

LAAPANOTES



Getting the Most out of Your Lessons at LAAPA!



Dear Parents and Students,

March is here, and our Winter/Spring semester is in full swing! Students are putting their final touches on their LAAPAFEST pieces and are also beginning to think about their Spring Recital pieces! With so much going on (both here at LAAPA and your daily routine) it's understandable that you may not be aware of everything that we have available for you here at LAAPA. So please take a moment to review the following so that you can make the most of your music lessons and dance classes here at the Academy!

LESSONMATE:

This past Fall, we launched the LessonMate digital assignment program for all music students. This March, it is currently being rolled out for all dance students as well! LessonMate allows teachers to send your weekly assignments and lesson progress reports via the web. Each time your teacher posts a new lesson, you will receive an email prompting you to login and view the lesson.

IMPORTANT Because lessons many times contain digital audio files, video demonstrations, in addition to text, please note that there is no actual lesson content in the email itself - you must login with your email address and password. If you've forgotten your password, it's very quick and easy to change it. Just click the "forgot password" link on the login page!

While many of our teachers are using LessonMate for each student, some teachers prefer to use the

program on a student by student basis as some students and parents prefer traditional paper communications. If your teacher has not yet used LessonMate in your lessons and you'd like to try out the program, just ask and they would be happy to! If you are having trouble accessing your LessonMate account or need to change your email address on file, please let us know!

FREE MUSIC THEORY CLASSES:

Did you know that all music students are welcome to attend our free 45 minute weekly theory classes each week? We offer them at each campus and also offer a virtual class via Google Hangouts. For scheduling and class times, please give us a call or stop by the front desk!

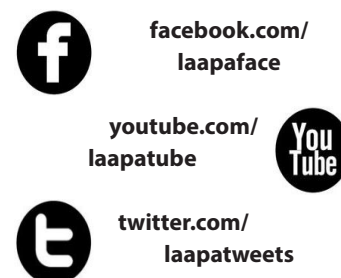
SPRING RECITALS:

Our Spring Recitals & Awards Ceremony will be here before you know it. Dates and signup information will be announced in the April Newsletter. All students are invited to participate, but participation (as in all of our LAAPA Recitals) is not mandatory. In order to help our students prepare for the Spring Concert, we also hold 3 weeks of rehearsals prior to the concert dates. In this way, students can really fine tune their performances. This is especially beneficial for our brand new students who will perhaps be making their big debut on the stage!

Have a great March and see you soon!

Ryan Cullen, Academy Director

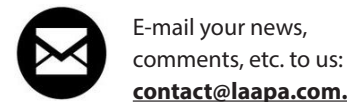
CONNECT WITH US ONLINE:



IMPORTANT DATES:

- March 5**
LAAPAFEST - Covington
- March 12**
LAAPAFEST - Mandeville
- March 19**
LAAPAFEST - River Ridge
- March 25-31**
Easter/Spring Break Holidays

CONTACT US:



"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 February!

Abigail S.
Adam H.
Amy W.
Anastasia B.
Andy R.
Antonia A.
Ashleigh D.
Aubrey R.
Barbara L.
Blair M.

(thanks to Heather B.)

Bradley A.
Brady B.
Brittany V.
Brooke W.
Brooklyn T.
Byron F.
Calebi D.
Carter Z.

(thanks to Mallory F.)

Casey E.
Charlie C.

(thanks to the Sawyer & Finley T.)

Claire S.
Colton B.
Daisy P.
Di'Ayren M.
Eleanor B.
Eli W.

(thanks to Davian A.)

Eli F.
Ella P.

(thanks to Heather B.)

Ella W.

(thanks to Grayce R.)

Emerald S.
Erica de V.
Erin K.
Gabriel J.
Heather B.
Isaiah C.
Jace K.
Jack S.
Jady N.
James T.
Jarrett G.
Jasmine B.
Jiselle R.
Joanna N.
Johnas E.
Karymé P.
Kenzie D.

(thanks to Jamie P.)

Kourtney K.
Liam M.
Liam G.

(thanks to Elle G.)

Lincoln B.
Lizbeth G.

(thanks to Brooks G.)

Logan L.
Lylah C.

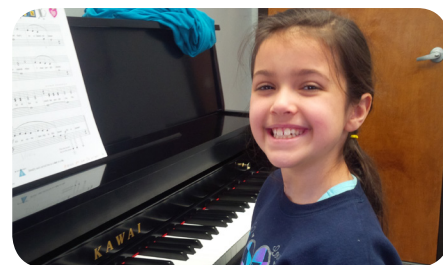
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It's a pleasure to have you all joining us and we look forward to helping you achieve all of your goals!

Student & Faculty News

River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, **Gracie Delgado**, received top 10 in voice performance at Industry Network held in Los Angeles last week. She received three first places in acting and other activities.



Mandeville School of Music student, **Allie Grace Green**, will be performing as the Cheshire Cat and 3 of Clubs in The Trials of Alice in Wonderland at Papamont Academy of Performing Arts.

Mandeville School of Music students, **Elise and Dominic Glorioso** recently performed in "One Hit Wonders" at Cutting Edge Theatre.

River Ridge School of Music & Dance violin faculty member, **Kate Withrow**, will be holding a concert featuring the rarely heard Mystery Sonatas by Heinrich Ignaz Franz von Biber at the Marigny Opera House March 24 at 7:00 PM. Tickets are available at www.marignyoperahouse.org.



River Ridge School of Music & Dance piano and voice faculty member, **Kanako Fuwa**, will be featured as a performer on NCIS New Orleans on the March 2 episode performing an original composition by her husband, [Detroit Brooks](http://DetroitBrooks.com) called, "If Never You're Mine."



**Have News to Share? E-mail your news to studentnews@laapa.com!
Connect with us on Facebook at facebook.com/laapaface**

Happy March Birthdays!

(Students) Abby R. (12), Addison R. (12), Aidan F. (9), Aishwarya N. (17), Alexander S. (2), Allie-Grace G. (8), Amelie G. (11), Andre M. (6), Angel H. Jr. (14), Angelina M. (14), Anh T. (6), Antonia A., Ashleigh H. (11), Aubrey W. (8), Bernadette M. (9), Bob W., Brandon L. (9), Breigh-anna S. (14), Brianna D. (9), Cadence P. (5), Caitlin B. (9), Ce'vanne U. (5), Chloe L. (8), Chris G. (15), Cooper R. (6), Declan A. (12), Dondria H., Drew G. (7), Elizaveta D. (5), Ella B. (11), Emma M. (13), Fernando Z. (10), Fraelle Mhae B. (12), Gabriel M. (10), Gideon S. (4), Grant S. (10), Hue T. (6), Isabella R. (10), Jack V., Jack E. (11), Jackson E. (9), James P., James J., Jannah B. (9), Jessica V., Jessie J. (12), John G. Jr. (7), Journee J. (6), Kacey C. (9), Kaden F. (8), Karli W. (16), Kasey M. (5), Kelliana H. (15), Kelly S. (14), Kevin M., Khyren A. (6), Landon R. (5), Laney T. (15), Lauren G. (10), Leo F. (10), Lisette G. (11), Maddie N. (5), Marissa D. (9), Michael S. (13), Noel P. (2), Olivia N. (11), Olivia J. (14), Olivia A. (12), Pam P., Phyllis M., Raegan H. (9), Rakshitha R. (12), Ryleigh B. (8), Samantha A. (5), Sarah M. (15), Sarah C. (14), Shaalen T. (11), Sophia R. (10), Sophia M. (6), Stephanie C. (13), Susan N., Suzanne P., Taylor V. (8), Theran P. (8), Tiffany C. (5), Victoria W. (9), William D. (16)

(Faculty) Christopher Talley

Student of the Month - Jessiah Suazo



River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, Jessiah Suazo takes piano lessons and ballet classes here at LAAPA! We recently had a chance to speak with her and learn a little more about her lessons and interests!

Tell us about yourself and how long you've been taking piano and ballet lessons.

I've been taking both piano and ballet lessons at LAAPA since September. I study piano with Mr. Daniel and my ballet teacher is Ms. Mary. This past December was my first recital ever. I was a little scared and shy, but once I got on stage, it was awesome!

What do you enjoy about your piano lessons?

I love that I can move my fingers across the keys and make beautiful music. Some of the pieces I have worked on with Mr. Daniel include "Mary Had a Little Lamb" and Beethoven's "Für Elise".

What do you do in ballet class?

In ballet class, we learn dance phrases. I love to move my body and stretch! I like the new move we're working on in class with Ms. Mary; it's called "jeté", which means "to throw" in French.

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

I like to sing when I am alone and maybe someday I will take voice lessons too. I think I want to be a singer when I grow up. I also want to share that in five months, I will be a big sister!!!

Student Shout Outs!

"Jackson loves his lessons so far! He really likes his instructor, Ms. Layla and how easy going and laid back she is. He also enjoys that Layla is interested in teaching him songs that he wants to learn."

~Nieto Family

"We are very happy with the voice lessons and love our teacher, Mrs. Katarina. Shriya has been even more excited since adding piano lessons!"

~Gogineni Family

Will You Win a Brass Pass to Jazz Fest?



Our Winter Referral Contest is now underway! Will You Win?!

If you refer a new student to the Academy and they enroll:

- You will receive a free lesson in any program.

- You AND your friend will be automatically entered into our drawing this April 1 for a WWOZ FM Jazz Fest Brass Pass (\$500 value)! The pass allows you to attend the entire jazz fest lineup. Different people may use the pass each day if you can't attend every day. You'll also get access to the WWOZ FM Hospitality Tent for free refreshments.

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!

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

* Immediate family members/members of the same household are not eligible for the referral program.

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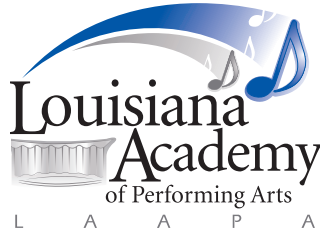
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(pictured above) Alyssa G. having fun learning the guitar at Summer Camp!

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Welcome to our Newest Students (continued!)

Madison C., Marshall R., Marshall R. II, Melaina F. (thanks to Jonathan K.), Nicholas S., Nicholas B., Noel P., Olivia G., Peyton K. (thanks to Jonathan K.), Pierce J. (thanks to Haley V.), Purseus M., Remy K., Riley G., Riley P., Riley S., Ryan O. (thanks to Kamryn T.), Sage L., Stephannie W., Susan N., Sydnie B., Tia S., Vivienne C. (thanks to Chris M.), William G. (thanks to James P.), Zachary S., Zachary M.



Now Enrolling for
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!