

LAAPANOTES

Spring Recitals & Award Ceremonies are Coming!



Dear Students and Parents,

It's time to begin preparing for our Spring Concerts! Our Spring Concerts and Awards Ceremonies will be held Saturday June 13 at Fuhrmann Auditorium, 317 N. Jefferson St. in Covington for the Covington and Mandeville campuses and Saturday, June 20, 2015 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 5/4/2015.

Sign-up online today at
<http://www.laapa.com/spring-recital>

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 all campuses between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM on May 23, May 30, and June 6. 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 costumes through the school once they are assigned. 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 15 for dress rehearsal held at The River Ridge School of Music and Dance. Finally, all dance students should arrive at 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 LAAPAFEST awards. Recital Tickets for General Admission may be pre-ordered for \$7.00 ea. when signing up online or at the Front Desk. After May 4, 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.

I look forward to seeing everyone this June at our main event of the year!
Ryan Cullen, Director

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IMPORTANT DATES:

April 3-9
Easter/Spring Break

April 26
Faculty & Honors Recital

May 23
Spring Recital Rehearsal #1

CONTACT US:



E-mail your news,
comments, etc. to us:
contact@laapa.com.

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

REGISTER NOW FOR ALL PROGRAMS!

It's Easy to Get Started in Music Lessons and Dance Classes this Spring! Call us Today to Reserve your Time.

Covington - 985.590.4545
Mandeville - 985.674.2992
River Ridge - 504.738.3050

Welcome to our new students who began lessons this March!

Abby N.
Amanda R.
Ananya K-R.
Andrea S.
Autumn P.
Ava L.
Berklee Z.
Blair F.
Brittan d.B.
Brycen L.
Caleigh M.

(thanks to Madeyn M.)

Camden C.
Cameron A.

(thanks to Grace A.)

Cameron R.
Candace M.
Carrie St. M.
Charlotte S.
Claudia D.

Dara D.
Davis C.

(thanks to Cole C.)

Diego D.
Edir G.

(thanks to David M.)

Erin G.
Ethan R.

Frank L.
Gia B.

Grace H.
Hailey C.

Hayden M.

(thanks to Patrick F.)

Hayes H.
Isabel M.
Ivan Y.
Jadyn T.
Jakob B.
Jaydn F.
Jaylynn D.
Jaymond H.

John B.
Joseph W.

Joshua C.

Joy A.

(thanks to Carolyn R.)

Kendrick R.
Kimea C.
Landyn H.
Liam S.
Lillian B.

(thanks to Gabby B.)

Lincoln T.

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Student & Faculty News

River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, **Akshita Sridhar** (*right*) has been busy. Last November she performed at Carnegie Hall and this past February she received a Superior rating in Primary Class I for her violin solo at The Gold Cup Festival held at Southeastern LA University.



Taylor Sims (*left*), a long time student of Kathleen Anderson at the Covington School of Music, has been cast in the lead role in Cinderella at SSA!

River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, **Gracie Silva**, auditioned and received a role in the ensemble as a "neighborhood kid," with JPAS's production of "Captain Louie, Jr." She takes voice lessons with Meghan Stewart and Jessica Martin and is pictured right.



Mandeville School of Music student, **Sarah Hossain**, received a Superior rating in Primary Class II for her violin solo at The Gold Cup Festival held at Southeastern Louisiana University in February. Sarah is a student of Ms. Vanya Karachobanova. She is pictured left with Ms. Vanya.

Congratulations to voice/piano Faculty member, **Joy Meade** and family who welcomed baby Felicity Anne (*right*) into the world on February 23. Everyone is doing well!



**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)**

Summer Music & Dance Camps are Coming!



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!

Very Limited Space - only 25 campers enrolled each week.

For more information or to enroll, visit laapa.com/camp or call the office!

Student of the Month - Lamart Buggage



Mandeville School of Music student, **Lamart Buggage**, takes piano lessons at LAAPA. We recently had a chance to speak with him and learn a little more about his lessons and interests!

Tell us about yourself and how long you've been taking classes at LAAPA.

I've been taking piano lessons with Carolyn Russell for about a year and half now.

What kind of music do you enjoy listening to?

All kinds! I was in Marching band, a Concert band and Jazz Band.

What do you enjoy most about coming to lessons each week?

Learning new songs and playing songs that I am familiar with.

What are your other interests and hobbies?

Boating, gardening, and driving.

What has your experience been at LAAPA?

I knew LAAPA was a good school because I had done some prior research.

Student Shout Outs!

"Katarina is the best teacher ever, best person ever, most enriching person I have ever met. She makes my life exciting. I don't think I would be as far as I am with my music if it was not for her fabulous skills and her fantastic personality. She is truly a beautiful person... intelligence..beauty.. talent.....on and on... Thank you Katarina"

~ Cameron Ellis and family

Is Your Teacher Completely Booked? Teachers with Waiting Lists

With over 1,100 students enrolled at LAAPA, our openings remain very limited, but there are still lesson spots available for April and/ or May, so just give us a call to check. 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. Here's just a partial list of who's currently full at all campuses:

GIUITAR

Curtis MON,WED,TH,FRI-1 spot! TH,FRI-BOOKED!
Chris MON-2 spots!
Bill MON,TH-1 spot! WED,FRI,SAT-BOOKED!

GIUITAR/DRUM

Josh TU,WED,TH,SAT-BOOKED!
Ben SAT-2 spots! MON-1 spot!
MON,TU,WED,TH,FRI-BOOKED!
Kirk TU-2 spots! MON-BOOKED!
Aaron WED -2 spots! TH-1 spot! TU-BOOKED!
Bill MON,TH-1 spot! WED,FRI,SAT-BOOKED!

WIND/BRASS/GUITAR

Danielle TU-BOOKED!
Reid MON-2 spots! WED,TH-BOOKED!
David FRI-BOOKED!
Layla TU,FRI-1 spot! SAT- NEW SCHEDULE!
Kaleb MON-BOOKED!

PIANO

Russell MON,TU-2 spots! WED,TH-BOOKED!
Mirka TU-2 spots!
Daniel FRI-1 spot! WED, TH-BOOKED!

PIANO/VOICE

Bonnie SAT-1 spot! MON,WED,TH-BOOKED!
Rebecca TU-1 spot! MON,WED,TH,FRI-BOOKED!
Meredith MON,TU-BOOKED!
Jennifer MON-1 spot!
Kathleen TU,WED-BOOKED!
Meghan WED,TH,FRI,SAT-BOOKED!
Katarina TU,WED,TH,SAT-BOOKED!
Carolyn MON,TU,WED,FRI,SAT-BOOKED!
Autumn TU,TH,SAT-BOOKED!
Joy MON,WED-1 spot!
Yulene SAT-2 spots!
Amy MON,TU,TH,FRI-BOOKED!
Jessica TU,WED-BOOKED!
Bethany TU,WED,TH,FRI,SAT-BOOKED!
Jacob SAT-2 spots!
Maggie FRI-BOOKED!
Katherine TH-BOOKED! SAT-2 spots!

VIOLIN/VIOLA/CELLO

Denise MON,TU,WED,TH,FRI-BOOKED!
Vanya MON,FRI,SAT-1 spot! WED-BOOKED!
Gabriel MON-1 spot!
Kate MON-1 spot!
Simona MON,WED,TH-2 spots! SAT-1 spot!
Lee FRI 2 spots! TH-2 spots!
Danielle TU-BOOKED!

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Pictured above - Katelyn W and her teacher, Dr. Lee, enjoying their violin lesson.

April Edition:

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- Happy April Birthdays!



Welcome to Our New Students who began this March (cont'd)!

London D., Max G., Meghan S., Meridith B., Mischa B. (*thanks to Alex V.*), Naomi S., Noah S., Patrick D. (*thanks to Wyatt I.*), Reese A., Riley V., Sage H. (*thanks to Carlie D.*), Sayori G., Scarlett T., Shaylen T., Vitoria L. (*thanks to Sarah M.*), Yousef F., Zachary M., Zoe L.

Happy April Birthdays!

(Students) Addyson B. (8), Alexander N., Alexandra V. (14), Amari H. (13), Andrew R., Ariana S. (6), Brianna O. (16), Brynn L. (7), Cade C. (8), Cameron C. (16), Camryn A. (7), Caroline D. (17), Charles E. (9), Chloe P. (8), Cindy VD., Elizabeth F. (13), Elizabeth D. (17), Ella U. (16), Ellyse P. (7), Emily S. (8), Emma F. (12), Emma P. (11), Eric D. (4), Garrett D. (14), Gene G., Grace D. (13), Grace S. (16), Gracie R. (9), Grant H. (14), Hannah L. (14), Hunter L. (15), Jackson S. (12), Jacqueline F. (9), Jakob S. (15), Jayden A. (14), Joseph G. (10), Kaitlyn G. (7), Kaitlyn W. (16), Kendall V. (15), Lance C. (4), Landyn H. (7), Liam D. (7), Lilah F. (7), Marco V. (11), Marianna C. (5), Medha D. (12), Meg G. (4), Michael H., Monica C., Nathan O. (8), Nicholas B. (15), Nicolette B. (12), Niki G., Olivia K. (10), Preston C. (5), Quintin C. (7), Remi B. (13), Robert C. (7), Roger M. (7), Rohan C. (5), Ro'ziah B.S. (9), Sahithi K. (9), Sam D. (9), Skylar S. (10), Will F. (10)

(Faculty & Staff) Bethany Byrom, Kellie Lauricella

Faculty & Honors Recital - Sunday, April 26 - FREE ADMISSION

Be sure to join us Sunday, April 26 - 2 PM at Fuhrmann Auditorium in Covington as our Faculty and Honor students provide us with an afternoon of Music. Contact the school office at 985.231.0875 with any questions or for directions.