

# LAAPANOTES

## Looking Ahead to the New Year!



Happy New Year! I don't know about you, but I'm very much ready for things to get back in a regular groove now that the holidays are over. Lots of good times with family and friends for sure, but we're looking forward to having our students and faculty back on campus to kick off another exciting year of music lessons and dance classes!

I wanted to take a moment to congratulate and thank all of our students, parents, faculty, and staff once again for 11 outstanding Christmas Concerts. From the planning and organization to the quality of the performances, I thought that they were some of our best performances yet. Three things especially struck me this year that I'd like to share:

1.) The incredible variety within the programs. In addition to the solo performances by our music students (piano, voice, violin, guitar, drums, bass, clarinet, flute, trumpet, and even glockenspiel!) we also had our preschool music classes perform and so many exciting duet, trio, quartet, and ensemble performances. Our dancers at the River Ridge School of Music & Dance were absolutely fantastic!

2.) So many of our students have been performing with us year after year. It's easy for me to remember some of their first performances when they were brand new beginners and perhaps a little more nervous than they are today! I'm always excited to see and/or hear what they've been working on. Every year I see them perform, they continue to improve and gain self confidence. I can't really think of

anything more rewarding to me here at LAAPA than being able to watch our students grow in their skills and love of music and dance.

3.) This year you, the LAAPA Community, were so generous with donations to the Teresian Sisters and the Batesville Mission in Batesville, Texas. Not only did we fill 84 contractor bags full of gifts, but we also raised \$2,500 in cash donations! When we dropped off the gifts and donations to the Teresian Sister's main provinciate in Covington, LA, Sr. Dolores was astounded and so grateful.

Looking ahead at the new year, we've got some exciting things planned! Perhaps the most exciting thing is our brand new Covington School of Music location! The new location is only about 1 minute away from our current Covington location and has plenty parking, a large waiting area, six studios, and is much more accessible both from Collins and downtown Covington (from Lee Lane). We hope to be moved in sometime before February and we will be making an "official move-in date" public soon!

Our brand new website "laapa.com" is launching soon! Our entire site has been redesigned to better serve you.

Also, LAAPAFEST, our annual music festival will be here before you know it. More on that next edition!

Ryan Cullen  
Academy Director

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### IMPORTANT DATES:

#### January 3

Classes Resume

#### February 16-20

Mardi Gras Holidays

#### March 14-28

LAAPAFEST

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comments, etc. to us:  
[contact@laapa.com](mailto: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 Winter! Call us Today to Reserve your Time.

Covington - 985.590.4545  
Mandeville - 985.674.2992  
River Ridge - 504.738.3050



## 2014 Christmas Concerts - a Huge Success!

*On Saturday, December 20, the Covington and Mandeville Schools of Music presented Six Christmas Concerts at the Fuhrmann Auditorium in Covington. Below are this year's student performers!*



*On Sunday, December 21, the River Ridge School of Music & Dance presented Five Christmas Concerts at St. Martin's Solomon Theatre in Metairie. Below are this year's student performers!*





# 2014 Christmas Concerts - a Huge Success!

River Ridge School of Music & Dance Christmas Concerts - continued...



## Student Shout Outs!

"My son and I have been attending the preschool music program with Miss Meredith.

She enjoys the children's experience with music and is spontaneous in class. She is on the floor, dancing, singing and interacting with the children. They respond to that and have a great time learning rhythm and movement, musical instruments, discipline (sitting with their parents while the teacher distributes instruments) and patience (taking turns on the piano or drum set). Oh, the joy when my son claps to the beat of music the way they do it in class. I feel that there is so much more that Meredith does that I am not able to articulate. She is a great music teacher!"

~EeLin Golan

## Is Your Teacher Completely Booked? Teachers with Waiting Lists

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 January & February.

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

#### GUITAR

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

#### GUITAR/DRUM

- Curtis W,TH,FRI-1 spot! MON-BOOKED!
- Josh TU,WED,TH,SAT-BOOKED!
- Ben MON,WED,SAT-1 spot! TU,TH,FRI-BOOKED!
- Kirk MON-1 spot!
- Aaron TU, 1 spot! MON,WED-BOOKED!
- Bill TH,FRI-1 spot! MON,WED,SAT-BOOKED!
- Jason MON,TU-1 spot!

#### WIND/BRASS/GUITAR

- Mark TU-2 spots!
- Reid WED-1 spot! MON,TH-BOOKED!
- David FRI-2 spots!
- Marius TU,FRI-BOOKED! SAT-2 spots!

#### PIANO

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

#### PIANO/VOICE

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

#### VIOLIN/VIOLA/CELLO

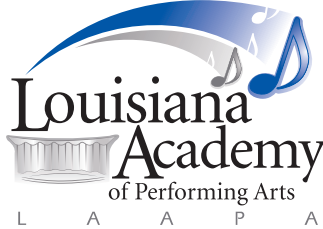
- Denise MON,WED,TH,FRI-BOOKED! TU-1 spot!
- Vanya MON,SAT-1 spot! WED-BOOKED!
- Gabriel MON-1 spot!
- Kate MON-1 spot!
- Simona/Lee MON,WED-1 spot!

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## January Edition:

- Looking Ahead to the New Year!
- Christmas Concert Photos
- Student Shout Outs
- Welcome to our newest Students!
- Happy January Birthdays!



Pictured above - courtyard of our new Covington School of Music

## Welcome to Our Newest Students who began in December

Abby N., Andrea H., Anthony O., Anthony H. (*thanks to the Cobos family*), Branden R., Camilla L., Evan V., Iyana L., Jayden A. (*thanks to Seth M.*), Karla C., Lauren R., Marcy C., Monica C., Nadia H., Raegan G., Sophie B.

## Happy January Birthdays!

(*Students*) Evelyn O. (9), Saishreya G. (10), Rayna M. (9), Hannah S. (8), Brooks G. (13), Dominique G. (17), Armani G. (4), Hudson M. (5), Rosanna L. (5), Joshua M-P. (10), Zachary D. (12), Tammy R. (8), Marissa G. (12), Mina P. (9), Taylor S. (11), Isabel R. (15), Frankie M. (9), Abby W. (15), Alexis M. (10), Averie D. (15), Daniel J. (8), James P. (13), Lucas P. (13), Amelia S. (7), Xander C. (7), Jacob B. (4), Cecilia V. (8), Hayden M. (16), David C. (17), Rebecca A. (10), Nicole L. (15), Mike G. (5), Elijah J. (4), Akshara M. (7), Amaris Raquel O. (8), Anthony C., Christian M. (5), Spencer M. (11), Leah E. (9), Victoria D. (7), Gabriella K. (13), Aidan P. (9), Kylie W. (9), Gabriel B. (15), Caitlin W. (15), Peyton C. (15), Alex J., Dominick L. (8), Jaydn H. (10), Josiah J. (5), Frank L., Patrick C. (8), Brayden B. (7), Eleanor S. (7), Grace H. (7), Alex M. (3)

(*Faculty & Staff*) Laura Chapman, Meghan Stewart, Amy Green, Margaret Wild, Gabriel Platica