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Christmas Concerts are Coming - Are You Ready?!



It's hard to believe, but Christmas is coming, and so are our 2017 Christmas Productions! We wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with a little more information on what you can expect at our concerts.

Participation in this year's Christmas Recital is open to all students at LAAPA. It's quick and easy to Sign-Up as follows:

Music - <http://laapa.com/xmas>

**Dance Show - Registration/Auditions Closed
Sign up by November 13 for guaranteed placement in the concerts!**

1.) All music students are invited to perform at the concerts! Even if you just began studying this past September - chances are that you can work with your instructor to perform even a brief piece with the underlying goal of providing you with a positive introduction to the stage!

2.) Our concerts are held in professional auditoriums with full audio / lighting support. Vocalists - you may want to practice holding a pretend microphone in your lessons to simulate your actual on stage performance. If you'd prefer not to hold anything, the other option is leaving the microphone on the stand.

3.) For pianists - you will be performing on a full sized grand piano at the concerts. The piano should feel very similar to our pianos at Laapa. If you require any special sounds (electronic keyboard) - you will need to discuss this with your instructor and possibly bring your

keyboard to use at the concert.

4.) For guitarists - we provide a Fender amp (with plenty of optional effects) and a direct connection to the auditorium's sound system, so there is no need to bring your amplifiers. If you want to dial in some effects, you are welcome to bring a pedal - but please be sure to bring whatever extra patch cables you may need to connect it.

5.) For bass players - we will have a bass amp setup on stage for monitoring.

6.) For drummers - we will have a Yamaha custom acoustic drum set on stage similar to the ones many of you use in your lessons. There is no need to bring any drum equipment (other than your sticks).

7.) All violin, guitar, brass, and woodwind students - please be sure to arrive early to have your instruments tuned by one of the staff members!

8.) Dance students should arrive no later than 30 minutes prior to showtime to review the floorplan with their instructor.

9.) There are no tickets to purchase for our Christmas Music Concerts. In lieu of tickets, we ask for donations to a charity that we've been supporting for several years now through the Teresian Sisters. More information on this mission is available at <http://laapa.com/mission>. Tickets for our Dance Christmas Show are available for purchase at the Front Desk.

10.) When you arrive at the concert, be sure to pick up a program in the auditorium lobby. You may then proceed to the front of the auditorium for pictures with **Wally Porter Photography** and/or to see one of our staff members who will be seating the students in the order of the program. Seating for parents and guests is all on a first come, first served basis.

11.) Each concert will typically last up to 1 1/2 hours. We recommend that you budget a full 2 hours to be on the safe side. We ask that you be prepared to remain for the full concert. Students who leave early will miss out on our group photographs which get sent to the local newspapers and hung in our schools and published on our website.

We look forward to seeing you all on stage!

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IMPORTANT DATES:

November 22-24

Thanksgiving Holiday

December 9, 15, 16, 17

Christmas Performances

See laapa.com for more info

CONTACT US:



E-mail your news, comments, etc. to us:
contact@laapa.com.

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

REGISTER NOW FOR FALL PROGRAMS!

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

Alef P
(thanks to Sarah M)
Alejandro C
Alex C
Alexander O
Alina M
(thanks to Riley S)
Alisa C
Alvin L
Amelia T
Ansley W
Arianne S
(thanks to Sadie G)
Arran C
Arthur A
Arya N
Asher S
Ava G
(thanks to Stenger Family)
Bella A
(thanks to Mary S)
Ben W
Bria B
Claire C
Clara W
Cody L
Colton H
Connor F
Daniel T
David B
Diego O
Eden L
Elad T
Elijah A
Elinor F
Ella W
Ethan J
Ethan K
Ezekiel A
Finnley H
Gabrielle B
Giana A
Gianna C
Grant S
Isabella C
Izabella L
Jacob H
Jasmyn G
Jessie Z
Jocelyn S
Joel S
Johanna L
John Daniel H
Jude A
(thanks to Mary S)
Julia C
Kadence C
(thanks to Pam K)
Kai C
Kaia S
Katelyn P
Kelly C
Lakenn L
Lucia F
Lucille T
Lucy D
(thanks to Elise A)
Macey S
Madeline D
Maja B
Marlie M

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Student News

River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, Finley Temple submitted artwork to the "Wild Things Youth Art Competition," sponsored by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries. All submissions were featured in an exhibition at the Annual Wild Things event on Oct. 14, 2017 held at the SE Louisiana Refuge Headquarters in Lacombe, La.

Finley won 1st place for her Swallowtail Butterfly in the 5-7 year old painting category. All of Jefferson Parish Public Schools Talented Art Students, including Finley's winning piece, will be on display at the Audubon Zoo on November 11th. Finley takes voice and piano lessons with Mrs. Jennifer.



River Ridge School of Music & Dance students **Kylie McKee** and **Jaelyn Jarell** made it onto their cheerleading squads at their schools.

Mandeville School of Music & Dance student, Allie Grace Greene was chosen to perform the lead role of Elle Woods in "Legally Blonde the Musical Jr." at 30 by Ninety Theatre this summer. She takes voice lessons with Ms. Rebecca and guitar lessons with Mr. Josh.

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

(Students): Acharee A. (adult), Addison F. (9), Adrian H. (14), Alejandro C. (14), Alex S. (8), Alex G. (14), Alexandra M. (10), Alivia S. (15), Amelia K. (9), Andrea B. (16), Andrew F. (10), Annabelle W. (8), Antoinette P. (adult), Arianne S. (8), Arran C. (8), Asaely C. (13), Aster L. (8), Aubrey T. (12), Aurora H. (6), Benjamin D. (9), Bennett O. (7), Blake M. (13), Bria B. (4), Brian T. (13), Caelan C. (9), Camaria K. (15), Charles N. (7), Claire S. (13), Cristian A. (11), Daniel T. (7), Daniel M. (adult), Davian A. (12), David M. (12), Destiny M. (4), Dianne R. (adult), Elijah A. (3), Erika D. (7), Evelyn S. (9), Faris E. (11), Frankie D. (12), Glori S. (adult), Grace W. (4), Greta G. (7), Henry C. (2), Jace K. (9), Jacob C. (6), Jacques B. (7), Jaidynn G. (11), James E. (7), Jamie P. (17), Jessica C. (adult), John Michael M. (9), Johnathan Z. (12), Joseph D. (10), Kaytlyn B. (15), Kimberly A. (13), Kyle C. (6), Lailah D. (5), Layla B. (9), Liam M. (9), Liberty H. (adult), Luca S. (8), Lucy C. (8), Lydia N. (14), Lyla H. (3), Mallorie C. (6), Mani V. (8), Mantal K. (10), Marriam U. (adult), Mary D. (9), Mary L. (17), Matt C. (adult), Matthew R. (13), Max O. (6), Menley D. (12), Michael S. (adult), Miguel D. (15), Nathan C. (8), Nithya R. (15), Noah A. (10), Penny W. (10), Rayne K. (8), Reece H. (10), Rhys Q. (7), Ryne S. (9), Sarah C. (12), Sarah C. (12), Scout H. (13), Seth C. (8), Shaan P. (5), Shea S. (15), Sienna M. (10), Sydney T. (8), Sydney C. (15), Teagan L. (14), Thanvi S. (9), Tristan H. (8), Valerie M. (16), Veronica C. (10), Victoria B. (2), Vincent N. (adult), William H. (adult). (Faculty): Chris H.

Student of the Month - Wesley Hodgson



River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, **Wesley Hodgson** takes piano 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 how you got started in piano.

I started at LAAPA eleven years ago. My grandmother had always wanted me to get involved with playing the piano because my mom had played, she had played, and my great grandmother had played. She is the reason why I started playing because she paid for the lessons until 2014 when she passed away. She has been one of my main inspirations because without her, I never would have gotten involved with playing the piano. In 2014, after she passed away, I wanted to find a way to release my sadness. I sat down at my piano and just messed around a little bit, and before I realized what I had done, I had begun to develop my first composition. I decided to dedicate my first composition to her because she is why I play the piano.

What have you been working on lately in your lessons?

My teacher Ben Hurst has been bringing in a recording device with condenser microphones and we are working on a project. We are planning to record all of my compositions and burn them to a CD so I can give copies of it to all of the special people in my life.

What is your favorite part of lessons at LAAPA?

My favorite thing is the recitals because I like to bring something new to the table every time I perform. I enjoy seeing people listening to me play my pieces and then telling me how much they loved what I played. I have enjoyed my eleven years at LAAPA, and I will forever cherish the abilities and talents I have gained through them.

Student Shout Outs!

"Danielle loves her piano lessons and her teacher, Ms. Ashlie! She talks about her all the time and really likes learning the piano from her."

~ **Smith Family**

"We cannot say enough good things about LAAPA and Mrs. Jennifer. We marvel at how well Mrs. Jennifer adapts to Eliza's abilities. She is wonderful and we've seen Eliza's self confidence grow tremendously."

~ **Bridget L.**

Fall 2017
Referral Contest -
*Will You
Win a
\$400
Best Buy Gift Card?*



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](https://www.facebook.com/laapaface) December 26!

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

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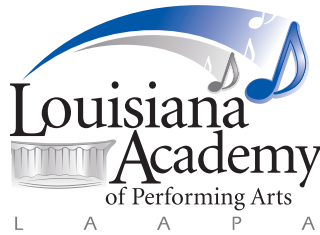
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(pictured above) Guitar student, Finn M., had a blast dressing up for lessons during Halloween week!

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Welcome to Our Newest Students (continued)

Mary D. (thanks to Elise A.), Max O, Mia T., Michelle D., Michelle M., Milei P., Naomi A (thanks to Mary S.), Nora A. (thanks to Mary S.), Owen D., Paxton A., Pedro M., Princeton B., Rita G., Rojon Z., Serenity R., Shaan P., Sharlotte T., Sienna M. (thanks to Riley S.), Sklyer S., Sophia A. (thanks to Mary S.), Stella C., Therese D., Treyvon H., Ty B., Tyrin J., Yvonne S. (thanks to Sadie G.)

There's Still Time to Get Started this Fall!

Now that things are calming down with school and various other schedules, it's the perfect time to give us a call about getting your music and dance lessons scheduled! While the majority of our instructors are at capacity during the most popular times, we have been keeping up with the demand and have hired several new instructors just this past month and they are outstanding educators - you will love your lessons!

We offer the most comprehensive selection of programs under one roof including **MUSIC LESSONS** in piano, voice, violin, viola, cello, guitar, electric guitar, banjo, ukulele, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, tuba, french horn, preschool music, theory, composition, jazz band, rock band and **DANCE CLASSES** in ballet, hip-hop, tap, musical theatre, tumbling, parent & tot, and more! Give us a call today at the school campus nearest you! Covington (985) 590.4545, Mandeville (985) 674.2992, and River Ridge (504) 738.3050.

