

LAAPANOTES



LAAPAFEST is Coming! Will You Be Participating?



(pictured above - Covington student, Brady Smith, performing at the 2018 Honors Recital)

Dear Parents and Students,

It's hard to believe that LAAPAFEST is once again nearly here! So what is LAAPAFEST anyway?

LAAPAFEST is a unique opportunity for all music students who have been studying their program for at least one year (whether at LAAPA or elsewhere) to perform a memorized solo or duet for a panel of three insightful and friendly judges. Students then receive an overall rating as well as detailed written, constructive feedback on their performance (within a variety of categories) which will then be passed along to their private instructor(s).

The overall goal of LAAPAFEST works in tandem with our mission here at LAAPA of instilling a lifetime appreciation of the performing arts within each student while continually building self-esteem. Students do not compete with other students for their overall rating and are rated solely on their individual performances and at their individual levels. Beginning (1 year) students are most welcome to participate in LAAPAFEST and, in fact, are encouraged!

Immediately following the final week of LAAPAFEST, the judges are asked to select 30-35 students who have received the highest overall ratings to join our Faculty in performing at our Faculty and Honors Recital on April 27. Students will be selected per school campus based on their instrument/program as well as their rating. We wish to provide a concert equally represented

with students of all instruments/programs/ levels. There are very limited spots in the Honors recital and the selection process is always a very challenging one for the judges! Not being selected for the Honors concert, in other words, certainly does not detract from the outstanding achievement of a Superior or Excellent rating!

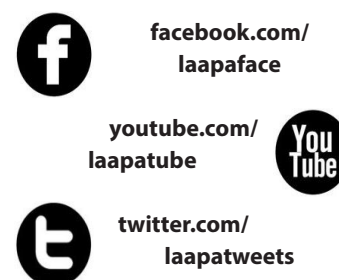
LAAPAFEST participation is an outstanding event in and of itself that produces Honors reflected in the outcome of student ratings. It is important to note that the majority of our students participating in LAAPAFEST typically earn either Excellent and/or Superior overall ratings at LAAPAFEST (because they are so well prepared)! The focus of LAAPAFEST is on the individual student, their performance at LAAPAFEST, and their individual rating at LAAPAFEST. At all Spring Concerts in June, LAAPAFEST students will be recognized for their participation and rewarded for Excellent and Superior ratings. For more information on LAAPAFEST, please speak with your instructor ASAP.

You may sign-up online for LAAPAFEST at <http://www.laapa.com/laapafest>

It is also important to note that each year we do have to turn students away from LAAPAFEST due to the limited number of slots available, so we encourage all interested students to turn in paperwork well ahead of the **February 18 official enrollment deadline. Good luck at LAAPAFEST!**

Ryan Cullen, Academy Director

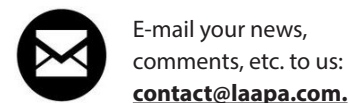
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IMPORTANT DATES:

March 16 - LAAPAFEST Covington
March 23 - LAAPAFEST Mandeville
March 30 - LAAPAFEST River Ridge
April 27 - LAAPA Faculty & Honors Concert

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Welcome to Our Newest Students who began or added lessons in January!

Abby M.
Abdalla A.
Abigail N.

(Thanks Thomas M.)

Abigail W.
Adalyn D.
Aisha G.

Ajay N.

Alexa B.

Alexus P.

Alissyn H.

Alton C.

Amelie W.

Ann K.

(Thanks Chris T.)

Anthony R.

Arabelle G.

Asher O.

Ashlyn F.

Asia R.

Avery P.

(Thanks Miles T.)

Aydan L.

Bassmalla A.

Bella P.

Benjamin B.

(Thanks Mayah J.)

Braedon E.

Brandon V.

Brian B.

(Thanks Gordon K.)

Camille H.

Camille A.

Caroline B.

Caroline B.

(Thanks Mayah J.)

Chris E.

Conor N.

(Thanks Jacob & Cecilia L)

Courtney P.

Cruz C.

Dan S.

Daniel S.

Danisha G.

Danyon T.

Donna H.

Dylan M.

Eleanor W.

Elijah W.

Elivette W.

Ellie M.

Elyse W.

Emma S.

Emma D.

Ethan W.

Evan S.

Evangeline G.

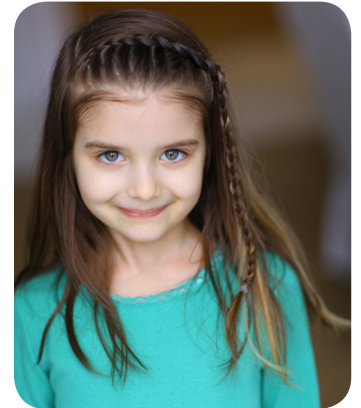
Evangeline P.

Everett L.

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Student News

River Ridge School of Music & Dance voice student **Zoë Bledsoe** (pictured right) will be performing as a peasant girl/islander in the upcoming production of "Once on This Island Jr" with the Jefferson Performing Arts Society. This will be Zoë's very first experience with theater! Congratulations, Zoë!



Mandeville School of Music & Dance student **Lauren Cockrell** was recently selected as a member of the Greater New Orleans Symphony Orchestra (GNOYO) for piano. She is pic left with her instructor Dr. Vera. Way to go, Lauren!



Covington School of Music student **Miley Farrell** (pictured right) saved up 10 superior student tickets for this fun harmonica keychain! Miley takes piano lessons with Mrs. Haydee! Great work, Miley!

Mandeville School of Music & Dance student **Mason Frey** (pictured right) recently cashed in his 5 superior student tickets for this cool squishy microphone! Mason takes piano lessons with Mr. Peter. Awesome job, Mason!



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Thanks so much for your referrals - they are the highest compliment we can receive!



Student of the Month - Carolina Rodriguez



Mandeville School of Music and Dance student, **Carolina Rodriguez** takes piano and ballet lessons here at LAAPA! We recently had a chance to speak with her and learn a little more about her lessons and interests!

How long have you been taking lessons at LAAPA?

"I've been taking lessons at LAAPA for about 9 months. My piano teacher is Dr. Vera. My ballet teachers are Mrs. Mary and Ms. Megan."

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

"I enjoy reading, singing, playing video games and tennis."

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

"I love to play classical music."

What do you want to be when you grow up?

"I want to be a veterinarian."

(Parent) What made you choose LAAPA?

"We chose LAAPA for the convenience of having music lessons and dance classes in the same location and close to home. She has learned so much, made some great friends and has plenty of fun too!"

Student Shout Outs!

"My teacher deserves the BIGGEST shout out! She is so amazing. I want to shout out Elizabeth Dellinger. Ms. Liz is an awesome facilitator.

She not only meets me where I am on this journey, but she knows just what to implement to move me along further, and at just the right moment to do so. I've grown so exponentially over the past four months.

I'm in a space, musically, that I didn't see myself entering for another few years. Music has been my passion since I was 4 years old, so to be exploring it from this angle at this level just elates my soul. I'm so grateful for Elizabeth."

~Ra'sheeka K.

Happy February Birthdays!

Students: Aisha G. (11), Andrew V. (9), Anya H. (7), Arabella G. (7), Arden H. (12), Athena B. (4), Ava E. (8), Baker G. (10), Bella D. (5), Brooks B. (6), Bryce D. (14), Bryce S. (29), Cambre S. (5), Cecilia L. (12), Clive Thomas H. (19), Connor B. (7), Danisha G. (11), Dennis A. (13), Dory A. (13), Drew D. (16), Elaina P. (9), Elijah W. (11), Elijah W. (4), Eliza L. (7), Elizabeth L. (8), Ellie M. (5), Emerson S. (5), Finley G. (12), Frankie R. (2), Hailey L. (8), Isaiah G. (10), Jack M. (12), Jim W. (37), John E. (15), Jonathan K. (14), Joseph U. (9), Jude B. (8), Kalin S. (18), Keely H. (27), Keely F. (8), Kennedy S. (10), Kevin Y. (4), Kiley M. (17), Lauren B. (13), Lizbeth G. (10), Lucas D. (6), Mackenzie M. (13), Maryclaire A. (9), Melissa M. (17), Mia P. (15), Nathan Y. (9), Nicholas Y. (12), Oliver F. (6), Patrick L. (18), Presley C. (5), Rachel Y. (18), Reagan H. (13), Riley D. (9), Riley E. (12), Rita G. (17), Robert Allan C. (10), Rojon Z. (11), Rokaya A. (15), Rose S. (3), Roxanne P. (61), Saanvi R. (8), Sam G. (8), Seth M. (9), Skylar D. (5), Steven M. (23), Thais J. (3), Thomas P. (13), Thomas S. (11), Vy L. (16), William W. (10), Zayn B. (16)

Faculty: Autumn B., Haydee C., Brianna C., Catherine S., David H., Russell T.

Welcome New Students (continued)!

Ezra H., Fatima A., Franki D., Gage R., George S., George T., George G., Jr., Giulianna K., Harold W. III, Hayden D., Helen B., Helenna P., Hope C., India J. (Thanks Finley T.), Iris B. (Thanks Sofia M.), Isabella R., Isabella M. (Thanks Allie Grace G.), James C. (Thanks Bryan G.), Jax K., Jax E., Jayde C., Jhicauris P., Jim W., Jordan S., JT T., Jude M., Julie H., Juliette D., Kadence S., Kat W., Kate C., Kayla W., Kelin B., Kelsey F., Kenneth P., Kiley M., Kingston W., Kolther A., Laura F., Laura B., Lauren C., Layla G., Lena C. (Thanks Brian G.), Lex L., Liam C., Lila M., Logan C., Lucas B., Lyric L., Mady L., Maiah O., Mariam A., Max A., Mercy M., Mia P., Michelle V., Mira R., Mohammed A., Narciso P., Norah F., Norah T. (Thanks Evelyn T.), Opal M., Owen M., Paige G., Paris L., Paxton F., Prisca L. (Thanks Jennifer W.), Raya M., Rebekah H., Riley M., Rita G., Rokaya A., Rosalie C., Rose S., Ryan M., Sabrina S., Saige D., Samantha B., Sebastian G., Seth H., Shayne B., Shelby H., Soni Elizabeth H., Sophia S., Sophia E., Sophie M., Tanishka P., Theresa C., Tisha H., Tonya T., Tracy K., Ty O., Valeria C., Valex R., Victoria W., Vivian M., Woodrow S., Zander G.

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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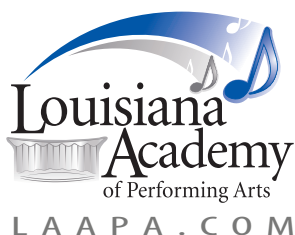
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(pictured above) Last year's Northshore Summer Campers having a blast learning piano with Ms. Elizabeth!

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