

# LAAPANOTES



## 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 29-30 at St. Martin's Solomon Theatre, 225 Green Acres Rd in Metairie for the River Ridge campus and June 22-23 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 5/1/19. 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 17-21 (Mandeville) and June 24-28 (River Ridge). Finally, all dance students should arrive at St. Martin's Solomon Theatre 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 are now available online at:

[events.laapa.com](http://events.laapa.com)

Two complimentary concert tickets (per family) will be emailed to the email address used at registration. The email will come directly from Eventbrite. If you have any questions, please stop by 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:

**April 18-23**

Easter/Spring Break Holidays

**April 24**

Classes Resume

**April 27**

Faculty & Honors Concert  
Victory Fellowship at 5:00 PM

### CONTACT US:



E-mail your news,  
comments, etc. to us:  
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### REGISTER NOW FOR THE SPRING!

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 March!

Adalyn J.  
 Adrian G.  
 Aiva L.  
 Allys R.  
 Alyse R.  
 Amanda T.  
 Bryson S.  
 Chase S.  
 Christopher M.  
 Christopher G.  
 Cole M.  
 (Thanks Elle M.)  
 Cora L.  
 Damia G.  
 Dax S.  
 (Thanks Scott Family)  
 Delilah E.  
 Denise L.  
 Dilan P.  
 Eli V.  
 Elizabeth T.  
 Faye F.  
 Finley W.  
 Francois L.  
 Franklin F.  
 Gerardo E.  
 Gili M.  
 Giovanna N.  
 Holly B.  
 Ian C.  
 Isabella M.  
 J.R. R.  
 Jackson H.  
 Jacob D.  
 Jay W.  
 Jaylen C.  
 Jeremiah C.  
 John E.  
 Jonathan F.  
 Joseph T.  
 (Thanks Xenia T.)  
 Joshua G.  
 Kacey H.  
 Kayla E.  
 Kevin E.  
 Khaleb C.  
 Laurent D.  
 Ledger H.

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## Student News



River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, **Mathi Jayaprasad** (pictured left), has been working hard in her lessons! She earned 10 superior student tickets and exchanged them for two treasure chest prizes. Great work, Mathi!

Mandeville School of Music & Dance student, **Jamie Helms**, was recently accepted into the Talented Music program at her school. Jamie takes Hip Hop & Jazz III and Contemporary & Modern dance with Mrs. Mary. Congratulations, Jamie!

River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, **Arivan Subramanian**, was recently accepted into the Talented Music program at Airline Park Academy. Arivan was also nominated by his teacher, Ms. Denise, to be this month's Student of the Month. Way to go Arivan and congratulations!

Congratulations to all of our amazing students that participated in LAAPAFEST last month. We had a great turn out and, as always, we were very impressed by the progress and talent that you all shared with us. Pictured right is Mandeville School of Music & Dance student, **Arnas Mazeika**, who performed a piano piece at LAAPAFEST. Arnas has been taking lessons with Dr. Vera for over a year.



**Have News to Share? E-mail your news to [studentnews@laapa.com](mailto:studentnews@laapa.com)!**  
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## Spring Picture Day!

It's time for our annual Spring Picture Day! Come dressed to impress (dancers – most costumes will be in and available for your photos, but you may also bring an additional outfit – class attire or other costume). Music students, come dressed casually or dressy – your choice. Don't forget to bring your instrument! All photos will be taken by MillerFoto, a local, family-owned photography business that specializes in portrait photography. Learn more at [millerfoto.com](http://millerfoto.com).

### Northshore Picture Day:

Sunday, June 2nd at 12:00 PM  
 At Mandeville School of Music & Dance  
 105 Campbell Ave in Mandeville

### River Ridge Picture Day:

Sunday, June 9th at 12:00 PM  
 At River Ridge School of Music & Dance  
 2020 Dickory Ave #200 in Harahan

Please note that students of all campuses are welcome to attend either picture day. Space is limited - **CALL NOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!**





## Student of the Month - Arivan Subramanian



**River Ridge School of Music & Dance** student, **Arivan Subramanian**, 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!

**How long have you been taking lessons at LAAPA?**

*"It's been almost 2 years that I have been taking lessons. I started in June of 2017."*

**What are some of your interests/hobbies outside of music?**

*"I enjoy doing art, playing Legos, and building motorized things."*

**What style of music do you love to play the most?**

*"I love all piano music! My favorite songs to play are 'Dragon Hunt' (my LAAPAFEST piece), 'Captain Hook,' and 'Spanish Caballero,' which I learned to play for my Spanish teacher at school."*

**Who is your favorite musician/band/artist?**

*"My favorite musician is Louis Armstrong."*

**What do you want to be when you grow up?**

*"I would like to be a volcanologist, a piano composer, or the head of a car manufacturing company."*

**What is your favorite thing about taking lessons?**

*"I get to practice my favorite songs in class! I also like that my instructor, Ms. Denise, says it's okay to make mistakes."*

**(Dad) What made you choose LAAPA?**

*"I was looking for a premier music school, as I always wanted to learn to play an instrument, but was never trained. I want my children to learn the classics and the technique. LAAPA was my top choice."*

### Student Shout Outs!

"Bradley is amazing and so patient, creating numerous ways to help Peyton. He is an excellent teacher! We recommend LAAPA to everyone we know."

**~Brown Family**

"Usually we have to push Tucker to do anything, but because Tucker has a great relationship with his piano teacher, Mr. Russell, he actually likes and looks forward to his lessons!"

**~Schibler Family**

"Athena loves preschool music! We originally had her in Jui-Jitsu, and she wasn't enjoying it. The difference now is night and day."

**~Baradell Family**

## Happy April Birthdays!

**Students:** Aaliyah P. (9), Addison L. (12), Addyson W. (8), Adele W. (8), Ainslee B. (5), Ajay N. (32), Alexis P. (17), Ally S. (13), Amari H. (17), Andrew R. (24), Anisha M. (9), Anushree C. (13), Asher O. (5), Asher S. (6), Ayah E. (9), Brandon T. (13), Brayden C. (17), Brynn L. (11), Bryson S. (4), Cadence T. (5), Caleb S. (8), Celia R. (6), Charlotte B. (34), Chase S. (10), Cindy V. (62), Danielle T. (22), Darius L. (12), Devin G. (13), Ed M. (68), Elena N. (9), Elizabeth W. (14), Emile P. (8), Emily B. (8), Emily O. (15), Emily S. (13), Faith B. (15), Finley C. (10), George T. (6), Hayley W. (16), Hendrix R. (4), Hope C. (18), Hunter B. (6), Isaac T. (6), Isabella K. (6), Isabella M. (4), Jack S. (4), Joshua D. (5), Joshua G. (16), Jude B. (9), Julie H. (8), Kaden J. (11), Kaitlyn G. (11), Kaitlyn T. (18), Kate L. (14), Kelly C. (13), Kenna L. (10), Lakenn L. (11), Lauren C. (23), Linden L. (9), Lucas S. (11), Madelyn W. (8), Madison M. (4), Mayah J. (12), Megan A. (16), Mia C. (16), Miley F. (7), Mira M. (6), Nico P. (12), Nola K. (8), Oliver H. (7), Olivia K. (14), Paul A. (11), Quinn B. (15), Rayleigh H. (6), Reagan D. (10), Ryenne L. (5), Sahithi K. (13), Saige D. (8), Sofi P. (8), Sofia T. (8), Thalia B. (9), Tracy K. (64), Viren K. (30), Warren D. (52), Zackary G. (8)

**Faculty:** Bethany C., Kameron L., Megan B., Neely D., Pacian A.

## Welcome New Students (continued)!

Lila G., Lola H., Loyer H., L.R. G., Lucille T., Luke P., Lydia G., Madison D., Maria V., Mariella C., Mason T., Mason F., Monya S., Nathan J., Noah G., Olivia J. (Thanks Kenna L.), Paris L., Parker P. (Thanks Zoe B.), Riley D., Ross M., Scarlett K., Sofia S., Sophia B., Stella M., Tabitha B., Taylor C., Thai L., Tristan T., Tucker H., Ty O., Victoria E., Victoria S., Winfield W.

*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) Miguel D'Elia shredding his guitar at LAAPAFEST last month.

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