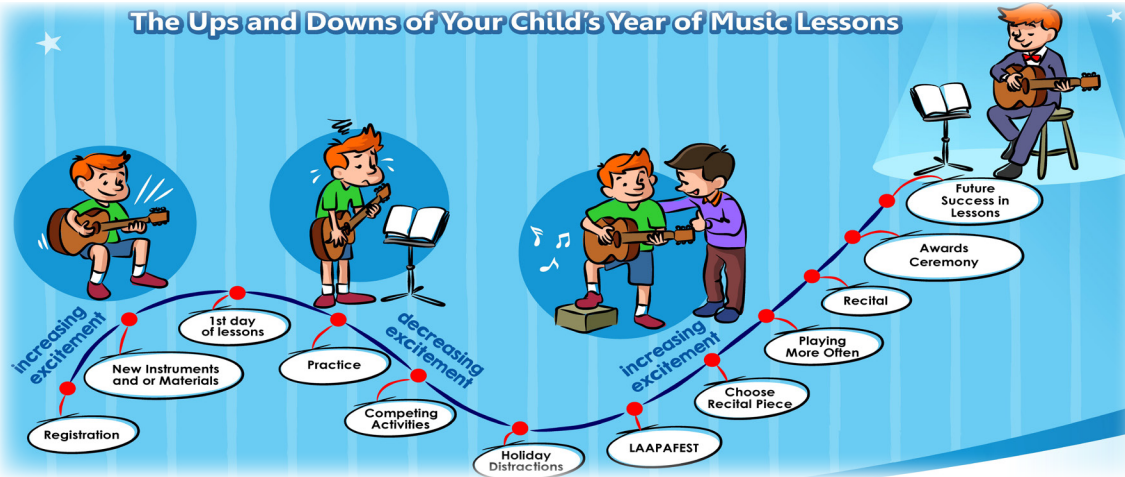


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Staying on the Path to Success in Music & Dance Lessons

The Ups and Downs of Your Child's Year of Music Lessons



Dear Students and Parents,

As Fall approaches, it's time to schedule or adjust your schedule for back to school music lessons and dance classes before all of the best times are gone! Has someone in your house been trying to pick out songs on the piano or guitar by ear? Are they trying to copy some of the choreography from an inspiring dance performance that they recently saw on TV? Perhaps they have a favorite song from a Disney musical that they just can't stop singing around the house? In my house, we are currently enjoying the sonorities of "Moana" sometimes with multiple concerts each day. You really can't beat the ticket prices though which according to my son's promotional flyer start at just 5 cents for the "nosebleed section." Even when we aren't at home, my son still loves to joyously sing "Shiny" and other ditties at the top of his lungs. This Sunday, for example, he chose to do so over the Honda engine of my 3100 PSI pressure washer while we were both working on the parking lot of the new Mandeville campus!

Anyway, I was able to change, add, and adjust my family's schedule just now before I began my monthly column here. I'm glad I did too, because it wasn't as flexible as I thought it would be for late July! As I was scheduling our Fall lessons, I then began to think about the new opportunities that the Fall brings - the excitement of trying something fun and new. Each August, students begin a new grade in school, study new subjects, and have a new teacher. It's an opportunity for a fresh start, new goals to be set and accomplished, and perhaps a new uniform or pair of shoes! For students getting started in or continuing music lessons or dance classes, it's very much the same as new concepts are introduced, new skills are developed, amazing new teachers join the faculty, and new goals are set and conquered. Of course, don't forget about the new gear! Perhaps a shiny new guitar, drumset, violin, piano, keyboard, saxophone, trumpet, flute, clarinet, leotard, tap or ballet shoes are in order upon beginning your lessons?

Students who have been taking lessons for a long time may decide that they'd like to really buckle down this year and reach the next level in their program(s). They may also be interested in trying a new style of music or dance

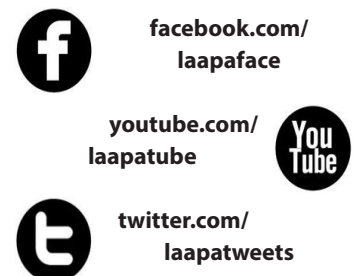
or maybe they just want to take things in a completely different direction and add a brand new program. Whatever your goals are this year, we are happy to discuss any changes and additions with you. At your next lesson, just stop by the front desk and we can discuss all of the options with you to ensure that your Fall music and dance lessons are setup to be exactly what you are looking for!

Indeed, Fall is a high point on the path to success in music lessons and dance lessons! So definitely enjoy it while it's here because as with all new things, it's a very exciting time! Recently, Mrs. Katarina Boudreaux, instructor of piano/voice, sat down with me to discuss achieving success in music lessons and dance classes as well as how to practice to keep the excitement alive in your lessons. You can watch the full discussion at <http://www.laapa.com/lessons-and-videos>.

During the interview we discussed how music and dance lessons (like many activities) follow a sine curve with a high point being when lessons begin due to the newness of everything. After the first few months, things are going extremely well, but then you realize to achieve success, it's going to take some work! Conflicts may naturally arise with sports, school, etc. preventing students from having as much practice time available thus delaying goal achievements. It is perfectly normal for students to arrive at brief plateaus. Usually this is short lived because when your teachers see this, their job is to come up with new ways to help you meet your goals, new practicing ideas (as Mrs. Katarina demonstrates in the video) that make practicing more enjoyable. Then before you know it, you're traveling upwards again in the curve since you saved up enough "Superior" tickets to get an Academy prize! The recital and award ceremony is coming up and you have finally mastered enough technique to perform that cool piece or choreography that you've been wanting to play since you started! So when getting started this Fall - have fun but keep your ultimate goals in mind. Know that the sine curve of learning applies to most students and that the key is sticking with it to remain on the path to your success. The longer you do, the more fun you will have!

~ Ryan Cullen, Academy Director

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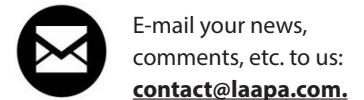
IMPORTANT DATES:

August 12 (2- 5 PM)
Open House - River Ridge

August 19 (10 AM - 12 PM)
Open House - Mandeville

August 26 (10 AM - 12 PM)
Open House - Covington

CONTACT US:



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REGISTER NOW FOR THE FALL!

It's Easy to Get Started in Music Lessons and Dance Classes! Call us Today to 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 July!

Aidan D.
Alex L.
Alexandra W.
(thanks to Muffy H.)
Amani N.
Amari R.
(thanks to Brianna B.)
Anna F.
Aster L.
Bradley T.
Bria B.
Caitlyn H.
Caleb S.
Cayden S.
Caylee H.
Charles S.
Claudette F.
Connor B.
Eliza L.
Fletcher E.
Genesis K.
Giovanni B.
Henry H.
(thanks to James P.)
Isaac P.
Jade W.
Jaelyn J.
Jake F.
Jami S.
Jeremy H.
Jessica C.
Josie H.
Julie D.
Kaylah S.
(thanks to Johnny N.)
Kaylee S.
Keyleen R.
Leah Z.
Lena Z.
Lexie T.
Liberty H.
Lilly L.
Lydia D.
Lyla S.
(thanks to Amelia S.)
Mackenzie M.
Maddie B.
Maria V.
Mary P.
Mason C.
Nico P.
Percy W. III
Rachel Y.
Rasheeka B.
Reginald B.
Robert W.
(thanks to Muffy H.)
Ryan C.
Sahithi K.
Sebastian L.
Tahlia L.
Teagan L.
Thomas S.
Trey W.
Vayda B.
Vivian F.
Zah'melle S.
Zahnique S.

Student News



Mandeville School of Music piano and voice lessons student, **Shay Dennie**, received LAAPA's Hall of Fame award at the 2017 Spring Recital and Awards ceremony. Fewer than 30 students out of thousands have received the academy's top award since it's institution in the early 90's. Shay will be majoring in music business this Fall at Middle Tennessee State University in Mufreesboro and we wish her the best of luck! Shay took piano and voice lessons with Mrs. Carolyn.



River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, **Sarah Anderson**, is featured in AMC's last episode of "The Preacher". She also earned a solo in the World War 2 Museum's Bob and Delores Hope Foundation Theater Camp. Sarah takes voice and piano lessons with Mrs. Katarina and guitar lessons with Mr. Bill.



Covington School of Music student, **Lolo Loris**, performed in The Little Mermaid at Playmakers in Covington, LA (Frank Levy Summer Children's Theater). The dates of the performance were June 9, 10 and 11. She was a mermaid sister. Lolo takes voice lessons with Ms. Alexandra.

**Have News to Share? E-mail your news to studentnews@laapa.com!
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Happy August Birthdays!

(Students) Aidan D. (9), Aidan H. (12), Aimee L. (11), Alex P. (9), Amelie B. (13), Andrew C. (11), Annabelle H. (7), Audrey O. (4), Austin F. (19), Benjamin V. (9), Brayden C. (6), Brian F. (17), Brynn H. (11), Caitlyn H. (13), Casey E., Cayley B., Chanel C. (15), Christian T. (11), Daven J. (10), Elizabeth J. (10), Emma D. (14), Ethan K. (16), Eva S. (14), Evan M. (13), Finnley H. (4), Giselle P. (12), Grayson B. (15), Hailey S. (12), Harmony L. (5), l'Janae J. (13), Isabella W. (9), Jackson C. (15), Jackson W. (6), Jacob B., James K. (6), Jaylen T. (5), Josephine G. (3), Jossy A. (9), Kaia S. (3), Kain M. (8), Karlee B., Katherine C. (15), Kenedi L. (6), Kennedy S. (5), Lainey C. (3), Life S. (10), Logan T. (11), Lynne D., Madison S. (14), Makaylah V. (6), Mary D. (8), Maya R. (7), Maya M. (13), Mercy M. (8), Micole G. (12), Nageeha Y., Nicholas B. (12), Nina L. (12), Nira D. (17), Nora E. (6), Paige V. (9), Paxton A. (9), Petra P. (12), Reagan D. (9), Rebecca S. (11), Rebekah S. (16), Remi C. (8), Riley P. (12), Rochelle H. (13), Saige P. (5), Sami S., Travis G., Ty P. (10)

(Faculty/Staff) Alexandra F., Britta T., Catherine D.

Student of the Month - Thomas Pfeffer



River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, **Thomas Pfeffer**, takes piano and trumpet lessons here at LAAPA! We recently had a chance to speak with him and learn a little more about his lessons and interests!

Tell us about your lessons here at LAAPA.

I've been taking trumpet and piano lessons here. In my trumpet lessons, we started off working on things like fundamentals and tuning, and I'm learning about a song a week, and we recently started working on jazz improvisation! I've been taking piano for one year and I really like it. I just learned the hardest song I've ever tried to play called "Molto Lento". I almost quit the song because it was so hard, but instead I decided to push through, and I'm happy now that I can play it.

What do you like about your teachers?

Dr. Mark, my trumpet teacher, is really nice and a great teacher. He's always pushing me to do material meant for students 3-5 years ahead of me, and I'm already playing all these cool songs with him. Mr. Daniel is a great teacher too. He always brings up life situations or weird things pertinent to what we're learning to make the lessons more fun and interesting.

What do you do with music outside of LAAPA?

I'm in Talented Music program, Honors Band, I am a bugle player for my scouts troop. Earlier this summer, I did the Louis Armstrong Jazz Camp and now I'm doing LAAPA camp for the third year in a row. I actually started taking lessons here right after my first time at LAAPA camp!

What other activities do you enjoy?

I'm in Boy Scouts, and I like engineering video games and coding too!

What do you want to be when you grow up?

I want to be a musician and also a music teacher as a side job. I want to travel and play gigs all over the world! I want a career in music because it's so much fun, and it gets more fun the more you put into practicing, learning, and the better that you get.

Student Shout Outs!

"Jayla is loving her voice lessons with Mrs. Bethany. She's having lots of fun!"

~Floyd Family

"I have been truly enjoying my guitar lessons with Evan.

I have learned a lot in a short period of time. Evan is very encouraging and it has been a pleasure working with him. He always exhibits a genuine interest in my advancement and makes me feel like I can conquer anything."

~Cathy LeBlanc

Did You Win a Brand New iPad?



Our Summer referral contest has now concluded and the winner will be announced August 1 on our facebook page at [facebook.com/laapaface](https://www.facebook.com/laapaface).

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!

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

Stay tuned for our Fall Contest which will be announced next month!



It's Back to School Music Lessons & Dance Classes Time! Have you reserved your schedule?

Register Now for Back-To-School **MUSIC & DANCE LESSONS**

for Kids, Teens, & Adults...

Have FUN learning to play, dance, or sing THIS FALL!



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