

LAAPANOTES



Ready to Try Something Fun, New, & Exciting this Summer?



As Spring comes to a close and with Summer being just around the corner, we're entering our busiest time of the year here at LAAPA!

This month, we will have several long time students who are graduating seniors putting on a Senior Recital on May 17 - 5:30 PM at LAAPA's Performance Hall - 2020 Dickory Ave. in Harahan.

Our Spring Recital Rehearsals also begin this month and allow all music students who are participating in the June Recitals to put the finishing touches on their pieces with feedback from Senior Faculty members and Directors of the Academy.

The Summer is also an excellent and popular time for new students to get started in music and dance lessons here at LAAPA!

Ah, you know what I mean parents - now that the kids are home most of the day, they've got extra time on their hands - and energy! Now that school is out, do your kids follow you around the house each day asking you, "What can I do?", "What can I do now?", "I'm bored.?"

How about getting them involved in a music or dance program guaranteed to enrich their summer and creative spirits! Whether you're interested in our July summer camps or weekly private lessons - we have a program for you!

If your kids enjoy spontaneously bursting out into song and dance - consider our vocal, dance, and/or musical theatre programs!

Do you wake up each morning to the joyful sounds of your son or daughter endlessly pounding away at random notes on the piano? Let us show them how to make beautiful music in your home this summer! Is your child driving you crazy beating on the kitchen pots and pans? How about drum lessons instead? Guaranteed to put all of that energy to good use! We can also recommend some excellent silent drum sets like we have at our schools for a peaceful and happy home!

Already taking a program with LAAPA? The summer is an excellent time to add a program or increase your weekly lesson time. And don't forget that this July we will be holding three exciting weeks of summer music and dance camps held at our Mandeville School of Music and River Ridge School of Music & Dance. These camps are especially wonderful for exploring new programs of interest for beginning and current students. Speaking of our summer camps, each year I often find myself thinking back thirty years ago when I was a student enrolled in camp. My favorite part was snack time (I'd be lying if I said otherwise), but being able to learn about and try so many different instruments and being able to perform with other students on a daily basis was really a great time in my life. And I know that my mother enjoyed having some peace at home for a little while each day!

Whatever you do this summer - don't just sit around - be creative and enjoy doing something new and fun! I hope to see everyone this June at our main events of the year.

Ryan Cullen, Director

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IMPORTANT DATES:

May 17
Senior Recital

May 23 & May 30
Spring Recital Rehearsals

May 25
Closed for Memorial Day

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 Summer! 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 April!

Aleah B.

Allie B.

Angelina W.

Bernadette M.

Bruce M.

(thanks to Emily M.)

Caleb R.

Caroline P.

Charleith C.

Chase O.

Christian H.

David R.

Diego R.

Hayden L.

Isabella E.

Jack E.

Jakob S.

Josiah R.

Kyla A.

(thanks to Christian A.)

Logan S.

Maia S.

Marie B.

Nadia D.

Nathaniel H.

Niki G.

Noah C.

Remi B.

Ryan B.

Sophie C.

Sun L.

Tammy T.

Taylor D.

Victoria L.

William K.

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Student News

Allie-Grace Greene, a first grader at Pontchartrain Elementary School, was recently accepted into the Talented Arts Program. The Talented Arts Program is an accelerated program for public school students in the State of Louisiana who, through a state evaluation process, are deemed exceptional in art, theatre, and/or music. Once accepted into the program students are provided accelerated instruction in these areas. Specifically, the Talented Music Program in St. Tammany Parish focuses on teaching music theory, music history and performance skills to the students in the program. Students across the parish also participate in a variety of performances both in school and community settings throughout the year. All students in the program are given the opportunity to participate in the annual St. Tammany Parish Talented Arts Program Festival, held in the fall each school year. Allie-Grace is a student of the Mandeville School of Music and takes piano/voice lessons with Ms. Rebecca & guitar lessons with Mr. Josh.



Mandeville School of Music student, **Matthew Folsie**, made 1st chair in percussion for West St. Tammany parish honor band. He is a student at Mandeville Middle School.

Covington School of Music student, **Beck Tabor's**, Robotics team, "The SS Prometheus", traveled to the FRC WORLD Championship in St. Louis, Missouri this April. She has been a voice student of Kathleen Anderson since November, 2011.



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)

Will YOU & a Friend win \$600?



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.

Now through July 31, 2015 if you refer a friend or colleague to the Academy and they enroll, you AND your friend/colleague will be automatically entered in our \$600 Sweetwater Gift Certificate Giveaway!

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 too good to be true?- Stay tuned for a video from Academy Director, Ryan Cullen for more information! Winners will be announced on Monday, August 3 ONLY via our Facebook page at [facebook.com/laapaface](https://www.facebook.com/laapaface), so be sure to like us!

Student of the Month - Zubin and Sam Dinshaw



River Ridge School of Music & Dance students, **Zubin & Sam Dinshaw** take piano and drum lessons at LAAPA. We recently had a chance to speak with them and learn a little more about their lessons and interests!

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

Zubin: I've been taking drum lessons with Mr. Bill since January.
Sam: I've been taking piano lessons with Ms. Meghan for about two & 1/2 years.

What kind of music do you enjoy listening to?

We both enjoy Maroon 5 - especially Zubin.

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

Zubin: I love playing and beating on the drums at home!
Sam: I like to play "When the Saints Go Marching In" on the piano at home.

What are your other interests and hobbies?

Zubin: Swimming and watching "Garfield" on TV.
Sam: I play the recorder and I'm learning some new notes.

What made you choose LAAPA?

Ayesha (mom): You have a full range of instruments – just about everything! When they get older they might want to switch to something else. The faculty and staff are wonderful!

Is Your Teacher Completely Booked? Teachers with Waiting Lists

Student Shout Outs!

"The lessons are going great! William thinks the lessons are the coolest thing ever! It is so interesting to watch William interact with the students and the various instruments.

Bethany is wonderful. She has really helped William follow along with the tempo of the music, which we believe and understand will help him once he transitions into private drum lessons."

~ Ann Bileci and family

With over 1,100 students enrolled at LAAPA, our openings remain very limited, but there are still lesson spots available for May/June, 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:

GUITAR

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

GUITAR/DRUM

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

WIND/BRASS/GUITAR

Danielle TU-1 spot!
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!

Please Complete the Following Information:

Student's Name _____ Age _____ DOB _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Phone (c) _____ (h) _____ E-mail _____

Address _____
 Street _____ City _____ Zip _____

Select Dates:

- July 13-17
- July 20-24
- July 27-31

Select Campus:

- Mandeville River Ridge
- Mandeville River Ridge
- Mandeville River Ridge

Select T-Shirt Size

- Small
- Medium
- Large

How did you hear about us?: Kids & Family Newsletter Yellow Pages Online Newspaper Sign Google Postcard

Other: _____ **IMPORTANT:** Prior experience (if applicable): Instrument _____ Years studied _____

NOTE: Students must provide their instruments. Print requests for rental instruments below or call if you need assistance in obtaining instruments (some instruments available for \$20 weekly fee).

INSTRUMENTS TO RENT (per week): _____ **TOTAL TUITION DUE: \$** _____

By registering for summer camp at LAAPA, you are agreeing to and will abide by the following policies:

I understand that **ALL CAMP charges are non-refundable** due to class sizes and supplies issued. For all camps, tuition and instrument rental fees are due prior to the start of camps. The school is not responsible for providing before or after class care for students. Students are not to be left at the school for excessive periods of time before or after camps. Parents should see that students are in the presence of a staff member prior to the parent leaving the premises. Staff and Faculty will ensure that students remain in class until the end of camp each day. As of 2:45 PM each afternoon during camps, campers will be released from the care/supervision of the faculty and staff of Louisiana Academy of Performing Arts, Inc. Faculty and Staff are not responsible for ensuring that students remain on the premises after 2:45 PM each day. Parents, legal guardians of minor students, and adult students waive the right to any legal action for any injury sustained on school property resulting from normal camp activity or any other activity conducted by the students before, during, or after camps. The school is hereby granted permission to take photographs of the students to use in brochures, web sites, posters, banners, advertisements and other promotional materials the school creates. Permission is also hereby granted for the school to copyright such photographs in its name.

Credit Card Payment Information – we accept Visa, Mastercard, Discover, & American Express

Credit card type:

Credit card number:

Expires:

_____ / _____

Cardholder's name:

Cardholder's Zip code (required):

_____ (as shown on credit card)

_____ (from credit card billing address)

I (the undersigned) authorize LAAPA to debit the amount as indicated above to this credit card.

Customer's signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail registration and payment to:

LAAPA
 316 Girod St.
 Mandeville, LA 70448

SAVE TIME AND REGISTER ONLINE AT
WWW.LAAPA.COM/CAMP

For Office Use:		
1	Conf./Note Date	
2	Acct in QB	
3	Tshirt CCEMAIL	
4	Rentals in FAX	
5	Age in Instructor	
6	Dates Pymt Opt	
7	Exp yrs in Policy	
8	Tuit, Rental, RF	
9	CK/CC/Pmt rec'd	
10	Stmp & Date	
11	File	

How Does the Summer Work at LAAPA?

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

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

A. The Academy is open year round, and we do not close during the Summer. Your lessons would continue through the Summer. We additionally hold Summer camps each July!

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

A. While a small percentage of students do take part of the Summer off, June and July are strong enrollment months for new students as parents and students are eager to fill their Summer schedules with lessons and our Summer camps. These students often choose to continue their lessons into the Fall. Just last year, our Summer enrollment grew by 20%!

Q. "How full is the Academy?"

A. The academy has added 170 new students this school year and now has over 1100 students (compared to 930) just last year - the most in the history of the academy since its inception in 1978. As we stress in our newsletters, nearly all of our most popular lesson times from 3 – 7:30 PM are now completely booked.

Q. "If we stop during the Summer, can we keep our spot for Fall?"

A. If you stop lessons during the Summer months, we cannot guarantee that we will have a spot for you in the Fall as your spot will be open to both new students (who begin in the summer) and current students (who may wish to change their time or increase their time). Now more than ever, it is extremely likely that you will lose your day, time, teacher for the Fall.

Q. "If we stop during the Summer, can we still participate in the Spring Recital?"

A. Our Spring Recital will be held this June and is our main event of the year. All students not only perform, but are also nominated for and recognized by their teachers with a full awards ceremony. Only students who are currently enrolled are able to participate in our Spring Recital.

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

A. Absolutely. While most schedules remain the same through the Summer, we are more than happy to try and work out a better alternative for you whenever possible. You may call the office at any time should you find that a schedule no longer works for you and we can immediately work on finding something more suitable for you.

Students who take lessons at Kehoe-France Northshore and Stuart Hall will be called and scheduled on our campus closest to you: River Ridge, Mandeville, or Covington.

Q. "If we continue lessons through the Summer to keep our spot, how can we makeup missed lessons due to travel / vacations?"

A. LAAPA is the only school in the area that offers multiple ways to makeup any of your private lessons missed due to traveling WITHOUT giving up your regular lesson schedule.

Option 1.) Just give us a call as usual whenever you will be absent and sign up for one or more of our makeup classes! These makeup classes are offered YEAR ROUND and never expire. Please note that July 1-7 we will be closed for Summer Break so you won't miss any classes that week.

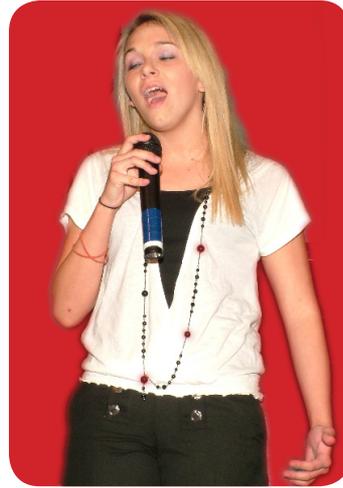
Option 2.) Take lessons with your teacher online via SKYPE or GOOGLE HANGOUTS! All you need is a WI-FI connection and a laptop, iPhone, iPad, or android device, and you can take your lesson with your teacher anywhere in the world as all of our instructors are now outfitted with iPads in their classrooms!

Option 3.) Sublet your spot to a friend or family member for the Summer. This is always a popular option - as this way you get to keep your spot when you return AND can have someone else enjoy the lessons and your convenient schedule during the Summer! You can send a family member or friend in your place for the dates you will miss. Just let the office know who is coming in your place and when. Make sure that your friend reimburses you directly for the lessons. If you LOVE your teacher, keep your spot by using the Summer make ups or sub lease your spot.

Should you have any questions about Summer Lessons, don't hesitate to contact us!

Summer Music & Dance Camp

Enroll Today & join us this July for a Summer of Fun!



- ages 5-16
- beginning - advanced students
- explore up to 5 different musical instruments and/or dance programs!
- find out your child's aptitude for various instruments or programs
- students perform at the end of each day to share what they've learned
- enroll in 1, 2, or all 3 weeks (July 13-17, July 20-24, July 27-31)
- classes taught by the Faculty of LAAPA.



In order to maintain the highest level of interaction between the faculty and students, only 25 students are admitted each week!



Space is extremely limited, so reserve your spot in person today or online at:
www.laapa.com/camp
or call for more info:
985-674-2992 (Northshore)
504-738-3050 (River Ridge)



*Mandeville
School of Music
985-674-2992*

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

FOR:

- *Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Levels (AGES 5 through 16)*
- *Prospective Beginners unsure of their area of interest...try one or more instruments at beginning levels.*
- *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 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
<input type="checkbox"/> Orff/Kodaly Music & Movement (ages 5-10)	<input type="checkbox"/> Piano (ages 5-up)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jazz Piano (ages 9-up)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ear Training (ages 6-up)
<input type="checkbox"/> Chorus (all ages)	<input type="checkbox"/> Guitar (ages 8-up)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jazz Guitar (ages 9-up)	<input type="checkbox"/> Composition (ages 10-up)
<input type="checkbox"/> Beginning Band (ages 9-up)	<input type="checkbox"/> Voice (ages 5-up)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jazz Voice (ages 9-up)	<input type="checkbox"/> Music Theory I (ages 5-8)
<input type="checkbox"/> Jazz Ensemble I (ages 9-up) (<i>beginning students</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Percussion (ages 5-up)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jazz Percussion (ages 9-up)	<input type="checkbox"/> Music Theory II (ages 9-up)
<input type="checkbox"/> Jazz Ensemble II (ages 9-up) (<i>experienced students</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Violin/Strings (ages 5-up)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jazz Improvisation (ages 10-up)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jazz Composition and Theory (ages 10-up)
<input type="checkbox"/> Orchestral Ensemble I (<i>beginners</i>) (ages 9-up)	<input type="checkbox"/> Brass (ages 9-up)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jazz Brass (ages 9-up)	OTHER: Dance programs are available at River Ridge campus only
<input type="checkbox"/> Orchestral Ensemble II (<i>experienced</i>) (ages 9-up)	<input type="checkbox"/> Woodwind (ages 9-up)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jazz Winds (ages 9-up)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock / Pop Band (ages 9-up)	<input type="checkbox"/> Bass Guitar (ages 9-up)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jazz Bass (ages 9-up)	

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

DATES: July 13-17, July 20-24, July 27-31 (Mandeville/River Ridge)

HOURS: 9:00 A.M. – 2:45 P.M.

LOCATION: Mandeville School of Music (316 Girod St.), River Ridge School of Music & Dance (2020 Dickory Ave.)

CAMP INSTRUCTORS: Faculty of the Louisiana Academy of Performing Arts

TUITION/FEES: \$265 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!

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Pictured above - Lauren R. and Ms. Rebecca enjoying their piano lesson.

May Edition:

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Now Enrolling for Summer Lessons & Camps

See inside for complete information on our upcoming Summer Camps held for three weeks this July! Our camps are a great way to get started in music and dance and offer campers the opportunity to choose from and experience our wide variety of performing arts programs.

Reserve your spot today by calling 504-208-2301 or enroll at laapa.com!

Happy May Birthdays!

(Students) Aaralyn W. (8), Addison C. (12), Adrian B., Alexandra S. (11), Alison C. (16), Allie A., Amanda G. (15), Andi G. (7), Andrea D. (15), Anthony L. (12), Anthony C. (7), Ashley R. (15), Ava L. (11), Barbara D., Berkle Z. (5), Cameron V. (14), Cameron R. (8), Camille V. (15), Charles S. (12), Chloe C. (7), Cody C. (11), Connor D. (16), Conor M. (4), Daniel M. (6), Dara D. (15), Darion C., Davis H. (6), Emily N. (14), Emily M. (10), Emma O. (5), Evan M. (10), Evan V. (17), Finn Y. (12), Francisco V., George S., Gilberto C. (13), Grace A. (8), Greyson C. (10), Haleigh B., Hayden L. (7), Isabella E. (7), Jack G. (11), James (Bucky) C. (3), Julie H., Kaitlann R. (15), Kate G. (17), Katelyn W. (13), Katherine A. (8), Kolby M. (7), Laney W. (3), Layla F. (6), Lilli J. (10), Lily F. (10), Lorissa G. (14), Madelynn C. (12), Maggie M. (12), Maia S. (12), Mary Helen S. (8), Matthew F. (13), Megan K., Meghan S., Mia M. (6), Milan S. (7), Nenitha P. (4), Noah C. (11), Noah S. (10), Olivia C. (6), Penelope R. (7), Peter M. (10), Pierce J. (6), Rachel H. (11), Riley V. (2), Ryli M. (6), Sable M., Sakshi S. (13), Sameen H. (10), Shelby S. (17), Sophia A. (5), Tori Y. (15), Yalena G. (12), Zachary S. (6)

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