

# LAAPANOTES



## Christmas Concerts are Coming - Are You Ready?!



It's hard to believe, but Christmas is coming, and so are our 2016 Christmas Concerts! We wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with a little more information on what you can expect at our concerts.

**Participation in this year's Christmas Recital is open to all students at LAAPA. It's quick and easy to Sign-Up as follows:**

**Music - <http://laapa.com/xmas>**

**Dance - <http://laapa.com/dance-recital>**

**Sign up by November 14 for guaranteed placement in the concerts!**

1.) All music students are invited to perform at the concerts! All dance students who have been cleared by their instructors are invited to perform! Even if you just began studying this past September - chances are that you can work with your instructor to perform even a brief piece with the underlying goal of providing you with a positive introduction to the stage!

2.) Our concerts are held in professional auditoriums with full audio / lighting support. Vocalists - you may want to practice holding a pretend microphone in your lessons to simulate your actual on stage performance. If you'd prefer not to hold anything, the other option is leaving the microphone on the stand.

3.) For pianists - you will be performing on a full sized grand piano at the concerts. The piano should feel very similar to our pianos at Laapa. If you require any special sounds (electronic keyboard) - you will need to

discuss this with your instructor and possibly bring your keyboard to use at the concert.

4.) For guitarists - we provide a Fender amp (with plenty of optional effects) and a direct connection to the auditorium's sound system, so there is no need to bring your amplifiers. If you want to dial in some effects, you are welcome to bring a pedal - but please be sure to bring whatever extra patch cables you may need to connect it.

5.) For bass players - we will have a bass amp setup on stage for monitoring.

6.) For drummers - we will have a Yamaha custom acoustic drum set on stage similar to the ones many of you use in your lessons. There is no need to bring any drum equipment (other than your sticks) unless you would prefer to perform on an acoustic drum kit.

7.) All violin, guitar, brass, and woodwind students - please be sure to arrive early to have your instruments tuned by one of the staff members!

8.) Dance students should arrive no later than 30 minutes prior to showtime for class group photos and to review the floorplan with their instructor.

9.) There are no tickets to purchase for our Christmas Concerts. In lieu of tickets, we ask for donations to a charity that we've been supporting for several years now through the Teresian Sisters. More information on this mission is available at <http://laapa.com/mission>.

10.) When you arrive at the concert, be sure to pick up a program in the auditorium lobby. You may then proceed to the front of the auditorium for pictures with **Wally Porter Photography** and/or to see one of our staff members who will be seating the students in the order of the program. Seating for parents and guests is all on a first come, first served basis.

11.) Each concert will typically last up to 1 1/2 hours. We recommend that you budget a full 2 hours to be on the safe side. We ask that you be prepared to remain for the full concert. Students who leave early will miss out on our group photographs which get sent to the local newspapers and hung in our schools and published on our website.

We look forward to seeing you all on stage!

### CONNECT WITH US ONLINE:



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[youtube.com/laapatube](https://youtube.com/laapatube)



[twitter.com/laapatweets](https://twitter.com/laapatweets)

### IMPORTANT DATES:

**November 22-26 -**  
*Thanksgiving Holiday*

**December 10, 16, 17, 18**  
*Christmas Performances*  
*see [laapa.com](http://laapa.com) for more info*

### 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 FALL PROGRAMS!

It's Easy to Get Started in Music Lessons and Dance Classes this Fall! 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  
October!**

*Aidan O.*

*Alex M.*

*Alivia C.*

*(thanks to Kaitlyn H.)*

*Ashley Z.*

*Aubrey T.*

*Ava P.*

*Ayva S.*

*(thanks to Charli W.)*

*Beau T.*

*Bella B.*

*Bryce L.*

*Cameron G.*

*Camryn A.*

*Caryn C.*

*(thanks to Warren C.)*

*Catherine P.*

*Cecilia V.*

*Chloe C.*

*Christopher T.*

*(thanks to Maria G.)*

*Cy T.*

*David M.*

*Eli F.*

*Embaye G.*

*Estephany P.*

*Ethan C.*

*Genell G.*

*Gerardo E.*

*Hayes H.*

*Jackie M.*

*Jaden C.*

*(thanks to Aaron C.)*

*Jennifer Z.*

*Juliet D.*

*Katelyn P.*

*Katie S.*

*Keshvi M.*

*Kyle C.*

*Lydia D.*

*Marcos O.*

*Patrick M.*

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## Student News



River Ridge School of Music & Dance voice lessons student, **Claire Sheppard**, attends John Curtis Christian School where she recently sang at their See You at the Pole event, and at a pep rally in support of one of their students who is undergoing cancer treatment. She takes voice lessons with Mrs. Jennifer and guitar lessons with Mr. Bill.

Mandeville School of Music violin and piano student, **Sarah Hossain**, won 2nd place at the Louisiana Wildfowl Carvers and Collectors Guild 2016 Student Art Competition. Her oil pastel painting won in the 12 to 14 years age category for the Gulf South region. The LWCCG was founded over 40 years ago and is the largest and second oldest carving club in North America. Now an 8th grader, Sarah has been participating in St. Tammany Parish's Talented Arts program since elementary school.



River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, **Arden Hales**, (left) recently joined the Ethel Schoeffner Elementary Choir and made the St. Charles Parish Elementary Honor Choir. She takes voice lessons with Mrs. Jennifer.



Mandeville School of Music student, **Emma Pollet**, (right) has been cast in as Antigone in "Antigone" at Christ Episcopal for their Fall musical. She takes voice lessons with Mrs. Katarina.



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Connect with us on Facebook at [facebook.com/laapaface](https://www.facebook.com/laapaface)**

## Happy November Birthdays!

*(Students)* Addie C. (15), Addison F. (8), Adrian R. (10), Adrian H. (13), Aidan O. (8), Alejandro C. (13), Alex S. (7), Alex G. (13), Alexandra M. (9), Alivia S. (14), Alyssa W. (8), Amelia K. (8), Amy W., Andrea B. (15), Andrew B., Andrew F. (9), Ansley S. (6), Ashleigh S. (17), Aubrey T. (11), Beau T. (10), Blake S. (5), Brianna B. (5), Caelan C. (8), Carson A. (16), Catalina J. (9), Chloe A. (9), Claire S. (12), Cristian A. (6), Daniel A., Daniel M., Davian A. (11), David M. (11), Eleanor B., Elise D. (8), Elise G. (14), Ember T. (11), Erika D. (6), Faris E. (10), Frankie D. (11), Gabriel N. (6), Glori S., Hadley H. (5), Henri J. (16), Holli Marie M., Jace K. (8), Jacques B. (6), Jadyn F. (10), Jamie P. (16), John Michael M. (8), Jordan J. (3), Joseph D. (9), Julia A. (16), Kalea R. (12), Kate F. (10), Kimberly A. (12), Kyle C. (5), Layla B. (8), Liam M. (8), Luca S. (7), Lucie I (6), Lucy C. (7), Mallorie C. (4), Mani V. (7), Mantas K. (9), Marais B. (6), Matthew R. (12), Mindy T., Miriam L. (10), Nadia D. (14), Nithya R. (14), Noah A. (9), Penny W. (9), Raleigh L. (12), Rayne K. (7), Reece H. (9), Rhyne S. (17), Rose G. (8), Ryan T. (6), Rylee P. (5), Ryne S. (8), Sam Q. (15), Sarah C. (11), Scout H. (12), Seth C. (7), Shea S. (13), Sophia W. (13), Sophie N. (11), Spencer N. (11), Sydney T. (7), Sydney C. (14), Tabitha B. (5), Tristan H. (7), Valerie M. (15), Veronica C. (9), Zevi B. (5), Zoe C. (7)

*(Faculty)* Trevor M., Chris H., Dr. Kristen M., Yulene V.

# Students of the Month - Harry, Kate & Sam Fontenoy



**Covington School of Music** students, **Harry, Kate & Sam Fontenoy** take guitar, ukulele, voice, and piano lessons here at LAAPA's Covington School of Music! We recently had a chance to speak with them and learn a little more about their lessons and interests!

### Tell us about your lessons!

**Harry:** We're playing "25 or 6 to 4" by Chicago, and working on some songs we've worked on a while back – we have a lot of fun!

**Kate:** We work on technique and how to cross my fingers over, and we're learning a new song. It's fun!

**Sam:** My lessons are going really well, we're working on a bunch of different songs.

### What else do you like to do in your free time?

**Harry:** I play soccer at my school, and I play bass at my church.

**Kate:** I do cheerleading at my school.

**Sam:** I do soccer and I play trombone at school.

### What do you want to be when you grow up?

**Harry:** Probably a photographer, I like taking pictures.

**Kate:** A dog groomer!

**Sam:** A trombone and ukulele player.

## Student Shout Outs!

"Lessons are going great... both kids are really enjoying them! The teachers are very nice and informative."

~ **Cana H.**

"Erika loves ballet class and looks forward to it every week. Mary is a great teacher!"

~ **Helga D.**

"Faris is having a lot of fun and he and his brother are very much looking forward to the recital! Faris loves Ms. Layla as his teacher and he is progressing well with her."

~ **Rima E.**

## 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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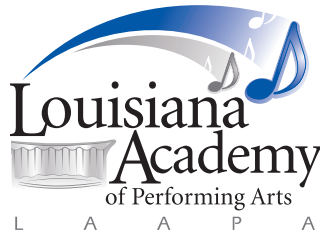
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(pictured above) Ms. Mary's ballet class had a blast during our Halloween dress up and trick or treat class!

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## Welcome to Our Newest Students (continued)

Patrick L., Rand A., Rylee P., Rylie M., Silas W., Sophia M., Sophie N. (thanks to Amira M.), Spencer N. (thanks to Amira M.), Stefan K., Taylor I., Tristan H., Tristen G., Ursula S., Vivica J., William T., Zayda J., Zheyuan C., Zurisadai S.

## 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.

