan: TH **1 spot!** WED & SAT – **BOOKED!**
- Rebecca: MON **1 spot!** TU, TH, FRI – **BOOKED!**
- Carolyn: TU & FRI **1 spot!** MON – **BOOKED!**
- Daniel: WED **1 spot!** TH- **BOOKED!**
- Bethany: TU & WED **1 spot!** SAT – **BOOKED!**
- Victoria: SAT **1 spot!**
- Ryan: TH - **BOOKED!**

- Mirka: TU **1 spot!**
- Catherine: SAT **1 spot!**

GUITAR/DRUMS:

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

VIOLIN/CELLO:

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

BRASS/WOODWINDS:

- Ryan: TH – **BOOKED!**
- Reid: WED & FRI **1 spot!** MON – **BOOKED!**
- Brittany: FRI **1 spot!**

Student Shout Outs!

"Katherine and I would like to thank Bonnie for all that she does for Katherine each week.

Katherine says, 'Mrs. Bonnie encourages me to work hard to do bigger and better things.'

Bonnie worked with Katherine on her original composition piece "Shine" for the Spring Recital.

Bonnie gave Katherine the little extra push that she needed to complete her composition successfully."

~ Theresa and Katherine C.