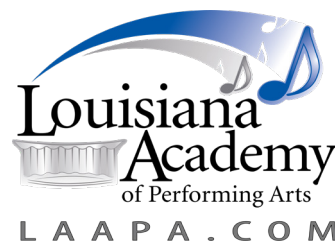


LAAPANOTES



Giving Thanks for Everyone at LAAPA!



As if the years don't go by quickly enough - I knew we were getting close before Halloween this year when I noticed the Christmas decor out in Home Depot before Halloween and Thanksgiving! It's crazy how the time flies, but the end of the year always reminds me to reflect on the awesome community that we are so blessed to have here at LAAPA.

Thanks to all of our students and parents who have either recently joined our academy or (in many cases) have been studying with us for years. In fact, I was just writing a college recommendation letter for one of our long time (11 year) outstanding students last week, and it's just amazing to think back to her start with us so long ago now. I know I've mentioned this before, but one of my greatest joys here at the Academy is being able to see the growth of each student from the time of enrollment to the present. Many times brand new music and dance students come to us and let us know upfront that they aren't really interested in performing in our concerts for one reason or another, and we let them know that's perfectly fine! However, after taking lessons for a little while and building additional self-confidence, many eventually choose to participate!

Thanks also to our hard working staff and faculty. They are all some of the most genuine people you'll ever meet and work with. Our staff work countless hours behind the scenes keeping everything organized and running smoothly for which we are grateful every day. It takes very special people to administer our three campuses as they constantly have to multi task between customer service and a variety of projects. Our faculty are some of the most qualified educators in the New Orleans, Mandeville, and Covington areas. We receive hundreds of applications each year from prospective educators, and while many are excellent performers or may

be qualified, not everyone has the unique ability to communicate their experience and methods in a variety of intelligible and personable ways as our faculty do. So thank you so much faculty, we appreciate all that you do for us.

Indeed, it is because of our students, parents, faculty, and staff that we are able to fulfill our mission here at LAAPA of spreading the joy of music and dance within our community.

Even if you won't be performing this December, we hope that you can join us to enjoy the many performances from our talented music and dance students! This year we will be holding a record 13 shows jam packed with over 500 performers!

Our concerts for the Covington and Mandeville Schools of Music will be held on Saturday, December 16-17 at the Fuhrmann Auditorium in Covington. Music Concerts for the River Ridge School of Music & Dance will be held on Saturday, December 9 at Victory Fellowship in Metairie. Our Dance Recital will be held on Saturday, December 16 at Loyola University's Roussell Hall - 7 PM.

Student Concert time assignments will be published within the first week of December at:
http://laapa.com/current_students

Each December at our music concerts, we support the Teresian Sisters and their Mission in Batesville, Texas. Just 30 minutes outside of Uvalde, Texas, Batesville is a small, impoverished town near the Mexican Border. For more information on the Mission, please visit <http://www.laapa.com/mission>. Merry Christmas & see you at the concerts!

Ryan Cullen, Academy Director

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IMPORTANT DATES:

December 9, 16-17
Christmas Productions

December 22- Jan 4
Christmas/New Year Holidays

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Welcome to Our New Students who began lessons in November!

Aisling O'K.

Anna S.

Arianne S.

(thanks to the Gulle family)

Arjun S.

(thanks to the Campo family)

Arvindkumar A.

Becky S.

Bo B.

Brailynn B.

Brooklynn B.

Cayden C.

Colby K.

Destiny G.

Devin R.

Devin B.

Ellen M.

Ethan T.

Grayson G.

Heather H.

Hendrix R.

Isaac S.

(thanks to Edir G.)

Jack F.

(thanks to the Kemp family)

Jacob C.

Jasmine R.

John Daniel H.

Jude A.

(thanks to Mary S.)

Kameron J.

Katelyn P.

Ken G.

Kennedy M.

Keren N.

Kiersten C.

Lali L.

Leah P.

Lily P.

(thanks to Sophia H.)

London L.

(thanks to Jared C.)

Marilyn A.

Max C.

Mia T.

Olivia C.

Phoenix C.

Ryan T.

(thanks to the Albert family)

Samantha J.

Serenity R.

Seth F.

(thanks to the Darrah family)

Shanmugavel T.

(thanks to the Dandharphle family)

Soma N.

Sophia M.

(thanks to the Silva family)

Svaraathmika B.

Tony D.

Vinod A.

(thanks to the Thanigavel family)

Vinoth M.

Vivien I.

Vy L.

Zoie E.

Student & Faculty News



Students from the Covington, Mandeville, and River Ridge campuses came together to spread Holiday Cheer on Sunday, November 26. LAAPA's vocal students performed Christmas Carols for Northshore Parent Magazine's "Holiday Tea" held at the Maison Lafitte in Mandeville. The following students performed under the choral direction of Ms. Britta Tollefsrud: **Remy Key, Allie-Grace Greene, Lolo Loris, Colette Bergeron, Mia Tillman, Brynn Hambacher, Catherine Mayo and Sameen Hossain, Lucy Cullen, Remi Cerise, Mary Dickens, Thomas McLaughlin, Arden Hales, Patrick Cullen, Amelie Bent, Marie Cullen, and Hannah Fowler.**

Mandeville School of Music & Dance students, **Jamie Planchard** (voice), and **James Plaisance** (saxophone), were selected as performers in the Louisiana Music Educators Association All-State Jazz Ensemble.

Congratulations to **Mr. Joshua Stearman**, LAAPA instructor of winds, brass, and percussion. He won the young educator award at the recent Louisiana Music Educator's Association conference.



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

Students: Abigail C. (14), Alison M. (adult), Anna C. (12), Arivan S. (6), Arjun S. (1), Ava M. (7), Bella B. (adult), Ben W. (17), Brady S. (10), Brayan C. (13), Brenda S. (adult), Brighton R. (4), Carrietta Y. (10), Charles A. (adult), Charlotte T. (6), Cheryl E. (adult), Chloe B. (12), Clay S. (9), Danielle S. (16), David R. (10), Derrick M. (6), Diego O. (4), Donna B. (adult), Emily R. (13), Eric Y. (13), Ethan C. (7), Eviana R. (7), Finley T. (8), Gabrielle S. (14), George B. (adult), Haley H. (17), Hannah C. (9), Harper W. (7), Hudson H. (10), Jace R. (8), Jack B. (2), Jaden B. (11), Jake G. (17), Jamie P. (adult), Jayla D. (13), Joshua T. (9), Joshua P. (13), Jude G. (4), Kaitlyn L. (16), Keren N. (3), Khalil E. (13), Kimea C. (5), Landon B. (10), Linus K. (10), Logan T. (11), Lucille T. (3), Luis L. (15), Melody D. (9), Mia R. (6), Michael T. (12), Michael C. (12), Miles K. (10), Nathaniel A. (2), Nhi T. (adult), Nick V. (8), Nilaja W. (10), Nora A. (4), Oliver K. (10), Patrick H. (15), Raymond J. (15), Reagan H. (10), Reginald J. (11), Remy K. (9), Sanjana S. (15), Sean S. (11), Sofia E. (11), Thomas H. (4), Trace P. (14), Victoria M. (17), William C. (13), Yousef F. (8)

Faculty: Mary Dee B., Dr. Kari B., Cassie W., Kate W., Dr. Vera Z.

Student of the Month - Brynn Laughlin



Covington School of Music student, **Brynn Laughlin** takes piano lessons and voice 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 about yourself:

I am 9, I'm in the 4th grade, I like to play piano and sing, and my favorite color is teal!

What do you like about your teacher and lessons?

She's very nice. When I don't get something, she slows things down, so it helps a lot. I like my lessons because we get to work on a lot of different things. If we finish up on a piece I am about to perform on a recital, we will move on to another song for fun.

What are your non-music hobbies?

I also dance!

What do you want to be when you grow up?

I want to be a doctor, or a musician.

Student Shout Outs!

"Tucker loves his piano lessons and says Mr. Russell is so fun!"

~ Schibler Family

"I'd like to give a shout out to my teacher, Kadi Helms, River Ridge. Kadi has instilled in me that age has nothing to do with my mastering the art of piano. I am 73 years young, and Kadi challenges me to play a more difficult song each time I start a new piano piece. Since I played piano when I was a teenager, I had a strong desire to play again. My Son, Michael purchased me lessons almost two years ago as a Christmas present. Not desiring to disappoint him, or me, I started at River Ridge. Kadi has been my inspiration to continue my love of piano. Since I am a Teacher of Art on canvas, Commercial Artist, teach through the St. Charles School System, and Director, Sec, and Treasurer of Pirate Lake Oil Corporation, I did not start piano lessons through boredom. I started because of my belief that no matter what your age, you can keep on learning."

~ Joan Landeche

Fall 2017
Referral Contest -
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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 26 for a \$400 Best Buy Shopping Spree!

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 December 26!**

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

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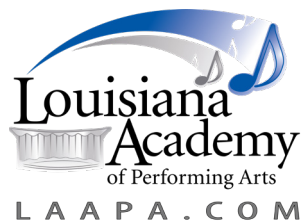
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(pictured above) Preschool Music II class discovering the piano!

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Help us Support the Poorest of the Poor this Christmas!

Each Christmas, hundreds of families at LAAPA come together and donate gifts, clothing, and other basic needs items to support families in Batesville, Texas through the Teresian Sisters. For more information on how you can help, please visit <http://www.laapa.com/mission>. We will be accepting donations at our music concerts held on Dec. 9 and 16-17. At the end of each day, we pack them up and drop them off to the Teresian Sister's Provinciate in Covington where they sort and prepare to transport them directly to the needy.

Photo:
Northshore Christmas
Concert 2016
(after the last of 6
concerts!)

with Sr. Angelis Sendin
of the Teresian Sisters.

