

LAAPANOTES

Spring Concerts & Award Ceremonies are Coming!



Dear Students and Parents,

Our Spring Music Concerts, Dance Recitals, and Award Ceremonies will be held as follows:

June 18-19 at Fuhrmann Auditorium, 317 N. Jefferson St. in Covington for the Covington and Mandeville campuses.

June 25 at St. Martin's Solomon Theatre 5309 Airline Dr. in Metairie (music students only) and June 26 at Loyola University - Roussel Hall - 6363 St. Charles Ave. (music and dance students) for the River Ridge campus.

Concert assignments will be announced in late May during rehearsals.

All students are asked to complete and return the participation forms online. Deadlines to sign up are 4/9/16 (for dance students) and 5/2/16 (for music students).

Sign-up online today at:

<http://www.laapa.com/music-concert>
<http://www.laapa.com/dance-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 5:00 PM on May 28, June 4, and June 11. 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. Dance students must attend all lessons from now until the concert. If students miss more than three 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 20 for dress rehearsal held at The River Ridge School of Music and Dance. Finally, all dance students should arrive at Roussel Hall 60 minutes 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. Concert Tickets for General Admission may be pre-ordered when signing up online or at the Front Desk.

Two complimentary concert 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 24
Faculty/Honors Concert**
2 PM at Fuhrmann Auditorium

**May 28, June 4, & June 11
Spring Concert Rehearsals**
For music students at all campuses - times TBA

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 THE SPRING!

It's Easy to Get Started in Music Lessons and Dance Classes!
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 in March!

Aidan B.
Aimme R.
Aishwarya N.
Alivia S.
Allison C.
(thanks to Camille C.)
Andrew W.
Aneliese G.
Anthony H.
Anthony J.
Bob W.
Bryan N.
Camille C.
Caylee B.
Charisma H.
(thanks to Bryce L.)
Charles M.
Charlie C.
(thanks to the Temple family)
Chloe D.
Claire B.
Collin G.
Corbin T.
(thanks to Crystal Ecuyer)
Cristy C.
Danielle G.
Darryl T.
Devin G.
(thanks to Brooks G.)
Diana P.
(thanks to Carolyn R.)
Emelia M.
Emma L.
Fletcher F.
(thanks to Joe F.)
Gabriella M.
Germaine D.
Gianna A.
(thanks to Josiah S.)
Grace D.
Grayce R.
Hagan H.
Hannah F.
Hannah P.
Hao W.
Jacob L.
James J.
Jazz S.
Jocelyn Q.
Jordan J.
Joseph W.
Josephine G.
Joshua C. Jr.
Juana T.
Juliet L.
Kaelyn R.
Kai J.
Landon P.
(thanks to Timothy P.)
Landon P-R.
Leah A.
Lester R.
Londyn D.
Louis S.
Luna H.
(thanks to Brett S.)

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Student & Faculty News



Mandeville School of Music student, **Cindy Van Duyne** will be performing at the Dew Drop as part of the "Tamarama" festival on April 16 - 5:45 PM. Cindy is also the lead singer for the Pat Barberot Jazz Orchestra and has been taking voice lessons at LAAPA with Mrs. Carolyn since 2011. She is working on a new CD to be released later this year.

River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, **Gracie Silva** was cast as the lead Alice in JPAS's spring production of "Alice in Wonderland Jr." Performances are April 8th, 9th, and 10th. Tickets are on sale NOW at www.jpas.org. Much appreciation goes out to her fabulous voice coach Mrs. Jessica Martin who works professionally with Gracie every week. Mrs. Jessica has prepared Gracie for many auditions and their hard work together has truly paid off!



River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, **Aidan Orgeron**, performed the opening act at the John L. Ory talent show on January 29. Aidan takes drum lessons with Mr. Bill!

Mandeville School of Music vocal student, **Shay Dennie**, is currently working on her debut album at JT Studios in Mandeville. Shay takes voice lessons with Mrs. Carolyn.

Mandeville School of Music student, **Liam McCauley**, was selected as a part of the 2016 Louisiana Music Educators Association District IX High School Jazz Honor Band as the guitarist. Liam is a Freshman at Lakeshore High School and takes guitar lessons with Mr. Josh, saxophone lessons with Mr. Ryan, and is a member of the LAAPA Northshore Jazz Band.



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Happy April Birthdays!

(Students) Aaron C. (8), Alexandra V. (15), Amari H. (14), Andrew M. (5), Andrew R., Anjali M. (8), Ava H. (6), Benjamin N. (6), Brianna O. (17), Brynne L. (8), Byron F., Cade C. (9), Candace Y., Charles E. (10), Christian H., Cindy V.D., Claire J. (5), Demetrius J., Devin G. (10), Dylahn H. (9), Elizabeth F. (14), Elizabeth D., Ella U. (17), Emily S. (9), Emma F. (13), Emma P. (12), Eric D. (5), Ethan H. (3), Garrett D. (15), Giselle B. (7), Grace D. (14), Grace S. (17), Heather B., Hunter L. (16), Jane N. (14), Jazper C. (5), Kaelyn R. (8), Kaitlyn W. (17), Landry O. (4), Lilah F. (8), Lincoln B. (6), Lucy C. (6), Marc M. (5), Marco V. (12), Marshall R. II (9), Matthew S. (15), Megan A. (13), Minden V., Nicholas F. (10), Nicholas B. (16), Nicolette B. (13), Niki G., Olivia K. (11), Paul A. (8), Preston C. (6), Quintin C. (8), Ramy R., Remi B. (14), Roger M. (8), Ro'ziah B.-S. (10), Sahithi K. (10), Sam D. (10), Sydnie B. (11), Thalia B. (6), Will F. (11)

(Faculty) Bethany Crawford, Tess Robin, Helon-Ruth Tackett

Student of the Month - Austin Freedman



Covington School of Music student, Austin Freedman takes guitar lessons here 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 guitar lessons.

I'm 17 and I've been taking lessons for over a year now. I've been playing guitar since I was 9, but got serious about it my freshman year, when I was 15 years old. I just love playing guitar and try to practice it as much as I can.

What do you enjoy about your guitar lessons?

I love the amount of personality that comes out of Josh, and the amount of fun we have in lessons. He's really passionate about it and it matches my passion too.

What do you play in rock/pop ensemble?

I am the lead guitarist.

What else do you like to do and what are your future goals?

I also like to play video games. I work at a middle school as an afterschool volunteer. I want to go to college up north somewhere and study nuclear engineering or interior engineering, and also minor in music.

Student Shout Outs!

"Music has always been a part of my life, and I just love that Kanako [my teacher] understands that I already have a lot of experience and treats me like an equal, sharing her own experiences and always offering criticism that is constructive."

~*Laurel Mills*

Did You Win a Brass Pass to Jazz Fest 2016?



The winner will be announced April 1 on our facebook page at [facebook.com/laapaface](https://www.facebook.com/laapaface)!

If you referred a friend or colleague who enrolled at LAAPA between January-March, check to see if you won a pass to Jazz Fest!

Even if you don't score the brass pass, remember that everyone who refers a friend or colleague to the academy (who enrolls) receives a gift certificate for a complimentary lesson in the program of his/her choice!

Thanks to everyone who continually refers the academy - it's the highest compliment we can receive and truly appreciated. Be sure to stay tuned for our next referral contest!

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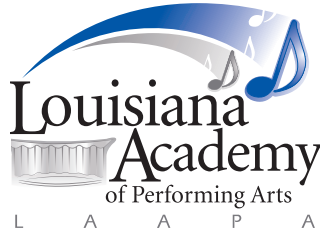
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(pictured above) Eleanor S. having fun in her violin lesson with Dr. Boris!

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Welcome to our Newest Students (continued!)

Lydia B., Lyric H. (thanks to Bryce L.), Mannix R. (thanks to Crystal E.), Marshall R., Marshall R. II, Matthew D., Matthew S., Megan A., Michael D., Minden V., Nynah H., Rhyné S., Robert F., Sanjana S., Sankera B., Sarah D., Terri L., Zoeya K.



Have a Blast this Summer at
Summer Music & Dance Camps!
This July • Choose 1, 2, or 3 Weeks • Ages 5-16
Early Bird Special: Save \$24 (expires 4/15)

Our Summer Camps provide all students ages 5-16 with a choice of over 30 instrumental, vocal, and performing arts programs to explore! 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 www.laapa.com/camp and use coupon code "earlybird" or call (504) 208-2301!