

LAAPANOTES

Spring Concerts & Award Ceremonies are Coming!



Dear Students and Parents,

It's time to begin preparing for our Spring Concerts! Our Spring Concerts and Award Ceremonies will be held June 16-17 at Fuhrmann Auditorium, 317 N. Jefferson St. in Covington for the Covington and Mandeville campuses, June 24, at Victory Fellowship 5708 Airline Drive, Metairie, LA and June 25 at Loyola University - Roussel Hall - 6363 St. Charles Ave. for the River Ridge campus. Due to our continued growth, we are expanding our Spring concerts and holding them over 2 days this year to ensure that we are not rushed and everyone has a great experience! Concert assignments will be announced in late May.

The deadline has now passed to sign up for dance students and the deadline to sign up for music students is 5/1/17. All music students are asked to complete and return the participation forms online.

Sign-up online today at:

<http://www.laapa.com/music-concert>

RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION:

- All music students will be assigned one solo and may additionally participate in a duet or compose an original piece.
- All instrumental and vocal students (voice, guitar, strings, wind, brass, etc.) will require accompanists. The accompanist fee is \$30 and will provide students with 30 minutes of rehearsal time with the accompanist (or their instructor within the lesson) in addition to the performance on the day of the concert.
- Unlike in years past, we will not be holding mandatory rehearsals for music students based on feedback that we received from parents, students, faculty, and staff.

As we will have no rehearsals this year (as with our Christmas productions) students should be fully prepared a few weeks prior to the June dates just in case they need to miss a lesson or two. Our goal is for all students to have an awesome experience and performance on stage, so we want to ensure that everyone is very well prepared!

- All dance students that are not performing in the concert should have already informed their teacher.
- All dance student costumes have now been ordered. Dance students must attend all lessons from now until the concert. If students miss more than three lessons from now until the concert they will not be able to perform. Rehearsal for dance students will be held the week before the recital. Dance students should come in full costume the week of June 17-23 for dress rehearsal held at The River Ridge School of Music and Dance. Finally, all dance students should arrive at Roussel Hall as per the schedule which will be issued next month.

Many awards will be presented at each program based on the number of years students have been taking lessons at LAAPA. Every student who is performing will be recognized for his/her time of study and accomplishments. Students who compose and score their own music and/or who participated in LAAPAFEST will additionally be recognized in those award categories. Concert Tickets for General Admission may be pre-ordered when signing up online or at the Front Desk.

Two complimentary concert tickets (per family) are available for students and/or parents to pick up at the Front Desk.

We look forward to seeing everyone this June at our main event of the year!

- Ryan Cullen, Director

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IMPORTANT DATES:

April 14-20

Easter/Spring Break Holidays

April 23

Faculty/Staff BBQ

April 29

Faculty & Honors Recital
6PM - Victory Fellowship

CONTACT US:



E-mail your news,
comments, etc. to us:
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Reserve your Time.

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

Welcome to Our New Students who began lessons in March!

Abby N.

(thanks to the Silva Family)

Adelaide D.

(thanks to the Silva Family)

Aimee M.

Ainsley W.

Alexa A.

(thanks to Nikki T.)

Alyssa B.

Amerie S.

Annie I.

(thanks to Katina L.)

Anson P.

Antoinette P.

Antonio G.

April M.

Asaely C.

Ashley F.

Ashley N.

Aubrey L.

(thanks to the Lemonier family)

Bill B.

(thanks to Keller Strings)

Brady B.

Braelin H.

Brayden C.

Casey E.

Ce'vanne U.

Chase R.

Christy H.

Damien S.

Dana C.

Dana J.

DeAndre' S.

(thanks to the Bickham family)

Deborah E.

Deme M.

Derrin B.

Elise N.

Ellie B.

Emily R.

Frank T.

Gabriel L.

Giselle P.

Grace S.

Gracelynn W.

Harper W.

Holly S.

Isabella L.

Jaycee H.

Jaavion D.

Jack D.

Jaelyn J.

James K.

Jayla F.

Jilah T.

Jorden S.

Kaiden F.

Katie A.

Lailah T.

Lattner M.

Laysha G.

Leah A.

Lily A.

(thanks to the Silva family)

Logan S.

Londyn D.

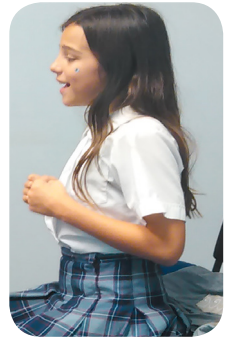
Luke H.

Student & Faculty News



The Mandeville School of Music jazz ensemble performed for a private event this past month at the Lakehouse Restaurant. Pictured from left to right are: **Mr. Zakkary Garner** (jazz ensemble director), **Alex Maassen**, bass, **Michael Silvestri**, drums, **John Loftin**, trombone, **Alexandra Jaeger**, piano, and **James Plaisance**, alto & soprano saxophones. You can also catch jazz director and saxophonist, Mr. Zakkary with Victor Goines for a series of Cannonball Adderley and John Coltrane tribute shows April 14 (13th Street Jazz Bistro in Gulfport, MS), April 15 (Little Gem Saloon), & April 16 (Snug Harbor) in NOLA!

River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, **Jaycee Holmes** (pictured right), recently began voice lessons with Mrs. Katarina and is pictured here working on "Wicked!"



Mandeville School of Music student, **Theran Pozzo** will be participating in the Sock Hop at Mandeville Elementary. Theran takes piano lessons with Ms. Bethany.

Mandeville School of Music student, **Addison Adams**, takes voice lessons with Ms. Bethany and recently joined the choir at Lake Harbor Middle School.

Mandeville School of Music student, **Holly Scalia**, takes piano lessons with Mr. Peter and recently auditioned for NOCCA.

Have News to Share? E-mail your news to studentnews@laapa.com!
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Did You Win a Home Recording Studio?

If you referred a new student to the Academy and they enrolled:

- You will receive a free lesson in any program.

- You were automatically entered into our drawing this April 1 for a complete **Home Recording Studio** (\$500 value)!

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 April 1!

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

Mandeville School of Music - Then and Now!

LAAPA's Mandeville School of Music will soon have a brand new home this Fall!

A brief history of the Mandeville School of Music: Wanda Cullen, Assistant Director, opened the first Mandeville campus in the early 1990's on North Causeway Blvd where we had one studio! We later moved two additional times first in an office complex near the Beau Rivage subdivision (where current Mandeville School of Music Office Manager, Ms. Diane, began taking saxophone lessons and then again when we expanded into a larger facility with 4 studios in the late 90's on Hwy 22 in Beacham Shopping Center.

While we will miss our Old Mandeville campus and the surrounding neighborhood which has been our home since early 2004, our student population has nearly tripled since opening our doors there. With an aging building needing constant repairs, constant risk of flooding, and the lack of sufficient parking, we felt it was time to take the next step to better serve our Mandeville students.

We have been looking for a new campus on and off for the past several years, but stepped up the search last Spring when additional problems with the current building were the last straw. We finally signed a lease on the new space this past month!

While many of our previous campuses have been slightly modified to fit our needs with many compromises, the new space is mostly an open shell so we have been able to design and customize it much like we were able to in 2010 with our River Ridge campus that now provides instruction to 675 students each week.

The new campus will feature 10 teaching studios, a dance studio, a preschool and ensemble studio, a recording and production studio where students can create professional quality audio and video demos, plenty of comfortable waiting space, and lots of parking! Construction begins in April with current Covington School of Music parent, Mr. Greg Scarpelli and his firm - Scarpelli Construction. We will be posting construction updates to our Facebook page, so be sure to stay tuned for the progress!



Pictured Above - Mr. Ryan performing with the Mandeville School of Music Summer Camp jazz ensemble, July, 2001 at the Hwy 22 campus. Pictured below - outside of our new facility!



Student Shout Outs!

"The lessons are fantastic!
The kids are loving their teachers and they brag on them every week after their lessons."

~Barlow Family

"Voice lessons are going great with Ms. Kadi. Jonah is learning alot!"

~Cabrera Family

"Connor's piano lessons are wonderful and he loves Mr. Russell - he's a wonderful teacher."

~Friedrichs Family

Happy April Birthdays!

(Students) Adele W. (6), Ainsley W. (6), Alexa C. (6), Alma P. (3), Amari H. (15), Andrew R., Ava H. (7), Avery C. (6), Benjamin N. (7), Braden C. (15), Bradley S. (10), Brendan F., Brianna O., Brooklynn B. (12), Brynn L. (9), Cameron C., Charles E. (11), Christian J. (10), Cindy V.D., Claire J. (6), Connor C. (11), Corbin G. (9), Corey O'N. (4), Cornasia B. (4), Dave P., Debbie P., Deborah V., Dev P. (8), Devin G. (11), Ed M., Elizabeth F. (15), Ellie B. (11), Emily S. (10), Finley C. (8), Finn M. (8), Gabriel W. (2), Garrett D. (16), Grace D. (15), Grace G. (7), Grace S., Heather B., Holly O. (11), Jack S. (2), Jacob S. (17), Jaden C. (14), John L. (16), Kyler V. (14), Laniyah B. (12), Le Fei H. (7), Leeland P. (7), Liam A. (5), Lilah F. (9), Lucy C. (7), Madeline S. (13), Marco V. (13), Marlee S. (12), Matthew S. (16), Meg G. (6), Megan A. (14), Michael H. (6), Nicholas F. (11), Niki G., Olivia K. (12), Paul A. (9), Pierre L. (4), Quintin C. (9), Remi B. (15), Roger M. (9), Ro'ziah B.-S. (11), Ryan A. (11), Sandra R., Thalia B. (7), Tristen W. (16), Violet O'B. (3), Viren K.

(Faculty) Bethany C.

Welcome New Students (continued)!

Madison Z., Maia S., Maia C., McKayla F., Mckenzie M., Melia P., Meredith A. (*thanks to the Silva family*), Nadia V., Nathan Y., Nina L., Phoenix V., Whys Q., Roman H., Roshitha M. (*thanks to Keshvia M.*), Sandra R., Sophia R. (*thanks to the Silva family*), Sy'nia P., Thomas M., Tina B., Trey K., Vaelia W., Victoria C.

It's a pleasure to have you joining the LAAPA Family - welcome and we look forward to helping you achieve your goals!

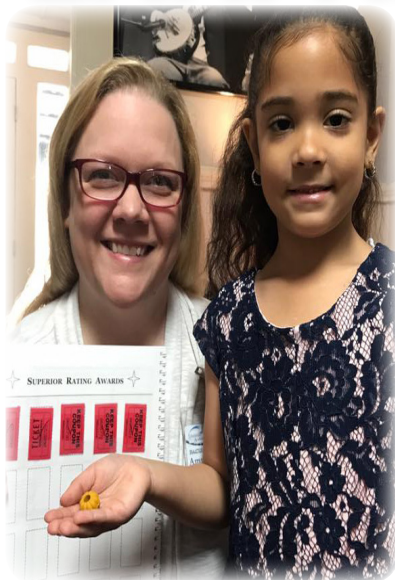
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(pictured above) Alaina and her teacher, Ms. Amy, showing her Music Treasure chest prize for earning 5 tickets for awesome lessons!

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MENTION THIS NEWSLETTER AND SAVE \$24.00 OFF CAMP TUITION (expires April 15)!

Very Limited Space - only 25 campers enrolled each week. For more information or to enroll, visit www.laapa.com/camp or call (504) 208-2301!