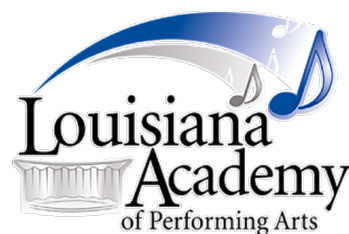


# LAAPANOTES



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## Music & Dance Concerts - What to Expect this June!

Dear Students and Parents,

Concert and Recital season is here and we'll be on stage before you know it!

Assigned concert times will be posted on our website at <http://www.laapa.com/current-students> as soon as they become available!

### What Should I Expect at the Spring Concerts/Recitals?

- Our programs begin on time! Plan to arrive 15 minutes before your assigned recital time.

- When you arrive, you'll stop at the front table to present your tickets (student performers do not need a ticket). If you already ordered your tickets and elected to have us hold them for you, we will have them for you to pick up at the welcome table.

- Students should check in with a staff member at the front left corner of the stage.

- Students will be sitting up front together in the order of their performances to allow them quick access to the stage. After their performance they may sit with parents or simply return to their assigned seat. Please do not leave during the performance as we will be presenting awards at the end of the concert!

- Drummers - just bring your sticks! We will have a Yamaha acoustic drumset on stage.

- We will be providing a Fender guitar amp and GK Bass Amp for the stage as well as direct boxes for guitarists - ask your instructor which he/she recommends you use (usually this depends on whether or not you need any effects). You may bring your own amp if you'd prefer.

- Pianists will be performing on a grand piano similar in feel to the Academy's grand pianos. If you've never played on a grand piano before and would like to try one out, you are welcome to schedule some time in one of our grand piano studios before or after our regular classes.

- Vocalists should decide whether or not they wish to hold the microphone or let it rest on a stand - most singers prefer to hold the microphone. (If you would rather the stand - just tell the stage assistant when it's your turn to perform)! Please also watch Mrs. Carolyn's video on mic technique and stage presence located at <http://www.laapa.com/lessons-and-tutorials>.

- Violinists should practice walking on and off stage in rest position. Ask your instructor to review rest position with you.

- All instrumentalists should ensure that a faculty member helps them to tune prior to performing. If you don't see your teacher tuning your instrument, please ask one of the

staff members for assistance.

- Dancers at the River Ridge & Mandeville Schools of Music & Dance will have a full dress rehearsal (see your Recital letter for times) June 17 and 24 before the main events.

- We will be holding 13 recitals this June! Due to the increased number of performances, our buffer times (times between recitals) are tighter than usual so please keep this in mind when planning to arrive. Arriving 15-20 minutes before your recital time is plenty!

- Professional Photography will be available for individual and group portraits before and after each program. They will have all paperwork available the day of the concerts for you.

- Each recital is scheduled to last approximately 2 hours and students, parents, and guests are asked to remain in the auditorium for the full duration of the program.

- As we are recording all of our programs, we do ask parents/guests to keep small children in the audience quiet - please do feel free to take them to the foyer area when necessary.

- We will be live streaming our music concerts at <http://www.laapa.com/live>. Please understand that our live streams are a best effort and we are subject to the quality of the connection at the venue.

- We will be recording each music performance with the latest professional video and audio equipment. If you'd like to reserve a copy of your performance, just let us know!

### How are the Awards Earned/Determined?

Awards are presented to students based on participation in ensembles, original compositions, participation in LAAPAFEST, and years completed at LAAPA. Multi-instrumentalists will be recognized for each instrumental/vocal program shared with us at the concerts. Please understand that while students may have had prior experience with another instructor, his/her award will be based on time studying at LAAPA. Every student will receive an award and should be proud of his/her individual achievements.

We are so proud of all of you, and it is with great anticipation that we await the culmination of your many months of preparation. **Our final tip for everyone is to please SMILE and REMEMBER TO HAVE FUN UP THERE - that's the most important thing!**

~ Ryan Cullen, Director

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### IMPORTANT DATES:

#### June 16-17

Spring Music & Dance Concerts-  
Southshore

#### June 23-24

Spring Music & Dance Concerts-  
Northshore

#### July 3-6

Summer Break

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### Welcome to Our New Students who began lessons in May!

Adam P.

Adler B.

(Thanks Gabrielle B.)

Aiden P.

Ally B.

Anderson B.

Anup K.

Armani G.

Avery B.

(Thanks Corey O'Dell)

Blakely V.

Bradford K.

Carlos R.

Cara W.

Carly B.

Carolina R.

Deanna C.

Destiny M.

(Thanks Aida D.)

Genneys G.

George G.

Hannah V.

(Thanks Alexandra J.)

Hayden P.

Isabel Lugo

Isabella F.

Jahnj W.

Jake B.

(Thanks Avery B.)

Jenay T.

John D.

Joseph S.

(Thanks Harmony S.)

Josie H.

Julia B.

Kaitlyn G.

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

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## Student & Faculty News

Mandeville School of Music & Dance students **Ashley** (pictured below) and **Jennifer Zuckerman** (pictured right) recently auditioned for the District 9 Jr. High Band and Honors Choir. Ashley, who takes clarinet lessons with Mr. KC, was selected for the "Top Band" and made 3rd chair! Jennifer, who takes voice lessons with Ms. Rebecca, was selected to sing in the soprano section of the Honors Choir!



River Ridge School of Music & Dance student **Thomas Pfeffer** (pictured right) was recently recognized at the St. Charles Parish Schoolboard meeting for his selection to perform with the District 7 Honor Band!



Covington School of Music student **Mia Tillman** recently participated in a school talent show at North Lake Christian and won first place! Mia takes Voice and Piano lessons with Ms. Alexandra and Harp lessons with Ms. Cassie.

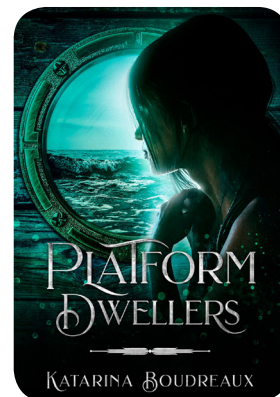


River Ridge School of Music & Dance student **Kyla Apostolakis** (pictured left) made her talent show at St. Benilde by performing her LAAPAFest song "Wonder."

River Ridge School of Music & Dance student **Sofia Sayyad** was recently in a production of Madagascar Jr. at St. Rita's School. She performed as Candy Hammernose and a Server. Sofia takes Hip Hop/Jazz II with Mrs. Elle and Musical Theater with Mrs. Mary.

Mandeville School of Music & Dance student **Annie Fornaris** recently auditioned for and has been accepted as a 2nd Alto in the Honor Junior Choir for the 2018 Honor's Performance Series at Carnegie Hall! Annie takes voice lessons with Ms. Kadi.

Congratulations to one of our multi-talented instructors, **Katarina Boudreaux**, on her recently published novel, "Platform Dwellers"! Katarina is not only a wonderful piano and voice instructor here at LAAPA, she is also an exceptional writer! Her play "Awake at 4:30" was a finalist in the 2016 Tennessee Williams Festival and her novel "Still Times" was a semi-finalist in the 2016 Faulkner-Wisdom competition. Her newest novel, "Platform Dwellers" (pictured right), is a Science Fiction novel for young adults and is now available!



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# Students of the Month - Samuel & Isaac Martinez



### Covington School of Music students, Samuel & Isaac Martinez

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

Samuel is taking Piano lessons with Ms. Sarah Rose and Isaac is taking Preschool Music lessons with Ms. Britta.

#### How long have you been taking lessons with us?

Samuel enrolled almost 4 months ago. Isaac enrolled about a month ago.

#### What is your favorite part of the lesson each week?

Sam: Drums, cymbals, and piano! Isaac: Toys! And singing!

#### What do you enjoy practicing each week?

Parent: Samuel is devoted to play his keyboard daily as part of regular playing time. He'll actively play for more than 3 hours a week. Everything he hears, he reproduces. But seldom practices what's given in class (He doesn't seem fond to show us his progress LOL!) Isaac will sing what he has learned, giving it his touch (be it that he extends the end at a higher note, etc.)

#### What are your other interests/hobbies?

Parent: Samuel's main interest is his keyboard. Everything musical makes a connection within him. It's another language. Isaac loves Monster trucks, cars, and dinosaurs.

#### What do you want to be when you grow up!?

We believe Samuel will be doing something involved with producing music! He loves playing different tracks and recordings together at the same time, and changing it up. Isaac is unsure.

#### (Parent) What made you choose LAAPA?

We've been wanting to get Samuel the opportunity to formally learn Piano. He's really good at it, but we knew there is more besides reproducing tunes. It was also going to benefit him at a developmental level, due to his frustrations when he was unable to express himself verbally. After a while, at one of Samuel's lessons, Isaac told me "It's my turn!", meaning he wanted to participate in his brother's class. Given the fact that he loves singing and creating his own tunes and songs, I considered LAAPA to be the best place to develop his creativity. They love it, look forward to it, and we couldn't be more satisfied!

### Student Shout Outs!

"Elizabeth LOVES her hip hop classes with Mrs. Elle!! Really enjoys the girls in her class and all that they're learning."

~ Teagle Family

"Madeline is having the BEST time!!! Loves Dr. Vera! Mom even caught her singing one of the songs they learned in class, to herself in her crib!"

~ Davis Family

"Tripp absolutely LOVES Mr. Gary!! He is really enjoying his piano lessons and practices all the time!"

~ Wilson Family

## Welcome New Students (continued)!

Katherine T. (Thanks Ashlie C.), Keiko B., Kelly S., Lakenn L., Lauren P., Leah M., Logann L., Mackenzie C., Mason P., Mia R., Mia W. (Thanks Julia C.), Michelle V., Mikaela W., Molly M., Nilaja W., Nora V., Olivia K., Olivia R., Rawaa A., (Thanks Rima A.), Rebecca R., Ruby N., Sebastian B., Sienna M., Michelle M., Stephen R., Stephen S., Taylen M., Taylor B., Taylor W.

## Happy June Birthdays!

**(Students)** Aaradhya S. (5), Alaina G. (10), Alex M. (18), Alexander (Sasha) F. (15), Alexandra W. (9), Aly V. (7), Amelia K. (14), Andrew T. (9), Anjali G. (8), Anjalie C. (11), August B. (5), Brynn D. (7), Cadyn B. (8), Carmen G. (14), Charlie E. (7), Chloe Bleu S. (9), Christian S. (11), Christopher H. (6), Cole R. (3), Daniel F. (10), Dave V. (7), David C. (10), Davis C. (12), Delaney G. (11), Diana P. (17), Dylan B. (11), Elijah W. (6), Elliot P. (17), Emma M. (16), Emma R. (16), Ethan S. (13), Francesco G. (3), Geraldine P. (77), Hailey W. (15), Hailey L. (2), l'Miri J. (12), Isaac S. (5), Isabella B. (13), Jackson D. (4), Jasmine R. (11), Jeremie G. (6), Jerome R. (52), Jonah S. (4), Joshua W. (12), Joshua P. (13), Julia C. (8), Julia C. (14), Kamiya C. (10), Kaylah S. (5), Kennon R. (10), Kenzington B. (6), Koi C. (4), Landon B. (12), Lasharron P. (24), Lattner M. (4), Lauren C. (12), Leland S. (7), Leyann N. (3), Lilly V. (13), Lily G. (10), Louis M. (16), Luke B. (13), Madeline D. (2), Madison L. (16), Mae K. (7), McKayla F. (13), Michael Austin V. (18), Michayla C. (16), Michelle B. (32), Myles T. (9), Oliver S. (9), Patrick M. (6), Race H. (9), Reese B. (10), Reya D. (5), Rishab P. (11), Roy R. (65), Sadie R. (13), Samantha J. (12), Samantha S. (11), Sarah S. (9), Sarah A. (12), Serenity P. (8), Sidon C. (11), Siri R. (5), Skyler S. (7), Sophia S. (3), Sophia A. (7), Stephannie W. (35), Stephen S. (18), Taylen M. (8), Thomas H. (6), Timothy B. (11), Trevor F. (14), Tristan K. (5), Vincent G. (4), Wesley H. (18), Zachary M. (14), Zoe L. (9), Zoey P. (8)

**(Faculty/Staff)** Carol L., Daniel C., DeMarius J., Denise B., Hannah G., Jennifer H., Jennifer W., Jesse W., Oleg P., Wanda C.

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(pictured above) *Jamie Planchard* and *Emma Goodgion* performed at the 2018 Faculty/Honors Recital last month.

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