

LAAPANOTES



Music & Dance Concerts - What to Expect this June!

Dear Students and Parents,

Concert and Recital season is here and we'll be on stage before you know it!

Concert times for the Northshore, June 17-18 performances have now been finalized and letters were issued during the May 28 rehearsals. If you have not yet received your assigned recital time, please check with your Instructor or just give the office a call.

Time assignments will be issued for the River Ridge June 25-26 performances by June 6 (or sooner). All assigned times will additionally be posted on our website at <http://www.laapa.com/current-students>.

What Should I Expect at the Spring Concerts/Recitals?

- Our programs begin on time! Plan to arrive 15 minutes before your assigned recital time.

- When you arrive, you'll stop at the front table to present your tickets (student performers do not need a ticket). If you already ordered your tickets and elected to have us hold them for you, we will have for you to pickup at the welcome table.

- Students should check in with a staff member at the front left corner of the stage.

- Students will be sitting up front together in the order of their performances to allow them quick access to the stage. After their performance they may go and sit with parents or simply return to their assigned seat.

- Please do not leave during the performance as afterwards we have awards to present and we also bring all performers onstage for a group photo!

- Drummers (you asked and you got it!) We will have a Yamaha acoustic drumset this year on stage.

- We will be providing a Fender guitar amp for the stage as well as direct boxes for guitarists - ask your instructor which he/she recommends you use (usually this depends on whether or not you need any effects). You may bring your own amp if you'd prefer.

- Pianists will be performing on a grand piano similar in feel to the Academy's grand pianos. You will be practicing on these (or a piano with equivalent action) during rehearsals.

- Vocalists should decide whether or not they wish to hold the microphone or let it rest on a stand - most singers prefer to hold the microphone (if you would rather the stand - just tell the stage assistant when it's your turn to perform)! All vocalists will be practicing with a mic during rehearsals.

- Violinists should practice walking on and off stage in rest position. We will be practicing this during rehearsals.

- All instrumentalists should ensure that a faculty member helps them to tune prior to performing. If you don't see your teacher tuning your instrument, please ask one of the staff members for assistance.

- Dancers at the River Ridge School of Music & Dance will have a full dress rehearsal (see your Recital letter for times) on June 26 at Loyola before the main event. All dancers should arrive in full costume and makeup. Parents should plan on dropping students off at Roussel Hall during the rehearsal window as the rehearsal will be closed to parents/guests. The dance recital will begin promptly at 4:15 PM with doors opening at 3:45 PM.

- Wally Porter will be taking professional quality photos at the front center stage. Just walk up to them, and they will be happy to take care of you (no reservations needed). You may additionally elect to order group photos when speaking with them.

- We will be holding a record number of Spring Recitals this year with 12 recitals! Due to the increased number of performances, our buffer times (times between recitals) are tighter than usual so please keep this in mind when planning to arrive. Arriving 15-20 minutes before your recital time is plenty!

- Each recital is scheduled to last approximately 2 hours and students, parents, and guests are asked to remain in the auditorium for the full duration of the program.

- As we are recording all of our programs, we do ask parents/guests to keep small children in the audience quiet - please do feel free to take them outside for a break should they need it!

How are the Awards Earned/Determined?

Each year, our Instructors are asked to nominate their students for a variety of awards based on the amount of progress and time spent in practice at home they feel students have achieved.

Every student will receive an award and should be proud of his/her individual achievements. We realize that every student is different in terms of the place for music and dance in their lives. Whether it is a big part (allowing them more time to practice and excel) or a small part (allowing them time for many different activities), they are developing the skills, love and appreciation for the performing arts which will positively translate into many areas of their future. We are proud of ALL of our students for their success!

See you at the recitals!
Ryan Cullen, Director

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IMPORTANT DATES:

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

June 17-18 & 25-26
Spring Music Concerts and Dance Recitals
All Times - TBA by June 6

CONTACT US:



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"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 SUMMER!

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 May!

Adrian M.

Aimée T.

Alexandra J.

Ana G.

(thanks to Jennifer G.)

Annabelle R.

Ansley S.

Bennett D.

Bradley S.

(thanks to Alyssa S.)

Calister S.

(thanks to Cameron C.)

Cameron C.

Christian S.

Claire D.

(thanks to Abbey A.)

Cody C.

Daisy P.

Danila B.

(thanks to Jennifer G.)

Elba M.

Ella R.

Elliot P.

Emma A.

Emma S.

(thanks to Meredith H.)

Emma P.

(thanks to Julia A.)

Eren B.

(thanks to Mia M.)

Evangeline T.

Hadley J.

Holly M.

(thanks to Carolyn R.)

Isabella A.

Jake L.

(thanks to Collin L. & Will G.)

Jaxson H.

Jayne Y.

Jefferson G.

Jordan C.

Joshua A.

Julia S.

Kaitlyn L.

Kyler V.

(thanks to Meredith H.)

Laney W.

Layla W.

Lily F.

Lindsey L.

Marcus B.

Mary B.

Mia S.

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Student & Faculty News



Laapa students of Mrs. Carolyn at the Covington and Mandeville Schools of Music (pictured above) **Diana Klein, Diana Peters, Emily Araki, Jamie Planchard, Cort Hawkins** along with former Laapa students, **Joyce Aguillard, Michael Russell** and **Rebekah Russell** performed in the Easter production at Church of the King for an audience of over 15,000.



Xander Childs has been a piano student at the River Ridge School of Music and Dance since 2013. He has finished and passed the final screening for the Talented Music in the St. Charles Parish School System. The teachers at Mimosa Park Elementary informed his parents that Xander is only the 2nd student in their school to pass the music screening! Xander's parents wish to pass along their thanks to Ms. Meghan for her amazing work with Xander, from the small attention span of the 5 year old he was to the very excited talkative 8 year old he is now!

Zachary Montz and a few of his school peers won 1st place at the St. Peter Party at the Pavilion Talent Show performing a New Orleans favorite, "Second Line." Zachary played the drums and takes drum lessons with Mr. Curtis at the Covington School of Music.



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Happy June Birthdays!

(Students) Alaina G. (8), Alex M. (16), Alexander (Sasha) F. (13), Alicia M. (14), Alyson V., Andrea L. (6), Andrew T. (7), Andrew W. (8), Anna L. (8), Ansley S. (8), Ariel H. (11), Ashlyn I. (15), Brady L. (11), Brittany E. (13), Carrie S. (10), Cecilia F. (16), Charlie H. (13), Chase K. (6), Chloe Bleu S. (7), Chris M., Christian S. (9), Christopher I., Claire D. (15), Colton B. (5), Dane D. (9), Davis C. (10), Dax H. (6), Diana P. (15), Dominic G. (9), Elianna T. (8), Elisabeth S., Elizabeth D., Elliot P. (15), Ethan S. (11), Ethan J. (4), Finley P. (5), Gabriel B. (7), Germaine D. (3), Grace M. (13), Gracie D. (9), Hailey C. (7), Harry S. (7), Hunter K. (14), I'Miri J. (10), Isaack G. (10), Isabella B. (11), Jaidyn M. (5), Jake L. (14), Jillian R. (8), John D. Jr. (13), Kamiya C. (8), Kate B. (10), Katherine F. (10), Kathy B., Kennon R. (8), Lauren C. (10), Lila M. (3), Lindsey L. (9), Luke B. (11), Madelyn M. (9), Madison L. (14), Maggie H. (15), Margaux K. (8), Maria N. (12), Matthew K. (9), Michael Austin V. (16), Michelle T., Mischa B. (9), Myles T. (7), Nynah H. (11), Oliver S. (7), Oliver W. (5), Olivia G. (15), Phoenix B. (10), Race H. (7), Rishab P. (9), Rishi P. (10), Roy R. Samantha J. (10), Sarah S. (7), Sarah A. (10), Spencer F. (7), Stephannie W., Toni R., Trey C. (16), Vincent G. (2), Wesley H. (16), Zachary M. (12)

(Faculty) Dani W., Daniel C., Denise B., Jennifer W., Maggie P., Wanda C.

In Memoriam - Kathleen Anderson (Faculty)



It is with a heavy heart that we inform the LAAPA community that **Mrs. Kathleen Anderson**, instructor of piano/voice, has recently passed away surrounded by her family and friends.

Mrs. Anderson held a Bachelor of Music Education degree in Choral Conducting from Wittenburg University as well as a Master of Music degree in Vocal Pedagogy from Catholic University. She joined the LAAPA faculty in 2010 and taught at the Covington School of Music for the past 6 years.

In addition to teaching weekly private voice and piano lessons at LAAPA, Kathleen served as Rehearsal Director at the Covington campus the past several years to help students fine tune their Spring performances. Kathleen was always willing to help in anyway she could at LAAPA. When the Academy moved just last year to the new Covington campus, she even did some beautiful spackle work to cover up the holes in the old campus walls to ensure that we vacated the space in excellent shape.

Former student, Pam Peltier, remembered Kathleen saying, "It's not often that you meet a person like Kathleen Anderson. She was one of those people that you felt you had always known." Long time student Bill Logan shared, "I have no idea what went through her mind the very first piano lesson I had with her considering I was a quadriplegic in an electric wheelchair. She was very patient with me and very willing to teach me how to play the piano to the best of my ability."

Student, Taylor Sims, remembered Mrs. Anderson saying, "I always looked forward to my weekly hour with Mrs. Kathleen, for no matter what was going on in my personal life, I could use that hour as an outlet by working on my vocal strength and performance with her. Mrs. Kathleen's positive attitude about life was unmatched - her energy was contagious and I never wanted to leave once our lesson was over. She was just as supportive of me out of the classroom as she was in it and would go out of her way to attend my plays and other performances. I will always be grateful for having Mrs. Kathleen as a friend and as a teacher and for her shaping the person and performer I am today."

Thank you Mrs. Kathleen for all you have contributed to LAAPA and your students. Rest in Peace.

Student Shout Outs!

"So far so good, I was totally unfamiliar with the flute when I started, and I'm making some good progress on it. I'll say KC's a great teacher!"

~ Gary S.

"Ava is loving her piano lessons and Mr. Russell as her instructor. She is playing the piano beautifully! In the Fall we plan to get her brother started as well!"

~ Hemmelder Family

"Hagan is having a great time back at LAAPA. She is challenged and really enjoys what she is doing there."

~ Harkins Family

Is Your Teacher Booked? Faculty with Waiting Lists!

This Summer, as you can see below, our instructors have remained nearly or completely booked and only have a few openings remaining. If you have been waiting to get started in lessons this Summer, don't wait any longer! Due to space limitations here, the days/times below are just a partial list of what is currently available for the Summer, so please give us a call for the most up-to-date information!

PIANO/VOICE

- Carolyn: MON,TU,WED, FRI, SAT-BOOKED!
- Jennifer: MON- BOOKED!
- Maggie: FRI,1 spot!
- Amy: FRI,1 spot! MON,TU,TH-BOOKED!
- Bonnie: MON,WED,TH,SAT-BOOKED!
- Russell: TH-1 spot! MON,TU,WED-BOOKED!
- Mirka: TU-2 spots!
- Meredith: TU-BOOKED!
- Katarina: TU,WED,TH,SAT -BOOKED!
- Meghan: MON,WED-BOOKED!
- Rebecca: TH-3 spots! MON,TU,WED,FRI-BOOKED!
- Daniel: WED,TH-1 spot! FRI-BOOKED!
- Bethany: TU-2 spots! WED,TH,FRI,SAT-BOOKED!
- Joy: MON,WED-1 spot!
- Yulene: SAT-1 spot!
- Jessica: TU & WED, 2 spots!
- Jacob: SAT - BOOKED!
- Hannah: TU-2 spots!
- Kanako: MON-1 spot! TH,SAT-BOOKED!
- Amanda: MON, WED-BOOKED!
- Katherine: SAT-2 spots!

- Autumn: SAT-2 spots! TU-1 spot! MON-BOOKED!
- Dani: TU-2 spots!
- Helon-Ruth: TU, FRI-2 spots!

GUITAR/DRUMS:

- Aaron: WED, 2 spots! TU,TH-BOOKED!
- Bill: MON-2 spots! TH-1 spot! FRI,SAT-BOOKED!
- Curtis: MON,WED,TH-2 spots!, FRI-BOOKED
- Josh: WED,TH-BOOKED!
- Ben: TU, TH, 1 spot! MON,WED,FRI,SAT-BOOKED!
- Mark: MON,WED,FRI-1 spot!
- KC: TU,SAT-1 spot!
- Chris: MON,WED-BOOKED!
- Andrew: TU-2 spots!
- Evan: SAT-3 spots!
- Kari: FRI-BOOKED!

VIOLIN/CELLO:

- Kate: MON - 1 spot!
- Gabriel: MON 2 spots!
- Catherine: FRI,1 spot! MON-BOOKED!
- Denise: TU,FRI- 1 spot! MON,WED,FRI-BOOKED!
- Boris: MON-1 spot!
- Jamie: TU,SAT-2 spots!

WIND/BRASS/PERCUSSION:

- Mark: MON,WED,FRI-1 spot!
- Morris: TH, FRI-1 spot!
- Layla: SAT-2 spots! FRI-1 spot! TU-BOOKED!

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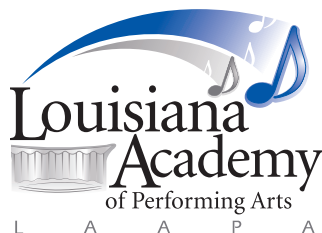
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(pictured above) Mandeville School of Music student Sofya V. enjoying her violin lessons!

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Welcome to our Newest Students (continued!)

Micole G., Miyoshi B., Myles F. (thanks to Joanna P.), Oliver R. (thanks to Ariel H.), Raleigh L., Reagan H. (thanks to Randy H.), Reece H. (thanks to Randy H.), Rey Joseph G., Reysheil G., Rodnel G., Sam P., Saniya B. (thanks to Nicole E.), Sarah S., Savannah F., Seth J., Shea S. (thanks to Carolyn R.), Skky B., TJJ, Victoria M., Wyatt W., Zevi B.



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Very Limited Space - only 25 campers enrolled each week. For more information or to enroll, visit www.laapa.com/camp or call (504) 738-3050 (River Ridge campus) / (985) 674-2992 (Mandeville campus)!