

LAAPANOTES

Join us for a Summer of Music, Dance, & Fun!



As Spring comes to a close and with Summer being just around the corner, we're entering our busiest time of the year here at LAAPA!

This June, we will have several long time students who are graduating seniors putting on a Senior Recital on June 10 - 3:00 PM at LAAPA's Performance Hall - 2020 Dickory Ave. in Harahan.

Our Spring concerts and recitals will also be held in June, and we can't wait to see everyone performing on the big stage! Remember to order your tickets ahead of time to avoid delays at the gate!

The Summer is also an excellent and popular time for new students to get started in music and dance lessons here at LAAPA!

Ah, you know what I mean parents - now that the kids are home most of the day, they've got extra time on their hands - and energy! Now that school is out, do your kids follow you around the house each day asking you, "What can I do?", "What can I do now?", "I'm bored.?"

How about getting them involved in a music or dance program guaranteed to enrich their summer and creative spirits! Whether you're interested in our July summer camps or weekly private lessons - we have a program for you!

If your kids enjoy spontaneously bursting out into song and dance - consider our vocal, dance, and/or musical theatre programs!

Do you wake up each morning to the joyful sounds

of your son or daughter endlessly pounding away at random notes on the piano? Let us show them how to make beautiful music in your home this summer! Is your child driving you crazy beating on the kitchen pots and pans? How about drum lessons instead? Guaranteed to put all of that energy to good use! We can also recommend some excellent silent drum sets like we have at our schools for a peaceful and happy home!

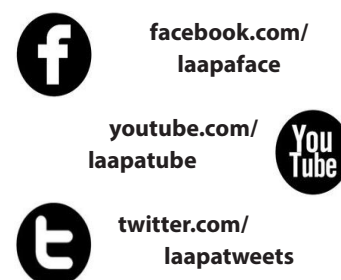
Already taking a program with LAAPA? The summer is an excellent time to add a program or increase your weekly lesson time. And don't forget that this July we will be holding three exciting weeks of summer music and dance camps held at our Mandeville School of Music and River Ridge School of Music & Dance. These camps are especially wonderful for exploring new programs of interest for beginning and current students.

Speaking of our summer camps, each year I often find myself thinking back thirty years ago when I was a student enrolled in camp. My favorite part was snack time (I'd be lying if I said otherwise), but being able to learn about and try so many different instruments and being able to perform with other students on a daily basis was really a great time in my life. And I know that my mother enjoyed having some peace at home for a little while each day!

Whatever you do this summer - don't just sit around - be creative and enjoy doing something new and fun! I hope to see everyone this June at our main events of the year.

Ryan Cullen, Director

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IMPORTANT DATES:

May 29 - OPEN for classes!

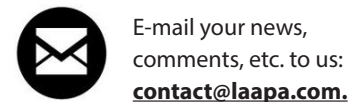
June 16-17
Spring Music Concerts
Northshore

See last month's news for details.

June 24-25
Spring Music & Dance Concerts
Southshore

See last month's news for details.

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"Providing students of all ages with the education, inspiration, & motivation conducive to a lifetime appreciation for the performing arts since 1978."

REGISTER NOW FOR THE SUMMER!

It's Easy to Get Started in Music
Lessons and Dance Classes!

Call us Today to
Reserve your Time.

Covington - (985) 590-4545
Mandeville - (985) 674-2992
River Ridge - (504) 738-3050

Welcome to Our New Students who began lessons in April!

Aeva P.
Blake M.
Callum O.
Cayden D.
Chevy C.
Daphne H.
Daryl L.
David C.
Dylan S.
Emma G.

(thanks to Jamie P.)

Ella W.
Gabriele B.
Gavin M.
Gianna P.

(thanks to Huy T.)

Gigi M.
Gunner K.
Hollis B.
Isabella C.
Logann L.
Lydia E.
Marlie M.
Nate S.

Naturelle B.
Saige P.
Sierra F.
Jacob C.

(thanks to Charlotte T.)

Joshua C.

(thanks to Charlotte T.)

Julia C.
Killian S.
Leeland P.
Liam M.
Lina R.
Linus K.
Logan T.
Marian J.
Mason B.
Miles K.
Nilaja W.
Oliver K.
Oliver W.
Paisley M.
Samantha J.

Shea M.
Silas M.
Ryan S.
Wesley A.
William H.

It's a pleasure to have all of you
joining the LAAPA Family!

Student & Faculty News



Mandeville School of Music student, **Cindy Van Duyme**, has released her debut CD entitled, "Coming Home." It may be previewed and purchased here at <https://www.cdbaby.com/cd/cindyvanduyne>. Cindy takes voice lessons with Mrs. Carolyn.

Mandeville School of Music student, **Madeline Wray** was selected as student of the month at Mandeville Middle School for January. She takes piano lessons with Ms. Bethany.

River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, **Emma Mathes** (9th grade/pictured right) from Chapelle High School received a Superior rating on her solo at the Solo and Small Ensemble Festival! Emma takes voice lessons with Ms. Kadi.

Mandeville and Covington School of Music students **Jamie Planchard** (vocals), **James Plaisance** (alto sax), and **Alex Maassen** (trombone) and former student, **Brian Forrest III** (drums) performed with the Fontainebleau High Jazz Ensemble at Loyola's Jazz Fest. Here is a video submitted to us we'd like to share! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fm4pzvPc2Hc&sns=em>.

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The winner will be announced at facebook.com/laapaface August 1!

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

Student of the Month - Gracie Silva



River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, Gracie Silva takes voice lessons and dance classes 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 your lessons here at LAAPA. "They're amazing! I've been taking voice for 4 years mostly with Mrs. Jessica, and I've been taking Tap class with Mrs. Mary for just about three weeks. Both lessons are a lot of fun!"

That's great that you've been committed to the voice lessons so long! What kinds of things do you work on with Mrs. Jessica? "She has really helped me to improve my skill and to reach my goals. She knows what I can do, but she can always get more out of me and wants me to keep improving. She knows my limits and always pushes me past them. When I have auditions, we usually work on a song that's belt-ier, like an upbeat song from a musical or a powerful ballad... whatever the audition calls for. Mrs. Jessica worked with me on "Good Girl Winnie Foster" for Tuck Everlasting and "On Your Way Home" from James and the Giant Peach for a couple auditions I just did for a summer show and a Broadway training program in New York...and I got into both! Recently, Mrs. Jessica has been teaching me some more classical technique to help me work on my vibrato, for example...we're working on "Time to Say Goodbye" and "The Hills Are Alive". She wants to teach me a little bit of everything so I can learn about singing in different genres. Mrs. Jessica can do it all; she is amazing!"

It sounds like you've got a very exciting summer planned. "Yes! I'll get to go to Broadway Workshop and Broadway Artists Alliance programs in New York! It's 2 weeks of training workshops; I'll mostly focus on voice since that's the major I chose, but I'll get training in dancing and acting as well. Also, I'll play the part of Nellie in Annie Get Your Gun on the mainstage with Tulane Summer Lyric Theatre*! I wouldn't be where I am going to New York this summer and doing all these shows without the training I've gotten here, and I'm so grateful!"

Why do you love music and dance? "It makes me happy. Music, dance, and acting are ways of expressing yourself. You can use your imagination and creativity when you're acting...you get to be somebody else. And when you dance and sing, you really get to shine. I love all the performing arts!"

Here's where you can catch Gracie's upcoming performances!

Gracie Silva is set to take the Main Stage at Tulane's Summer Lyric and spend the summer studying in New York City. First up, Nellie Oakley, one of Annie Oakley's siblings, in Irving Berlin's "Annie Get Your Gun," directed by Diane Lala at Tulane's Summer Lyric June 22-25, 2017. Tickets are on sale now by calling 504-865-5269. In July, Gracie will attend the Children's Musical Theater Festival (CMTF) in New York City. CMTF is a nine-day by audition only, performance based theater program for students ages 9-18. CMTF provides a unique opportunity for aspiring young actors to be part of pilot productions of new works by up-and-coming musical theater writers, or new student versions of established musicals. Cast members come from throughout the United States, and Gracie was 1 of 29 students selected from the audition process. Also in July, Gracie will attend Broadway Artists Alliance in New York City. BAA provides professional level training in the musical theatre arts for promising young artists, and is designed to develop the triple threat performer. Acceptance into the program is by audition/application only.

Happy May Birthdays!

(Students) Aaliyah R. (15), Abby G. (11), Adam S. (7), Adrian M. (4), Alton D., Amani N. (3), Annie F. (14), Annie I. (11), Anthony C. (9), April L. (17), Arianna A. (14), Ashley H., Asiah H. (7), Aubrey R., Avery W. (4), Bella A. (6), Ben S. (13), Bill B., Brady D. (9), Bryce F. (7), Cathy L., Charlie M. (6), Chloe C. (9), Cody C. (13), Daryl L., Davis H. (8), Destiny M. (16), Eli F. (11), Eli V. (7), Emily N. (16), Emma G. (14), Emma O. (7), Evan M. (12), Gabrielle G. (8), Gilberto C. (15), Gloria C. (6), Grace D. (17), Harmony S. (4), Isabella E. (9), Jaelyn J. (10), Jessica G., Johnny N. (10), Jonathan K. (10), Joseph H. (13), Kaiden F. (3), Kamryn T. (8), Katie A., Kiersten C. (7), Larson G. (8), Leana K. (6), Liliana G. (13), Lilly M. (9), Lily F. (12), Logan S. (9), Lorissa G. (16), Maggie M. (14), Maia S. (14), Marian J. (6), Marlie M. (3), Mary Helen S. (10), Matthew B. (6), Max A. (14), Meghan S., Mia M. (8), Myles B. (9), Nenitha T. (6), Nicholas V. (9), Noah C. (13), Paloma P. (11), Rachel H. (13), Rayne H. (14), Riley S. (10), Ryan S., Sameen H. (12), Sharla A. (4), Summer L. (5), Sydni G. (8), Sy'nia P. (5), Timothy S. (11), Tina B., Tori Y. (17), West D. (9), Zachary S. (8)

(Faculty/Staff) Diane D., Kathleen M., Katarina B., Rossi D., Elaine F., Peter H.

Student Shout Outs!

"From day one Hunter has been so excited getting to know Mr. Richard and Saturday mornings can't get here fast enough. Just so everyone knows, every Saturday morning Hunter gets up 6:30-6:45 and the first thing he does is turn on Lynyrd Skynyrd (very fortissimo)!! What used to be "quiet coffee mornings" has turned into "Let's get pumped up before music class"!! Nevertheless, Rick and I want to say Thank you for being Hunter's teacher, for being patient and showing Hunter the love of music and singing."

~Rick & Karla Sterner

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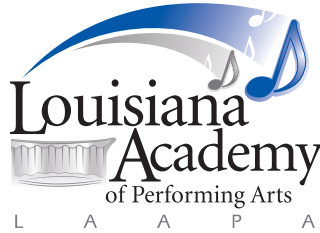
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(pictured above) Wouldn't you say this is the image of pure joy? Bryce Roos has just finished his piano lesson with Ms. Elaine - cool t-shirt too!

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