

LAAPANOTES



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LAAPAFEST is Coming! Will you Be Participating?



(pictured above - 2016 LAAPAFEST Honors Concert performers)

Dear Parents and Students,

It's hard to believe that LAAPAFEST is once again nearly here! So what is LAAPAFEST anyway?

LAAPAFEST is a unique opportunity for all music and dance students who have been studying their program for at least one year (whether at LAAPA or elsewhere) to perform a memorized solo or duet for a panel of three insightful and friendly judges. Students then receive an overall rating as well as detailed written, constructive feedback on their performance (within a variety of categories) which will then be passed along to their private instructor(s).

The overall goal of LAAPAFEST works in tandem with our mission here at LAAPA of instilling a lifetime appreciation of the performing arts within each student while continually building self-esteem. Students do not compete with other students for their overall rating and are rated solely on their individual performances and at their individual levels. Beginning (1 year) students are most welcome to participate in LAAPAFEST and, in fact, are encouraged!

Immediately following the final week of LAAPAFEST, the judges are asked to select 30-35 students who have received the highest overall ratings to join our Faculty in performing at our Faculty and Honors Recital on April 29. Students will be selected per school campus based on their instrument/program as well as their rating. We wish to provide a concert equally represented with stu-

dents of all instruments/programs/levels. There are very limited spots in the Honors recital and the selection process is always a very challenging one for the judges! Not being selected for the Honors concert, in other words, certainly does not detract from the outstanding achievement of a Superior or Excellent rating!

LAAPAFEST participation is an outstanding event in and of itself that produces Honors reflected in the outcome of student ratings. It is important to note that the majority of our students participating in LAAPAFEST typically earn either Excellent and/or Superior overall ratings at LAAPAFEST (because they are so well prepared)! The focus of LAAPAFEST is on the individual student, their performance at LAAPAFEST, and their individual rating at LAAPAFEST. At all Spring Concerts in June, LAAPAFEST students will be recognized for their participation and rewarded for Excellent and Superior ratings. For more information on LAAPAFEST, please speak with your instructor ASAP.

You may sign-up online for LAAPAFEST at <http://www.laapa.com/laapafest>

It is also important to note that each year we do have to turn students away from LAAPAFEST due to the limited number of slots available, so we encourage all interested students to turn in paperwork well ahead of the **February 20 official enrollment deadline. Good luck at LAAPAFEST!**

Ryan Cullen, Academy Director

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IMPORTANT DATES:

- March 11**
LAAPAFEST - Covington
- March 18**
LAAPAFEST - Mandeville
- March 25**
LAAPAFEST - River Ridge

CONTACT US:



E-mail your news, comments, etc. to us:
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River Ridge - (504) 738-3050

Welcome to Our 150+ Students who began or added lessons in January!

Abigail R.

Aiden P.

Alec O.

(thanks to Christopher T.)

Alex P.

Aliana A.

Alicia R.

(thanks to Zoey O.)

Alma P.

Alton D.

Aly V.

(thanks to Andrew V.)

Alyse K.

Alyssa B.

Amber L.

Annabelle F.

Annie F.

April L.

Arsham A.

Artemas P.

Ashley N.

Asli T.

Audrey O.

Austin K.

Ava H.

Bailey H.

Bennett O.

Bob W.

Brandon C.

Brandon H.

Breanna N.

Brenda S.

(thanks to Chris T.)

Brian T.

Brisa E.

Caleb H.

(thanks to Logan R.)

Calvin H.

Camden B.

Carsyn C.

Celeste N.

Chae A.

Chance K.

Charlie W.

Christian M.

Claire A.

Clara R.

Claudia S.

Cornasia B.

Dale C.

Danielle L.

Denae M.

Destiny M.

Donna A.

Dylan D.

Dylan E.

Eliana B.

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Student and Faculty News



River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, **Lathaniel Green, Jr.**, won first and second place at the ACE convention! He takes piano lessons with Mrs. Katarina.

Mandeville School of Music student, **Reagan Hoggatt**, recently appeared in the play 101 Dalmations at Our Lady of the Lake School. She takes voice lessons with Ms. Bethany.

Mandeville School of Music student, **Ashleigh Stoltz**, (pictured right) made the District 9 Honor Choir. She takes voice lessons with Mrs. Katarina.

River Ridge School of Music and Dance student, **Vicky Stephens**, was selected to play the Tin Man at her school play, "The Wizard of Oz". She takes voice lessons with Ms. Maria.



Covington School of Music student, **Ava Kulivan**, was asked to sing the National Anthem for the Louisiana Registrars of Voters Association at Clarion Inn and Suites in Covington. She takes voice lessons with Ms. Maria.



Mandeville School of Music student, **Bella Alves**, recently won an award for good behavior at her school, Woodlake. She is pictured here proudly wearing her Pelican Award! She takes voice/piano lessons with Mrs. Catherine.

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Will You Win a Home Recording Studio?

Our Winter Referral Contest is now underway! Will You Win?!

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 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](https://www.facebook.com/laapaface) April 1!

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

Student of the Month - Sadie Gulle



Covington School of Music student, Sadie Gulle takes piano lessons here at LAAPA! We recently had a chance to speak with her and learn a little more about her piano lessons and interests!

Tell us about your lessons!

- I'm doing "Prelude" right now, my teacher gave me the whole first page to work on!

What do you like about your teacher, Mr. Josh?

- He's understanding, a lot of fun, nice, patient and really encouraging.

What are your other hobbies?

- I do art class and I help my mom make cupcakes!

What do you want to be when you grow up?

- I want to be dolphin biologist!

Student Shout Outs!

"Voice lessons are going great and she's loving it!"

~**Claudia H.**

"Lessons are going very well! I see some obvious progress and I am impressed with how well Ms. Rebecca works with young kids. It's been great!"

~**Justin K.**

"Daniel is a great piano teacher, and I'm learning alot!"

~**Tamy N.**

Happy February Birthdays!

(Students) Addison A. (10), Alex M. (15), Alexis W. (13), Andrew D. (7), Ann B., Arabella G. (5), Arden H. (10), Audria K. (9), Ava H. (4), Bella S. (6), Bryce D. (12), Callie D. (14), Cameron C. (8), Caroline H. (5), Cecilia L. (10), Charles M., Clara W. (4), Colin A. (10), Cristy C., Dale C., Dory A. (11), Drew D. (14), Drew B. (13), Ella W. (12), Everett C., Fabiana C., Francesca S. (11), Georgianna M., Hailey C. (12), Holly S. (14), Hunter V. (14), Isabella C. (13), Isaiah G. (8), Jessica M. (14), John E. (13), Jonathan K. (12), Joseph U. (7), Julia S. (15), Kai K. (2), Kalin S. (16), Kate H. (14), Katelyn P. (4), Kaylee G., Keely H., Kenny G., Kylie M. (14), Lauren B. (11), Lauren L. (9), Leya I. (2), Lizbeth G. (8), Lola K. (8), Lori H., Louis S. (13), Madeline M., Madisson H. (15), Melissa M. (15), Meredith S., Mia P. (13), Miranda B. (11), Nicholas Y. (10), Patrick L. (16), Peggy R., Peyton P. (6), Rita G. (15), Saanvi R. (6), Savannah B. (11), Seth M. (7), Seth M., Sydney S. (14), Thomas P. (11), Valerie C., Vanessa M. (14), Victoria S. (13), Yaqub C. (5), Zheyuan C. (5), Zoeya K. (3)

(Faculty) Evan M., Catherine S., Bethany W., Brianna C., Nicole H., Bridget C., Russell T.

Welcome New Students (continued)!

Emma M., Ethan H., Fernanda C., Gabriella C., Georgia G., Glenda D., Gloria C., Grace D., Greta G., Griffin H., Hailey C., Hannah D., Harley Rose S., Hayden D., Hunter S., Isabella S., Isabella E., Isabella L., Isaiah G., Isla B., Jack H., Jackson K., Jackson D., Jacques B., Jenna A., Jillian J., Joevan G., John L., John F. (thanks to Mary B.), Jude S., Justine W., Kai K. (thanks to Rylie M.), Kalin S. (thanks to Hailey S.), Kate H., Kate W., Kathy L., Kaylee G., Kaytlyn B., Keith H., Kiana A., Kimea C., Lainey C., Larson G., Lauren L., Leya I., Liam V., Linda T., Linden B., Liz M., Logan T., Luna A., Lyla H., Macey D., Madeline S., Madison L., Madison H., Mallory S., Marco V. (thanks to Gabrielle V.) Marlee S. (thanks to Becky D.), Mary B., Max L., Meg G., Megan M., Mia R., Mia P., Mia T., Michael H., Michael E., Mikey W., Nahla R., Nhi T., Nira D., Noora A., Oliver G., Owen R., Patrick M., Payton W., Pierre L., Rachel N. (thanks to Carolyn R.), Rami I., Raylon D., Rebecca S., Remy M., Rita G., Rosalee L., Rylee P., Sarah A., Savannah B., Sawyer J., Sharla A., Sofia E., Sydney G., Taylor L., Taylor W., Teresa C., Thomas H., Timothy P., Trellis D., Tristen W., Valerie C., Vayle G., Victoria L., Viren K., William O., William C., Wyatt I., Zivah V.

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) Kennedy, Luna, Olivia, Camden, Jewel & Griffin loving the new drums in Preschool Music II Covington

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Summer Music & Dance Camp

Early Bird Enrollment - Save \$50.00!



It's hard to believe, but Summer will be here before you know it! If you need something fun, new, and exciting to do this summer, then consider Summer Music & Dance Camps at LAAPA! Our summer camps provide campers ages 5-16 with a choice of over 40 instrumental, vocal, and dance programs to discover and explore. Beginners, intermediate, and advanced students will have a blast!

For more information or to reserve your spot and receive \$50 off camp tuition (limited time only), visit <http://www.laapa.com/camp> and use coupon code "camp50". **Offer expires 2/28/17!**