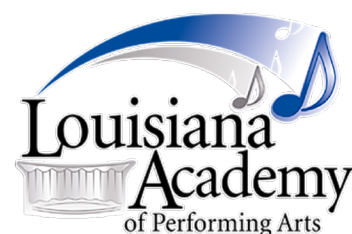


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Spring Concerts & Award Ceremonies are Coming!



Dear Students and Parents,

It's time to begin preparing for our Spring Concerts! Our Spring Concerts and Award Ceremonies will be held June 16 at Victory Fellowship 5708 Airline Drive, Metairie, LA and June 17 at Loyola University - Rousset Hall - 6363 St. Charles Ave. for the River Ridge campus and June 23-24 at Fuhrmann Auditorium, 317 N. Jefferson St. in Covington for the Covington and Mandeville campuses. Due to our continued growth, we are expanding our Spring concerts and holding them over 2 days this year to ensure that we are not rushed and everyone has a great experience! Concert assignments will be announced in late May.

The deadline has now passed to sign up for dance students and the deadline to sign up for music students is 5/1/18. All music students are asked to complete and return the participation forms online.

Sign-up online today at:

<http://www.laapa.com/music-concert>

RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION:

- All music students will be assigned one solo and may additionally participate in a duet.
- All instrumental and vocal students (voice, guitar, strings, wind, brass, etc.) will require accompanists. The accompanist fee is \$35 and will provide students with 30 minutes of rehearsal time with the accompanist (or their instructor within the lesson) in addition to the performance on the day of the concert.
- Our goal is for all students to have an awesome experience and performance on stage, so we want to ensure that everyone is very well prepared! All music

must be memorized! Students who are not fully prepared by June may be asked by their teachers to wait until our next concert.

- All dance students that are not performing in the concert should have already informed their teacher.
- All dance student costumes have now been ordered. Dance students must attend all lessons from now until the concert. If students miss more than three lessons from now until the concert they will not be able to perform. Rehearsal for dance students will be held the week before the recital. Dance students should come in full costume to their regular classes the week of June 9-15 (River Ridge) and June 16-22 (Mandeville). Finally, all dance students should arrive at Rousset Hall and Fuhrmann Auditorium as per the schedule which will be issued next month.

Many awards will be presented at each program based on the number of years students have been taking lessons at LAAPA. Every student who is performing will be recognized for his/her time of study and accomplishments. Students who compose and score their own music and/or who participated in LAAPAFEST will additionally be recognized in those award categories. Concert Tickets for General Admission may be pre-ordered when signing up online or at the Front Desk.

Two complimentary concert tickets (per family) are available for students and/or parents to pick up at the Front Desk.

We look forward to seeing everyone this June at our main event of the year!

- Ryan Cullen, Director

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IMPORTANT DATES:

March 29-April 4

Easter/Spring Break Holidays

April 21

Burriss Concert - Mandeville

April 29

Senior Recital - Mandeville
2PM Elwood J Dufour Hall

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comments, etc. to us:
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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 March!

Addison G.

Alex B.

Anna G.

(thanks to Amelie B.)

Annie W.

(thanks to the Patel family)

Ansley G.

Ava E.

Ava M.

(thanks to Ava K.)

Caden R.

Caleb S.

Cali D.

Camille T.

Charlotte E.

Cherish W.

(thanks to Idia P.)

Christian C.

Colby M.

(thanks to Ashley G.)

Cora L.

Damia G.

David T.

Dominick T.

Donald B.

Dylan B.

Elizabeth F.

Elizaveta D.

Frank C.

Giovanni P.

Harrison P.

Hathaway M.

Isabella M.

(thanks to Jessica M.)

Ivan B.

Jamal M.

Jeaneen S.

Jose M.

Kimea C.

Landon P.

Lasharron P.

Lindsay K.

(thanks to Delaney G.)

Luke T.

(thanks to Sarah T.)

Marisa B.

Mary R.

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Student News



River Ridge School of Music & Dance violin students, **Izelh Merlo**, **Ariana Alvarez**, and **Teresa Cashen** performed in a String Ensemble Recital Thursday March 22, 2018 in the LAAPA Performance Hall. They are pictured here with their instructor and River Ridge String Ensemble Director, **Ms. Bridgett Corrigan**.



Mandeville School of Music & Dance student, **Sarah Stone** (pictured left), recently participated in a Hymn Festival at First Baptist Church in Slidell. She received a Superior rating, earning 59 out of 60 points! She takes piano lessons with Ms. Rebecca.

River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, **Alana Ehrlich** as a 3rd Grader was in the Elementary School Science Fair competition which was inclusive of all 3rd, 4th and 5th Graders. She placed first at her Elementary School and then competed at the St. Charles Parish District level (which I believe was 6 Elementary schools) and placed first there as well. Alana takes piano and voice lessons with Ms. Kadi.

Have News to Share? E-mail your news to studentnews@laapa.com!
Connect with us on Facebook at facebook.com/laapaface



Tune in to Facebook Live on April 2 to find out if you won!

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 2 to **PLAY & RECORD IN CONCERT** with local New Orleans Jazz-Rock Band, **Burris** (\$ 1,000 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 April 2!

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

Student of the Month - Myles Tuccio



River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, Myles Tuccio, 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!

What program(s) are you taking and who is/are your teacher(s)?

Piano Lessons with Mrs. Katarina

How long have you been taking lessons with us?

4 years

What is your favorite part of the lesson each week?

Playing songs and learning about piano.

What are your other interests/hobbies?

Soccer, basketball, Thinker Kids (Stem program), reading.

What do you hope to accomplish with a background in music? What do you want to be when you grow up!?

Make me famous, even though I do want to be a design engineer.

Joe (parent) What made you choose LAAPA?

We heard great things about all the teachers through friends and wanted a place that would push him with his training, and we've found just that.

Student Shout Outs!

"Caitlin is loving her violin lessons with Mr. Oleg. I can tell she's really enjoying herself, and I can hear the progress being made!"

~Elewski Family

"Piano lessons are going very well. Mr. Chris is very communicative with us and lets us know what's going on after each lesson. Skyler looks forward to doing the recital!"

~Smith Family

"Linden loves her dance classes with Mrs. Mary so much! She especially enjoys the fire jumps!"

~Bruzik Family

Happy April Birthdays!

Students: Aaliyah P. (8), Addison L. (11), Adel W. (7), Alice B. (7), Amari H. (16), Andrew R. (adult), Ava H. (8), Ayah E. (8), Benjamin N. (8), Bradley S. (11), Brandon T. (12), Brayden C. (16), Brynn L. (10), Caleb S. (7), Charles S. (adult), Cindy V. (adult), Corbin G. (10), Deborah V. (adult), De'Nika W. (adult), Devin G. (12), Ed M. (adult), Elena N. (8), Elizabeth F. (16), Elizabeth W. (13), Ellajolie A. (11), Ethan A. (11), Ethan H. (5), Finley C. (9), Finn M. (9), Gabriel S. (2), Gabriel W. (3), Grace G. (8), Grayson G. (15), Hayley W. (15), Hendrix R. (3), Hope H. (8), Isaac T. (5), Jack S. (3), Jamal M. (adult), Jami S. (adult), Jamie H. (adult), Jeff W. (adult), Jude B. (8), Kaitlyn G. (10), Kaitlyn M. (8), Kelly C. (12), Kiera P. (7), Kyler V. (15), Lakenn L. (10), Lali L. (6), Laniyah B. (13), Lily M. (6), Linden L. (8), Lucas S. (10), Lucy C. (8), Luke R. (5), Maggie S. (8), Mason B. (4), Megan A. (15), Mia C. (15), Nicholas F. (12), Nico P. (11), Olivia K. (13), Paul A. (10), Payton S. (7), Pierre L. (5), Quintin C. (10), Sahithi K. (12), Sarah G. (10), Serenity R. (12), Sofi P. (7), Sutter B. (13), Thalia B. (8), Vikram B. (adult), Violet O. (4), Violet E. (9), Viren K. (adult), William D. (8), Zackary G. (7)

Faculty: Megan B., Bethany C., Courtney F.

Welcome New Students (continued)!

Mason J. (thanks to Candace W.), Megan S., Molly M., Nathan B. (thanks to Rossi D.), Noelle Y., Olive W. (thanks to the Patel family), Olivia M., Phoebe S., Reed S., Roshitha M. (thanks to Keshvi M.), Samantha S., Shadell B., Sunny B., Wyatt W., Zion H.

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) Junior Deputy and guitar player Tristan found a cozy spot to jam away in Mandeville.

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