

LAAPANOTES

More than Music & Dance - Inspiring Success



Last month our entire faculty and staff came together to meet at the LAAPA Performance Hall on the campus of the River Ridge School of Music & Dance to learn about what's new at LAAPA this school year! Five of our faculty members pictured above shared what has been working well for their students. We wanted to share just a few highlights to demonstrate how committed our Faculty/Staff are to providing a truly unrivaled and first class music and dance education here in New Orleans.

Ryan Cullen, Academy Director, opened the meeting and shared what's new with LAAPA this year! His biggest announcement is currently still top secret at the moment, but we look forward to sharing it with all of you within the next few months! Cullen also discussed the new Makeup Workshop program that is open to all private and group music students who may miss a lesson. Each workshop is a 60 minute session and gives students the opportunity to focus on a variety of musical topics that may not always be included in their ordinary lessons due to time constraints.

Ms. Layla Sutton, Instructor of General Music presented, "Keeping up in the Digital Age" which discussed how today's students are more digitally inclined which has a tremendous effect on how they are accustomed to learning new concepts. Children of today have better motor skills and improved cognitive functions for example - perfect for music and dance lessons!

Ms. Maggie Probst, Instructor of Voice/Piano presented "10 Things I've Learned in 10 Years of Teaching" in which she dis-

cussed the importance of parental involvement to reach goals, always using positive speech, turning boring exercises into games, being aware that each student learns music differently, and more!

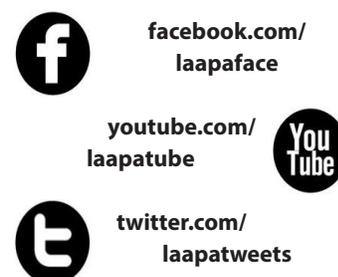
Ms. Tamara Murray, Instructor of Piano/Voice/Flute presented on the Talented Arts Program in St. Tammany Parish to inform our faculty of how to get students prepared and accepted into this popular school program.

Mrs. Bethany Crawford, Instructor of Piano/Voice presented, "More Than Music - Inspiring Success" which detailed how music lessons teach students to be more confident and successful as people! Highlights included: teaching confidence, making mistakes gracefully, and fostering a mindset of growth.

Finally, Mr. Bill Solomon, Instructor of Guitar, Bass, Percussion presented on "Student Retention" which discussed how he has been able to keep his students moving forward over a period of several years. One of his key points was for teachers to always apply lessons to students' favorite songs which he feels helps them to take ownership of their learning. For his presentation this year, Bill was voted 2016 Teacher of the Year by his colleagues!

Congratulations to all Faculty and Staff members. It is because of all you contribute to LAAPA that we continue to grow and achieve our mission of providing the very best music & dance education possible here in New Orleans.

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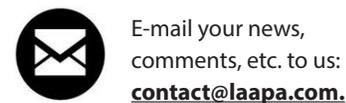


IMPORTANT DATES:

October 24-29 - Halloween Dress Up Week
Come to Your Lesson in Costume

October 31 - Halloween
No Classes

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It's Easy to Get Started in Music Lessons and Dance Classes this Fall! Call us Today to Reserve your Time.

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Mandeville - (985) 674-2992
River Ridge - (504) 738-3050

Welcome to Our Students who began lessons this September!

Aaron C.
Addison A.
Alexis W.
Amari L.
Amielle V.M.
Andre M.
Andrew B.
Angel H. Jr.
Aubrey G.
August S.
Avery A.
Avery W.
Ayana M.
Aydan L.
Bailey H.
Bella S.
Benjamin N.
Brandon R.
Bryce D.
Carter C.
Cary R.
Charles H.
Charlie M.
Christian S.
Christian T.
Christopher C.
Cioni S.
Claire B.
Claire H.
Connor F.
Cooper R.
Dave V.
David P.
Dawson D.
Ed M.
Elbert L.
Eleanor B.
Eleanor S.
Elizabeth F.
Ember T.
Emily S.
Fernando Z.
Finley C.
Francesca S.
Grayson B.
Hai V.
Henry M.
Isaac R.
Isabella H.
Isabella C.
Iyana F.
Izabella L.
James R.
Jaylen T.
Jewel D.
Jimmie W.
John B.
John K.
John Michael M.
Joseph H.
Joseph U.
Joseph D.
Kaia S.
Kalea R.
Karla C.
Kathy V.
Kennon R.
Kiersten C.
Kristen S.
Laiken M.
Laniyah B.
Leah U.

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Student News



This past month, River Ridge School of Music & Dance ballet students, **Kylie McKee** (13), & **Tasneem Batres** (12), were put on pointe. Mrs. Mary collaborated with their parents to surprise them and made the announcement in class. They all then went to Carmel's Dance Wear to get fitted. They have been working very hard to get to this moment and they are very excited to begin this new dance journey!

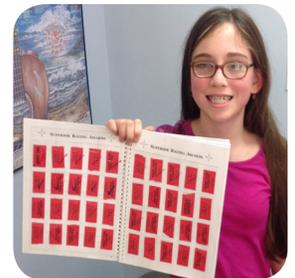


Mandeville School of Music piano student, **Lyla Farmer**, participated in MTNA Northshore Piano Rally. She received Third Place in the Prep A category and was chosen to perform in an Honor Recital. Lyla takes lessons with Ms. Rebecca.



Mandeville School of Music piano students, **Madeline and Melissa Moore** recently participated in the MTNA Northshore Piano Rally. They both earned high scores for Performance, Sight-Reading and Technique. They take piano lessons with Ms. Rebecca.

Mandeville School of Music student, **Jennifer Zuckerman** saved up 30 tickets that she earned for receiving 30 Superior ratings in her voice lessons! 30 tickets buys either a LAAPA t-shirt or tote!



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Happy October Birthdays!

(Students) Aidan F. (11), Aimme R. (6), Alex T. (3), Alexander S. (9), Alyssa A. (12), Amaiah L. (10), Amelia S. (5), Ana G. (4), Ashley Z. (12), Ashlyn F. (5), August S. (7), Aurelia A. (10), Ava K. (8), Aydan L. (10), Bryan N. (5), Cadence D. (5), Caleb S. (13), Calvin T. (4), Camila A. (6), Carolina P. (8), Caroline P. (6), Caroline N. (9), Carter Z. (5), Catherine M. (10), Charles Harris Jr., Christian St. C. (10), Christopher C., Clayton B. (15), Colin G. (5), Connor F. (8), Cooper R. (9), Courtney C. (12), Dawson D. (6), Elizabeth L. (10), Emma P. (16), Ethan F. (7), Evangeline O. (6), Grace J. (11), Harrison T. (9), Holly M., Irving C., Jace C. (15), Jaci W. (7), Jack H. (6), Jase D. (9), Jax C. (4), Jay Q. (7), Jefferson G. (9), Jennifer Z. (12), Jessica P., Jewel D. (4), Joanna P. (2), Jordan B. (10), Josh G. (4), Kai C. (4), Kamryn R. (4), Karen A. (17), Kate M-P. (5), Katelyn B. (15), Kristen S., Kristen P. (9), Layla M. (10), Lolo L. (8), Lydia C., Madelyn H. (15), Mary B., Mason F. (9), Mason B. (9), Matthew B. (7), Mia C. (2), Michael C. (15), Michael C. (6), Michael D. (9), Natalie R. (16), Nicco O. (10), Nicole M. (9), Paige M. (4), Q (John) R. (6), Quinn M-P. (5), Rebecca D. (14), Ryan F., Sadie G. (9), Saniya C. (6), Sarah F. (5), Shay D., Sherri M., Sophie R. (13), Stella B. (8), Sydni S. (11), Tamy N., Timothy P. (13), Tucker S. (11), Victoria T. (9), Wayne H., William K. (11)

(Faculty) Bill S., Curtis S., Jessica M., Jamie H., Kimberly D., KC T., Jenny G.

Students of the Month - Sam and Jay Quinn



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

Tell us about your teacher and lessons!

Sam - "Ms. Meghan is my teacher and I'm currently working on Beethoven's Sonata No. 14 in C# Minor "Quasi una fantasia", Op. 27, No. 2, AKA "Moonlight Sonata. Ms. Meghan is cool and lets me pick what I want to do. She provides me with good choices. I take piano lessons because I enjoy doing new things and I like how piano feels and sounds. I always have. It feels like a release when I play."

Jay - "Ms. Meghan is also my teacher and I'm currently working on "The Man from Mars. Ms. Meghan is nice. She teaches me a lot of songs. If I mess up, she helps me. When she is proud of me, she gives me a sticker. I take piano because I like to. My mom picked piano for me. It means a lot as much as my mom means to me."

Nina (mom) - Meghan is the bees knees. She is kind, encouraging, loving, funny, and I couldn't ask for more in a person who spends time with my children.

What are your other interests/hobbies?

Sam - "I play football at Jesuit High School (position Free Safety on the Freshman team. I also enjoy Motor Cross."

Jay - "I like catching lizards in my back yard and putting them in a bug box so I can observe them; I also like catching Monarch Caterpillars"

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Sam - "I'd like to be a professional Motor Cross Racer."

Jay - "I want to be a Policeman."

Student Shout Outs!

"Lessons are going really well! Kyler is enjoying his guitar lessons and Emma loves her piano lessons!"
~ **Nicolle S.**

"Ms. Jamie has brought Juliet the furthest in the shortest amount of time in her violin lessons. She also does a GREAT job communicating with parents...I have also learned so much about the violin!"
~ **Anne L.**

"The voice lessons are great! Olivia always comes out very encouraged by her teacher, Mrs. Carolyn."
~ **Alisa N.**

Fall 2016 Referral Contest - Will You Win a Jamstick +?

Do you love your music lessons or dance classes at LAAPA? Tell everyone!

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

- You will receive a free lesson in any program.

- You will be automatically entered into our drawing this December 1 for a brand new Jamstick +! Visit [youtube.com/laapatube](https://www.youtube.com/laapatube) to see a demo!

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) December 1!

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



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Ryleigh B. - piano student at the River Ridge campus brought some friends to her recent lesson!

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It's Not Too Late to Get Started in Lessons this Fall!

Now that things are calming down with school and various other schedules, it's the perfect time to give us a call about getting your music and dance lessons scheduled! While the majority of our instructors are at capacity during the most popular times, we have been keeping up with the demand and have hired several new instructors just this past month and they are outstanding educators - you will love your lessons!

We offer the most comprehensive selection of programs under one roof including **MUSIC LESSONS** in piano, voice, violin, viola, cello, guitar, electric guitar, banjo, ukulele, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, tuba, french horn, preschool music, theory, composition, jazz band, rock band and **DANCE CLASSES** in ballet, hip-hop, tap, musical theatre, parent & tot! Give us a call today at the school campus nearest you! Covington (985) 590.4545, Mandeville (985) 674.2992, and River Ridge (504) 738.3050.



Welcome to Our Newest Students (continued)

Leeland S., Liam H., Life S., Luca S., Lucie I., Lucy C., Madeline W., Mani V., Mannix R., Marais B., Maria N., Mason P., Matthew B., Max F., Michael C., Miriam L., Natalie L., Nicole M., Nixon Y., Noah A., Olivia R., Parker P., Paulette S., Peter B., Q (John) R., Race H., Rayne K., Rose G., Ruby F., Saanvi R., Sarah U., Sarah H., Scout H., Shannon M., Stella F., Sydni S., Tamy N., Theodore Y., Tori S., Tre R., Tucker S., Tyler C., Victoria D., Walsh B., West D., Yaqub C., Zachary J., Zathan R.