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## Join us Sunday, April 27 for our Faculty & Honors Recital!

Come and hear your teacher perform on Sunday April 27 - 2 PM at the Fuhrmann Auditorium in Covington. The following Faculty members will be performing - Cara Williams, Josh Theriot, Jennifer White, Ryan Cullen, Rebecca Posey, Russell Tucker, Maggie Probst, Candace Shaedel, Mae King Alvarado, Vanya Karachobanova, Meghan Stewart and Friends, Jessica Martin, Bill Solomon, Reid Poole, Carolyn Russell, and Katarina Boudreaux.

**FREE ADMISSION - OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC!**

### Faculty News



**Carolyn Russell** will be leading a children's choir for Palm Sunday weekend services at Church of the King featuring LAAPA students Alejandro and Gilberto Cobos. She will also be leading a choir and assisting with production for the Church of the King Easter Services which will be at all 3 campuses (Biloxi, Metairie and Mandeville) at all services Friday-Sunday reaching over 9,000 people. The current Mary Poppins on Broadway, Laura Kelly will be a guest lead soloist complete with gospel choir, jazz brass group, violinist, piano, spoken word and worship music. Laapa students Jamie Planchard, Amelia Milton and Mallory Bogle will be part of the gospel choir.



**Katarina Boudreaux** and **Reid Poole** can be heard on Fridays 11 PM till late at the Little Gem in New Orleans. Also, be sure to catch Katarina's solo performances at the Live Oak on Monday and Tuesdays from 9 AM - 1 PM.

**Josh Theriot** (Author of "The Essential Guitar Method" & Instructor of guitar, piano, percussion) will be holding a FREE guitar clinic open to the general public at C&M Music Center in Houma on Friday, April 18 from 5-7 PM. Seating is limited and on a first come, first served basis!



# LAAPANOTES

April 2014

## Are you going to win an iPad Mini?



### IMPORTANT DATES:

**April 18-23**  
 Easter/Spring Break  
 Holidays

**April 27**  
 Faculty/Honors  
 Concert

2 PM - Fuhrmann  
 Auditorium in  
 Covington  
 (FREE ADMISSION!)

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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 was just about one year ago now that we made a substantial technological investment in the Academy by installing new iPads in each teaching studio at all three of our campuses. Loaded with all of the latest educational apps, our students and faculty have been utilizing them to the fullest, making each lesson here at LAAPA even more enriching.

When asked last year what our teachers thought of our schoolwide iPad install, they said:

*"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

*"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

For those of you with iPads at home - a huge part of properly utilizing the iPad for education is knowing which apps are best to use. Over the next few newsletters, I'll be personally reviewing many of the apps we use and hopefully some new ones as well so that you can download them to complement your practice sessions at home. If you just can't wait for my reviews, you can always ask your teacher for some recommendations!

Seeing firsthand what wonderful pieces of technology the iPads have been here for the

education of our students, we decided to give not one, but two away to our current and former students this year!

We are so extremely grateful to you our students and parents who continue to refer us to your friends, colleagues, and associates day after day, month after month, etc. Your referrals are the highest compliment we can receive here at LAAPA, and we wanted to do something extraordinary for our current and former students who continue to refer the Academy to new students.

**As of March through May 29, 2014, if you refer a new student to the Academy and they enroll, you AND your friend will be automatically entered in our DOUBLE iPad Mini raffle!**

Please make sure that your friend mentions your FULL NAME at the time of enrollment.

**The more friends you refer that enroll - the more chances you have to win!**

Sound to good to be true? - You can watch my trip to Best Buy where I personally picked up the iPad minis! Watch it at <http://bit.ly/OsM7ci>.

Winners will be announced on Friday, May 30 ONLY via our Facebook page at [facebook.com/laapaface](https://www.facebook.com/laapaface), so be sure to like us.

Good luck to everyone!  
 Ryan Cullen, Director



**Student News**

Mandeville School of Music student, **Sarah Hossain** (pictured right) received a Superior rating in Primary Class I for her violin solo at The Gold Cup Festival held at Southeastern Louisiana University in February.



River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, **Akshita Sridhar** received a Superior rating in Pre-Primary Class for her violin solo at The Gold Cup Festival held at Southeastern Louisiana University in February. She was also accepted to the finals of the XI Sonatina & Sonata International Youth Piano Competition/ The Fryderyk Chopin Society of Texas, Corpus Christi. At the end of the year all of the finalists will perform at Carnegie Hall.



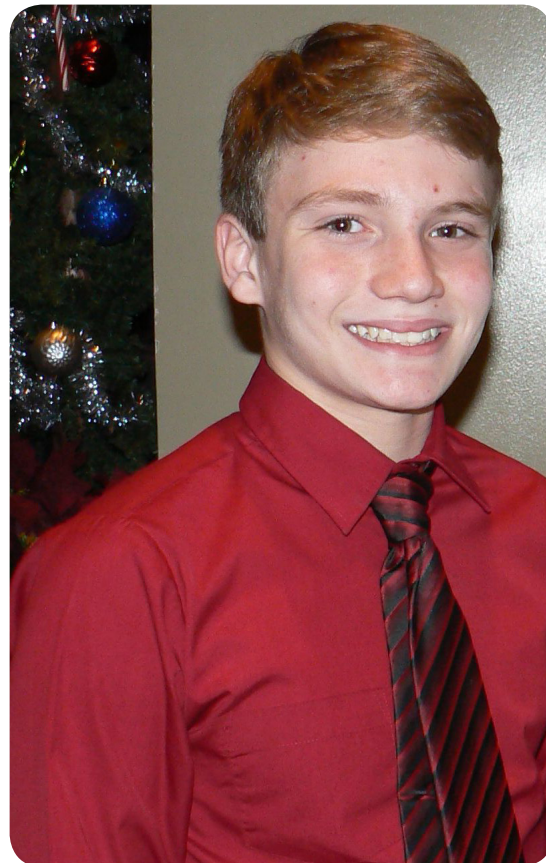
**Lilli Johnston** (River Ridge School of Music & Dance) performed the National Anthem with her school choir at one of the February Pelicans games.

**Alex Machuca** (River Ridge School of Music & Dance) recently performed in The Krewe of Little Rascals parade in Metairie.

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

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**Student of the Month - Patrick Lyell**



River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, Patrick Lyell takes piano lessons here at LAAPA!

He recently took some time to tell us about his experience here at the Academy:

**How long have you been taking piano lessons at Laapa?**

About 8 years!

**What are some of your personal goals while taking piano lessons?**

To learn and memorize many different pieces and styles of music.

**Tell us about some of your hobbies outside of Laapa.**

I am junior elite level in tumbling and double-mini trampoline. I practice at Elmwood Gymnastics. I won a bronze medal at World Age Group competition last November in Sofia, Bulgaria.

**How would you rate your experience here at the Academy?**

My experience has been great, and I hope to continue taking lessons here for many years.

**Welcome to our Newest Students who began this March!**

- Deneka V.
- Jaidyn P.  
*(thanks Wendy B.)*
- Addison C.
- Andrew C.
- Luke R.
- Felicia P.
- Stephen K.
- Luke R.
- Chris H.  
*(thanks Carolyn R.)*
- Christian C.
- Madilyn K.  
*(thanks Rylee & Addyson B.)*
- Scarlett-Belle H.
- Hope G.
- Daniel B.
- Frankie J.
- Faris Z.
- Fuab Z.
- Anthony C.
- Pamela K.  
*(thanks Gavin L.)*
- Corinne W.
- Chloe H.
- Mary Paige H.
- Payge S.
- Payton S.
- Hunter L.
- Robin F.
- Josiah S.
- Jennifer P.  
*(thanks Jeff F.)*
- Lauren J.
- Sophia C.
- Frances L.
- Riley N.
- Gabriel B.
- Caden B.
- Brian F.
- Ashleigh S.
- Frances Maia B.
- Patrick B.
- Monica R.

*Join us this July for a Summer of Fun!*



**REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP NOW!**

Our Summer Music Camps and Summer Dance Camps provide all campers (ages 5-16, beginning, intermediate, and advanced) with the opportunity to have fun exploring up to five of our instrumental, vocal, and performing arts programs.

Campers (even those with little or no music or performing arts background) are able to take a hands on approach and see what programs and instruments 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!

**For more information or to enroll, visit [laapa.com/camp](http://laapa.com/camp) or call the school office!**

**Ready to Get Started in Classes?**

**From the Director: Important News You Need to Know**

Normally each month, we post which teachers are full so that our students are aware of their options in regards to scheduling. But things are getting so full with certain instruments that this month, for each of our three schools, we're going to list what's available for each day of the week. **Prospective students, please note that we still have openings, but not many!** At this time of the year, many of you may have been thinking about signing up, adding more programs, or increasing the length of your lesson(s). If you're going to do so, please do so ASAP before they're all gone. Once we're totally full, we can add you to a waiting list. To inquire about openings for April, send an email to [contact@laapa.com](mailto:contact@laapa.com) or call us at 504-738-3050 (River Ridge); 985-674-2992 (Mandeville); 985-590-4545 (Covington).

**RRSMD**

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Violin	1	2	0	0	0	2
Drums	1	2	2	1	0	1
Voice	3	2	2	2	3	2
Piano	2	2	2	1	3	1
Guitar	2	2	2	2	2	2

**MSOM**

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Violin	1	1	3	1	0	1
Drums	1	1	0	1	1	0
Voice	2	2	2	2	0	2
Piano	2	1	1	1	0	0
Guitar	0	2	0	1	1	1

**CSOM**

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Violin	2	0	2	0	0	0
Drums	1	1	0	0	1	0
Voice	0	1	1	2	2	3
Piano	1	2	1	1	2	2
Guitar	2	0	2	1	1	3

\*Woodwind, brass and other instruments available depending on day. Openings subject to change at any time depending on availability. Please call for the latest openings.