

# LAAPANOTES



## Join us for a Summer of Music, Dance, & Fun!

Dear Students and Parents,

One of the most frequently asked questions here at the Academy is what happens in the Summer.

The answer to that is quite a lot actually. Not only is Spring-Summer one of our busiest seasons for new students who are interested in getting started in music lessons or dance classes (since they have more time off with their regular school classes ending), but we also have many recitals, concerts, not to mention our July Summer Camps!

Have you been wanting to get some new guitar or piano riffs under your fingers? How about a few new steps under your toes? Planning on joining the school band next year or auditioning for a role in a musical? Summer is the perfect time to finally get started in voice or instrumental lessons and/or dance class!

Case in point - I had always been interested in bass guitar, and so a few summers ago I decided to finally get started in lessons and have been enjoying them ever since and have become fairly proficient. Here's a little more information on Summer Lessons at LAAPA!

### 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 very 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 162 new students this school year and now has over 1,260 students (compared to 1,100) just last year - the most in the history of the academy since its inception in 1978. 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, or 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 4-8 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.

See you this summer for music, dance, and fun!  
Ryan Cullen, Director

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### IMPORTANT DATES:

**May 28, 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**

See last month's news for details.

### CONTACT US:



E-mail your news, 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 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 April!

Aidan O.  
(thanks to Anjali M.)

Anna L.  
Avery M.  
Avery B.  
Brynn H.  
Carlos R.

(thanks to Cara W.)

Cecelia L.  
Deborah V.  
Devin B.  
Dylahn H.

(thanks to Jace C.)

Eli F.  
Emily G.  
Eviana R.  
Gage D.  
Gary S.

Hailey A.  
Hanna V.  
Hunter K.  
Huy T.

(thanks to Fraelle M.B.)

Jace D.  
Jack S.

(thanks to Mary)

Jacob L.  
Jacques B.  
Jaidyn M.

Jay Q.  
Jessica P.

(thanks to Tasha H.)

John D.

(thanks to Joseph D.)

Journey W.  
Karlee B.  
Keith H.  
Kenedi L.  
Kenny M.

Khalinh N.

Liam M.  
Luke S.

Maria G.

(thanks to Carolyn R.)

Mickey W.  
Mike N.

(thanks to Alexis N.)

Oliver W.  
Pablo W.

Rashawn H.  
Rochelle H.

Roy R. III  
S.Teala J.

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## Student & Faculty News



**Sameen Hossain** represented Mandeville Middle School at the Louisiana Music Educators Association's (LMEA) Elementary District IX Honor Choir Concert held on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at Ponchatoula High School. Sameen takes voice and piano lessons with Mrs. Joy at the Mandeville School of Music.

Mandeville School of Music student, **Olivia Hesson**, was chosen as Outstanding Member of Celebration Choir at Mt. Carmel. She takes voice lessons with Ms. Rebecca.

River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, **Brian Fink**, played at Cafe Istanbul in a collaboration concert of Holy Cross and Cabrini High School.

**Emily Ruli** will be playing the role of "Narrator" in St. Paul's production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." She takes voice and piano lessons with Ms. Rebecca at the Mandeville School of Music.



**Kaitlann Runnels** made it to the second round of "The Voice!" She will also be performing the lead role of Sandy in "Grease" at Pope John Paul II High School. Kaitlann takes voice lessons with Mrs. Katarina.

**Elise and Dominic Glorioso** recently performed in "One Hit Wonders" at Cutting Edge Theatre. Elise takes voice lessons with Ms. Rebecca and Dominic takes drum with Ms. Layla at the Mandeville School of Music.

**Sarah Anderson** placed second in her category at Ursuline Academy's annual Bach contest. Sarah takes voice lessons with Mrs. Katarina at the River Ridge School of Music & Dance.

**Cassidy Chappuis** will be playing "Dorothy" in Lake Castle's production of "The Wizard of Oz." She takes voice lessons with Ms. Rebecca at the Mandeville School of Music.



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## Happy May Birthdays!

**(Students)** Aarya K. (5), Adeleine L. (6), Aidan B. (13), Alexandra S. (12), Alison C. (17), Angelique B., Anthony C. (8), Anthony H. (10), Arianna A. (13), Ashley R. (16), Asiah H. (6), Aubrey R., Avery M. (2), Barbara D., Bella A. (5), Brandon V. (8), Cameron R. (9), Caroline S. (17), Charles S. (13), Chloe C. (8), Dariyon C., Davis H. (7), Eli F. (10), Emily N. (15), Emily M. (11), Evan M. (11), Evan V., Gabrielle G. (7), Gage D. (3), George S., Gilberto C. (14), Grace A. (9), Hadley J. (5), Hayden L. (8), Heather Z. (11), Isabella E. (8), Jack M. (16), Jackson N. (12), Jayden N. (7), Jessica G., John D. (6), Jonathan K. (9), Joseph H. (12), Juana T., Kaitlann R. (16), Kamryn T. (7), Kaylie N. (12), Liliana G. (12), Lilli J. (11), Lilly M. (8), Lily F. (11), Lorissa G. (15), Mackenzie P. (11), Madelynn C. (13), Maggie M. (13), Maia S. (13), Mary Helen S. (9), Matthew F. (14), Mattie N. (16), Max A. (13), Mia S. (13), Mia M. (7), Milan S. (8), Nenitha T. (5), Nicholas S., Noah C. (12), Noah S. (11), Oliver R. (12), Paloma P. (10), Pierce J. (7), Rachel H. (12), Rayne H. (13), Riley S. (9), Robert F. (6), Sam F. (13), Sameen H. (11), Shagun A. (7), Shelby S., Sofia S. (10), Terri L., Tori Y. (16), Yalena G. (13), Zachary S. (7) **(Faculty)** Morris W., Diane D., Katarina B., Elaine F.

## Student of the Month - Diana Peter



**Mandeville School of Music student, Diana Peter** takes saxophone lessons here at LAAPA! We recently had a chance to speak with her and learn a little more about her lessons and interests!

**Tell us a little about yourself and how long you've been taking lessons at LAAPA.**

"I'm originally from Washington DC. I've been playing piano for 7 years and just started taking alto and tenor saxophone this year. Soon to learn soprano!"

**What has your instruction here at LAAPA helped you accomplish?**

"I've become more focused, and I have specific pieces that I'm excited to perform at the Spring Concert. This will be my first piano recital since starting lessons!"

**What are some of your other interests and hobbies?**

"I love marching band at Mandeville High School! I also play in the Jazz Band."

**What are your goals for the future?**

"I plan on going to LSU to pursue either Music Therapy or Music Education. My father played alto saxophone in the LSU band, and I hope to do the same!"

### Student Shout Outs!

"Megan is enjoying her lessons very much! She went from not knowing anything about the guitar to playing "Twinkle Twinkle" with chords and everything! She has been practicing every day and looks forward to her lessons each Saturday!"

*~Wicker Family*

"Anthony has been at LAAPA for years but we just returned after taking a short break and are very happy to be back. Anthony has been with Curtis for about a year now and he loves him and we're very glad he's still studying with him."

*~Cooper Family*

## Will You Win a Brand New Yamaha Digital Piano?



Thanks to everyone who continually refers the academy - it's the highest compliment we can receive and truly appreciated!

**If you refer a friend or colleague to LAAPA now through July 31, you and your friend will automatically be entered for a chance to win a brand new Yamaha Digital Piano - a \$450 value!**

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!

Good luck!

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(pictured above) River Ridge students  
Victoria W. & Aimee L. enjoying their  
ballet class with Ms. Tess!

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## Welcome to our Newest Students (continued!)

Sam Q., Sofia M., Stephen M., Sydney F. (thanks to Fletcher F.), Sylas B., Tahj P., Vincent G.



**Have a Blast this Summer at**  
**Summer Music & Dance Camps!**  
*Explore, Create, Play...*  
**This July • Choose 1, 2, or 3 Weeks • Ages 5-16**  
**Try out up to 8 different instruments/programs**

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](http://www.laapa.com/camp) or call (504) 738-3050 (River Ridge campus) / (985) 674-2992 (Mandeville campus)!**