

LAAPANOTES

Tears of Joy - Reflections on Student Accomplishments



Dear Students and Parents,

I'd like to extend my congratulations to all of our students, parents, faculty, and staff for 12 outstanding music and dance concerts held the past two weekends in June. Watching you all use your talents and grow in your skills is truly the greatest part of my job here. It's why I don't mind lugging amps, camera equipment, a full drum set and hardware up and down a flight of stairs or watching nearly 500 performances within a span of 52 hours!

Just as the growth of a child is more apparent to those who see him/her less frequently, we as educators and parents need to stop sometimes and absorb all that has taken place! Just the other day I was watching some old videos of my students on our Facebook page (@laapaface) and will admit that perhaps a tear or two of joy popped up when I realized how far they had truly come. I'm fairly certain that all of our faculty can share a similar story because as educators, we are always proud of what our students have accomplished and just when we think that we couldn't be prouder, they top themselves again and again. Having personally watched thousands of performances over the years, seeing the evolution over the span of months and years is phenomenal. This is all because you and our amazing faculty members have worked hard to make it happen!

While we're talking about lasting memories, video and photo orders are now being filled! **If you'd like to order a high definition video of your performance, just email us at contact@laapa.com to let us know the student's name!** You can see some recent videos on our youtube channel at <http://youtube.com/laapatube>. Wally Porter also snapped thousands of AWESOME LIVE ACTION photos and he has posted photos to browse and purchase on his website at <http://wallyporter.photorelect.com>.

So let's summarize a few things that took place at our 2017 Spring Concerts!

1.) Our students have just built a great deal of self-confidence by performing on stage!

I always like to compare performing on stage with public speaking. Public speaking is many times feared more by most adults than almost anything else! With our student performers, we need to additionally recognize your courage and success because in most cases, you were not only "speaking publicly" through your performances, but you were doing so while still "learning how to speak" through the art of music and dance in your lessons! Wow! One can only imagine what you will continue to achieve with a growing sense of self-confidence.

2.) Our students have truly learned the importance of meeting deadlines.

No matter what you do in life, you're going to be required to accomplish things by a certain date. All of our students knew when they needed to be ready for the recitals. There was no option to delay their performances. There was no option to perform without anyone hearing or seeing you. It took a great deal of commitment, sacrifice, and hard work in your studies and practice for you to succeed in meeting the deadline. So, congratulations on succeeding in this very important area!

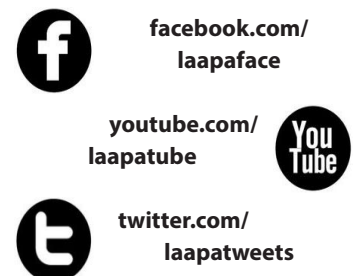
3.) Our students have inspired many others in the audience who witnessed their talent.

Performing for any group of people is an emotional experience not only for our student performers but also for the audience as well. Audience members will appreciate the performance, but one never knows who in the audience will additionally be inspired to perhaps try a new program or work harder at one they are already studying. Indeed, it may have been your performance that convinced someone else to think, "Hey, that was awesome, maybe I CAN do something like that, and wouldn't it be wonderful if next time that was me up there?!"

Remember that while all of our concerts are completely optional in terms of participation, they really are an integral part of music and dance education - so if you weren't ready this time, be on the lookout for the next ones!

Ryan Cullen, Academy Director

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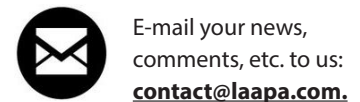


IMPORTANT DATES:

July 3-7
Summer Break

July 10-28
Summer Music Camps
Mandeville campus
Summer Music & Dance Camps -
River Ridge campus

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Welcome to Our New Students who began lessons in June!

Amelia T.
Arianne S.
(thanks to Sadie G.),

Arieana D.
Arivan S.
Arvin P.
Ashley V.
Aubrey D.
Ayah E.
Brighley R.
Charlie E.
Colin B.
Danielle S.
Dillan W.
Dylan S.
Eden J.

Acharee A.
Eleanor B.
Eli B.

(thanks to Carmen V. & Gabrielle B.)

Ella B.
Emily J.
Emma D.
Ethan C.
Ethan R.
Gabriel F.
Gavin M.
Genesis P.
Grant P.
Henry C.
Jacob J.
Jamie H.
Jeremy H.
Jeserun S.
Joseph S.
Joshua B.
Jude B.
Kahlan D.
Lailah D.
Liam C.
Lydia N.
Maddie B.
Madison S.
Manisha P.
Matthew P.
Maya M.
Megan S.
Molly B.
Myles T.
Nathan C.
Nathan P.
Nick P.
Noah M.

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Student & Faculty News

Covington School of Music student, **Timmy Hunter**, was selected for the West St. Tammany Middle School Honor Band in February. He takes piano lessons with Mrs. Autumn.

Mandeville School of Music student, **Megan Armand**, was recently a part of the District 9 Honor Choir. She takes voice lessons with Mrs. Carolyn.

River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, **Noora Abirafeh**, participated in her school talent show in May. She attends St. Martin Episcopal. She takes piano, voice, and hip hop lessons with Ms. Kathleen, and Mrs. Mary.



Please join us in congratulating the **Wallace family** (Mrs. Robin, administrative manager) on the birth of their son, Christian Lowell (pictured above) on 5.8.17, as well as the **Dibenedetto family** (Mr. Rossi, instructor of brass/winds/percussion) on the birth of his daughter, Sophia Grace (pictured right) on 6.26.17.



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Want to Win Apple's Latest 128 GB iPad?



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 August 1 for **Apple's newly released 2017 model 128 GB iPad (\$470 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) August 1!

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

Student of the Month - Evelyn Ory



Mandeville School of Music student, Evelyn Ory takes piano 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!

What program are you taking and who is your teacher?

"I take voice and piano lessons with Mrs. Bethany Crawford."

How long have you been taking lessons with us?

"I've been studying 4 years for voice, and 2 years for piano."

What kind of music do you listen to?

"Billy Joel is my favorite!"

What is your favorite part of the lesson each week?

"I like it when I get to play songs that I know!"

What do you enjoy practicing each week?

"I love practicing the song, 'Numb' by Linkin Park."

What are your other interests/hobbies?

"I like crafts and reading."

(Mary - Parent) What made you choose LAAPA?

"We did a Google search and Laapa had great reviews."

Student Shout Outs!

"Lucia LOVES her piano lessons with Ms. Maria. She is so excited all the time and talks about her lessons and how much fun she has. Her 5 year old sister got excited and now she takes lessons with Mrs. Jennifer!"

~ *Jouandot Family*

"Corbin loves his drum lessons with Mr. Bill. He has a lot of fun."

~ *Guckenburg family*

Welcome New Students (continued)!

Parker St. P., Pedro M., Percy W. III, Samir P., Seth F. (thanks to Patrick & Victoria D.), Sophia P., Seth M., Sutter B. (thanks to Zachary M.), Taylor L., Vayda B., Yvonne S. (thanks to Sadie G.)

Happy July Birthdays!

(Students) Abby N. (11), Aiden P. (10), Alexandra J. (18), Alexis N. (8), Aliana A. (6), Amari R. (5), Amber L. (15), Angelina W. (8), Anastacia B. (15), Asa Z. (9), Ashley V., Avery T. (7), Calliana D. (12), Chloe C. (6), Christopher K., Christopher T. (9), Christy H. (11), Claire S. (9), Claudia D., Cy T. (10), David H. (10), Denaë M. (9), Devin I. (10), Dylan E. (8), Edir G., Elba M. (8), Ethan C. (9), Ethan R. (3), Frank T., Gabby R. (11), Gabriel F. (7), Gavin M. (10), Genesis P. (10), George G. Jr. (8), Gerardo E. (7), Gina R., Gracyn D. (11), Hamsika G. (6), Hannah P. (11), Harley Rose S. (5), Huy T. (6), Isaac R. (7), Isabella L. (13), Jackson K. (7), Jason O. (4), Jason R. Jr. (4), Jennifer Q. (8), Jesurun S. (16), Jordan P. (9), Joseline C. (7), Joshua C. (3), Julia B. (5), Kai J. (10), Kaiya H. (9), Kate B. (8), Kate P. (16), Katelyn C. (16), Krista P. (9), Kyla A. (9), Kyle H., Landon P. (10), Laysha G. (7), Le Yan H. (13), Liam V. (8), Lily A. (11), Linda T., Logan R. (9), Lucille C. (3), Luke M. (9), Lydia D. (3), Lyla F. (8), Madeline M. (17), Marie C. (13), Marietta H., Mary Grace M. (16), Mason P. (7), Melody G., Meredith A. (11), Miya D. (16), Nadia H. (12), Natalie L. (13), Nate M. (9), Nathaniel C. (9), Oliver G. (10), Olivia R. (6), Pamela K., Payton R. (8), RJ H., Remy M. (9), Samantha J. (11), Sankera B. (8), Sierra F. (7), Silas W. (5), Tasneem B. (13), Tia S. (9), Trey K. (10), Trey W. (7), Tyler C. (11), William T. (4), Wyatt I. (12), Zoë B. (6)

(Faculty) Anna K., Candice M., Carolyn R., Mirka J., Robin W., Jeannette P., Shannon W., Maria M.

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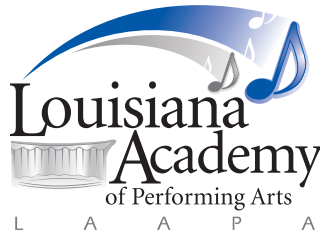
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(pictured above) Piano/Voice student, Patrick Cullen, shows off his 6 year award on the Recital Red Carpet

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Very Limited Space - only 25 campers enrolled each week. For more information or to enroll, visit www.laapa.com/camp or call (504) 738-3050 (River Ridge campus) / (985) 674-2992 (Mandeville campus)!