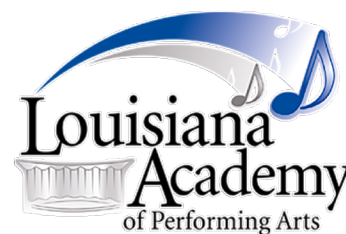


# LAAPANOTES



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## Need Something Fun & Creative to Do this Summer?



Dear Parents and Students,

With the mild temperatures here in Southeast Louisiana and snowfall in various parts of the country, it's hard to believe Summer is almost here! Summer is our busiest season of all with recitals, camps, and of course new students eager to get started in music and dance lessons!

Congrats to our graduating seniors! We are pleased to announce a record number of senior recitals this year which have been scheduled for Sunday, April 29th at 2PM and Sunday, May 6th at 2PM at the Mandeville campus and Saturday, April 28th at 2PM at the River Ridge campus.

We are also bursting with excitement in anticipation of our 2018 Spring Music & Dance Recitals. See last month's newsletter for more info!

As I mentioned, Summer is a 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 have been liberated from the confines of their scholastic routines, 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."? Are they spending WAY too much time playing video games or staring at Computer/TV screens? Summer is a perfect time to BEAT THE DIGITAL ADDICTION by playing music, dancing, or singing! 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 & Dance 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 to some of our first camps when I was a student. We had a blast getting to play all the instruments, doing ensembles, and Friday concerts where parents came to see us perform. That was all great, but for some reason what I remember the most is red koolaid and cookies from snack time. Ah..., good times.

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 13 - Faculty/Honors  
Recital**

**May 28 - Memorial Day - No  
Lessons**

**June 16-17 | 23-24  
Spring Music & Dance Concerts  
see last month's newsletter for  
details!**

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### 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!

Aaliyah P.  
Abigail H.  
Addison R.  
Afrika W.  
Anna W.  
Ashley A.  
Autumn Z.  
Bailey R.  
Carson T.  
Chelsea C.  
Colin T.

Constance H.

Daniel C.

Don P.

Drake F.

Dylan B.

(thanks Jack F.)

Elizabeth W.

(thanks to Mary S.)

Emily B.

Ethan B.

Faith L.

Francesco G.

Gary B.

Gerlin G.

(thanks to Francesco G.)

Griffin H.

Gwendolyn M.

(thanks Nilaja W.)

Hannah V.

(thanks Alexandra J.)

Isaac M.

Isabella K.

(thanks Zoe B.)

Jahreik K.

Jenna G.

Jonah J.

Juliette B.

Kaitlyn T.

(thanks Angela W.)

Lasharron P.

Lisa S.

London B.

Lorian J.

Luca R.

(thanks Allie Grace G.)

Madison M.

Marla H.

Matt H.

(thanks Gina L.)

Mia C.

Myles F.

Nicole S.

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## Student & Faculty News



River Ridge School of Music & Dance Rock Band students represented LAAPA by performing for hundreds of families at Lakeside Mall during the annual Kids & Family EXPO. They are pictured above, along with Rock Band Director, Bill Solomon.

River Ridge School of Music & Dance Parent/Tot students, **Amani Nawash, Leyanne Nawash,** and **Lucille Tadin** all received prizes from the treasure chest recently by saving up their Superior rating tickets over several weeks!



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## Don't Lose Your Teacher this Fall!

**Each Summer we are asked numerous questions such as "Do Lessons Stop," "Can I keep my same teacher in the Fall and time if I stop for the summer," etc.**

We are a year round school and as such, **hundreds of new students begin lessons with us between May-July;** therefore, we are unable to hold lesson times. We do have a number alternatives to giving up your lessons/teacher for the summer such as online lessons and Makeup Workshops. Please inquire at the front desk for more info!

**The following teachers are at or very close to capacity with their scheduling availability during the most popular lesson times.**

### VOICE/PIANO

Autumn  
Haydee  
Bethany C  
Britta  
Alexandra  
Carolyn  
Gary  
Ashlie  
Bethany W  
Sarah  
Rebecca  
Jennifer H  
Kadi  
Hannah  
Jennifer W  
Katarina  
Jessica  
Candice  
Gary  
Dr. Vera  
Russell  
Dan  
Lisa  
Mirka

### GUITAR/BANJO/UKE

Ben  
Dr. Kari  
Bill  
Chris T  
Chris H

Kirk  
Peter  
Joel  
Gary

### DRUM

Layla  
Kirk  
Josh S  
Josh T  
Chris H  
Kirk  
KC

### VIOLIN

Oleg  
Denise  
Catherine  
Bridget  
Kate  
Gabriel  
Dr. Vera

### DANCE

Mary  
Lauren

### BRASS/WIND

Dr. Mark  
Bryant

To learn more about summer scheduling options, call us at (985) 231-0875 or [contact@laapa.com](mailto:contact@laapa.com)!



## Students of the Month - Nicholas, Kimea, and Lucille



**Mandeville School of Music & Dance students, Nicholas Burque, Kimea Cheramie, and Lucille Cheramie** take music and dance lessons here at LAAPA! We recently had a chance to speak with them and learn a little more about their lessons and interests!

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

*Nicholas: Mr. Bedwell for trumpet*

*Kimea: Piano with Ms. Bethany, and Ballet with Mrs. Mary*

*Lucille: Preschool Music with Dr. Vera*

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

*(N) 1 year of Piano and 2 years Trumpet*

*(K) 2.5 years Preschool Music, 1 year Piano, and a few months of Ballet*

*(L) 2.5 years of Preschool Music*

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

*(N) Playing music; (K) Making music and writing songs! Dancing next to Cali; (L) Singing!*

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

*(N) School Jazz Band, playing soccer, and reading (especially Alexander Dumas)*

*(K) Growing flowers, climbing trees (but I hug them first!), singing, biking*

*(L) Riding bikes, reading, listening to stories, yoga*

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

*(N) Have fun playing music and keep improving skills; (K) Ballerina and musical composer; (L) Ballerina*

**Tabitha (mom) What made you choose LAAPA?**

*We chose LAAPA for our children's musical education because of the excellent teachers and program options. Everyone is always friendly and works with our schedule to make our lessons convenient. LAAPA is fun for all and extremely accommodating!*

### Student Shout Outs!

"Tiffany loves her lessons with Ms. Kate! She's learned a lot in the two years she's been studying violin."

**~Hung Family**

"Lessons are great! Mr. Josh works very well with Nick and Nick is really enjoying Theory class! He is very excited to do summer camp and explore the other programs."

**~Vashko Family**

"Lola is loving her piano lessons with Ms. Britta! Everything is such a great fit!"

**~Himmaugh Family**

## Welcome New Students (continued)!

Olivia S., Ryan T. (thanks Madison A.), Sadie R., Sarah M., Stephanie H., Stephen M., Tammy B., Thomas H. (thanks Maro Luc H.), Tim H., Timothy B., Tori L., Vera M., Xianglong W., Zayn B. (thanks Caden R.)

**It's a pleasure to have all of you joining the LAAPA Family - welcome and we look forward to helping you achieve your goals!**

## Happy May Birthdays!

**(Students)** Aaliyah R. (16), Adam S. (8), Aisling O. (17), Amani N. (4), Amelia P. (5), Annie F. (15), Ariana A. (15), Arnas M. (5), Aubrey R. (25), Avani M. (15), Bailey R. (10), Ben B. (14), Brady D. (10), Charles T. (67), Charlotte E. (4), Chloe C. (10), Cody C. (14), Colby M. (17), Ella W. (10), Ellen M. (53), Emily N. (17), Emma G. (15), Erin U. (47), Evan M. (13), Gilberto C. (16), Grace D. (18), Greyson P. (6), Harmony S. (5), Isabella M. (11), Isabella E. (10), Jaelyn J. (11), Jaina H. (9), Jake T. (12), Jake F. (11), Jolee B. (9), Jonathan K. (11), Joseph S. (7), Josie H. (12), Julie D. (38), Juliet E. (6), Juliette B. (5), Kiersten C. (8), Kylie T. (5), Lainey L. (11), Larson G. (9), Lawrence M. (4), Leana K. (7), Lena Z. (8), Liliana G. (14), Lisa S. (36), London B. (5), Maia S. (15), Mary Helen S. (11), Matthew G. (12), Mia M. (9), Myles B. (10), Paloma P. (12), Rachel H. (14), Riley S. (11), Sameen H. (13), Samuel M. (7), Samuel S. (12), Savannah K. (17), Seth F. (11), Shlok D. (10), Stacey J. (13), Sydni G. (9), Timothy H. (12), Tori Y. (18), Trinity F. (15), Tristan T. (9), Xianglong W. (26), Zachary S. (9)

**(Faculty/Staff)** Diane D., Gary R., Joshua S., Katarina B., Peter H.

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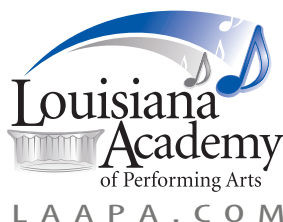
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(pictured above) Ms. Kadi's preschool music class exploring the piano!

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