

LAAPANOTES



Tears of Joy - Reflections on Student Accomplishments



Dear Students and Parents,

I'd like to extend my congratulations to all of our students, parents, faculty, and staff for 12 outstanding music and dance concerts held the past two weekends in June. Watching you all use your talents and grow in your skills is truly the greatest part of my job here. It's why I don't mind lugging amps, camera equipment, a full drum set and hardware up and down a flight of stairs or watching nearly 500 performances!

Just as the growth of a child is more apparent to those who see him/her less frequently, we as educators and parents need to stop sometimes and absorb all that has taken place! Just the other day I was watching some old videos of my former students on our Facebook page (@laapaface) and will admit that perhaps a tear or two of joy popped up when I realized how far they had truly come. I'm fairly certain that all of our faculty can share a similar story because as educators, we are always proud of what our students have accomplished and just when we think that we couldn't be prouder, they top themselves again and again. Having personally watched thousands of performances over the years, seeing the evolution over the span of months and years is phenomenal. This is all because you and our amazing faculty members have worked hard to make it happen!

While we're talking about lasting memories, video orders are now being filled! **If you'd like to order a high definition video of your performance, simply go to <https://www.laapa.com/get-video/>**! You can see some recent videos on our youtube channel at <http://youtube.com/laapatube>.

So let's summarize a few things that took place at our 2019 Spring Concerts!

1.) Our students have just built a great deal of self-confidence by performing on stage!

I always like to compare performing on stage with public speaking. Public speaking is many times feared more by most adults than almost anything else! With our student performers, we need to additionally recognize your courage

and success because in most cases, you were not only "speaking publicly" through your performances, but you were doing so while still "learning how to speak" through the art of music and dance in your lessons! Wow! One can only imagine what you will continue to achieve with a growing sense of self-confidence.

2.) Our students have truly learned the importance of meeting deadlines.

No matter what you do in life, you're going to be required to accomplish things by a certain date. All of our students knew when they needed to be ready for the recitals. There was no option to delay their performances. There was no option to perform without anyone hearing or seeing you. It took a great deal of commitment, sacrifice, and hard work in your studies and practice for you to succeed in meeting the deadline. So, congratulations on succeeding in this very important area!

3.) Our students have inspired many others in the audience who witnessed their talent.

Performing for any group of people is an emotional experience not only for our student performers but also for the audience as well. Audience members will appreciate the performance, but one never knows who in the audience will additionally be inspired to perhaps try a new program or work harder at one they are already studying. Indeed, it may have been your performance that convinced someone else to think, "Hey, that was awesome, maybe I CAN do something like that, and wouldn't it be wonderful if next time that was me up there?!"

Remember that while all of our concerts are completely optional in terms of participation, they really are an integral part of music and dance education - so if you weren't ready this time, be on the lookout for the next ones!

Ryan Cullen, Academy Director

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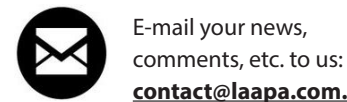


IMPORTANT DATES:

July 1-6
Summer Break

July 8-26
Summer Music & Dance Camps -
River Ridge campus
Mandeville campus

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Welcome to Our New Students who began lessons in June!

Adam H.
Aiden E.
Alejandro (Ollie) F.
Alex T.
Alexander B.
America H.
Ami M.
Anthony R.
Anya T.
Apsara P.
Axl W.
Brooklyn V.
Bruno B.
Camille F.
Carolina H.
Chance H.
Charlie Marie J.
Charlotte J.
(Thanks Zorie G.)
Christian M.
Claire V.
Colette J.
(Thanks Zorie G.)
Colton H.
David S.
David H.
Desmond B.
Dylan G.
Elise M.
Emerson C.
Emerson R.
Emily F.
Emma D.
Erik D.
Ethan L.
Evangeline P.
Everly F.
(Thanks Thien Family)
Hadeer S.
Halston V.
Haven H.
Jack W.
(Thanks Dana M.)
James E.
(Thanks Jenny G.)
Janessa Z.
Jaycee H.
(Thanks Kate B.)
Jeremiah P.
Jhonny Z.
John G.
Jonathan F.
(Thanks Rachel T.)

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Student & Faculty News



River Ridge School of Music & Dance students **Kamiya Collins** and **Victoria Weibelt** (pictured left) recently performed in the Jefferson Performing Arts Society's (JPAS) production of Coppelia! They take ballet with Mrs. Mary. Way to go ladies!

Mandeville School of Music & Dance student **Tristan Kenmar** (pictured below right) earned 5 superior student tickets and got to chose a prize from the treasure chest! Tristan takes piano with Dr. Vera. Great job!

Covington School of Music students **Ansley & Addison Goings** (pictured below) earned 40 superior student tickets and cashed them in for LAAPA T-shirts! Ansley takes ukulele with Mr. Peter and Addison takes piano with Mr. Gary. Keep up the great work girls!



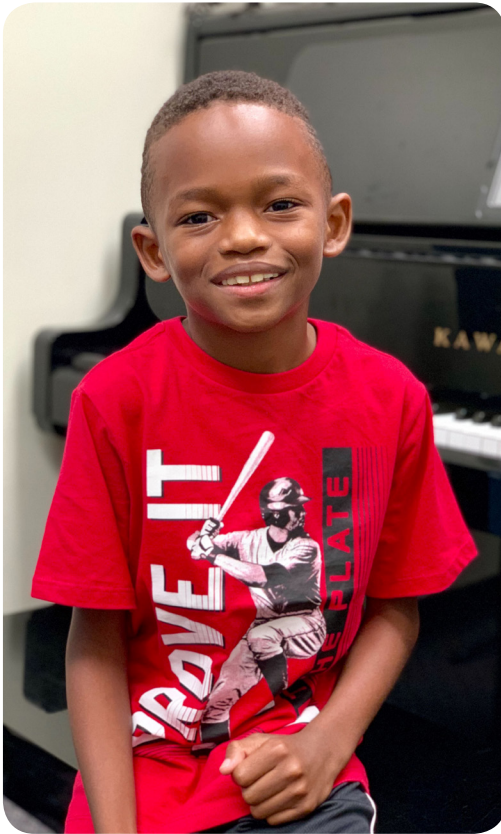
Piano and Voice instructor, **Ms. Lizz** (pictured right) will be performing on the center stage at the Super Dome during the upcoming Essence Festival on July 7th at 4:20 PM. She will also be performing at the New Orleans Jazz Museum on August 9th at 2:00 PM. Ms. Lizz performs under her artist name: Saint Mercedes.



Congratulations to Mandeville student, **Liam McCauley** (pictured left with Academy Director, Ryan Cullen) - 2019 Hall of Fame Award Recipient. Liam graduated from Lakeshore High this past May. Over the course of his 10 years at LAAPA, Liam has studied programs such as Guitar, Saxophone, Jazz Band, Rock/Pop Band, Voice and Summer Camp. Liam is an active participant of the LMEA Honor Jazz Band for District IX and All State. He was awarded honors such as Most Outstanding Sophomore 2016-2017, the Arion Award for band in 2017-2018 and was recently honored with the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award in April 2019. Liam has received many academic scholarships and will be attending LSU in the fall, double-majoring in Chemical Engineering and Business and minoring in Jazz Music Studies.

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Student of the Month - Sheldon Bailey



River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, **Sheldon Bailey**, takes voice 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 are you taking and who is your teacher?

"I take voice lessons with Ms. Hannah."

How long have you been taking lessons with us?

"I've been taking lessons for one year."

What is your favorite genre of music to listen to / who is your favorite artist?

"My favorite music to listen to is Christian Hip-Hop and Toby Mac."

What is your favorite part about taking lessons?

"My favorite part about my lessons is hearing myself get better over time. I also enjoy listening to my favorite songs each week."

What are your other interests/hobbies?

"I love basketball, video games, and helping with cooking."

What do you want to be when you grow up?

"I want to be a construction worker, a lawyer, and a YouTuber!"

(Parent) What made you choose LAAPA?

"We chose LAAPA because of the convenience, the structure and organization, and because of the friendly staff."

Student Shout Outs!

"I'm liking lessons here! Johnny gives me the space and time I need to grow. He keeps me engaged throughout the week, and I am seeing progress!"

~ **Ajay N.**

"Emma is loving it here! She says nothing but good things. She is enjoying ballet and Mrs. Mary."

~ **Monoc family**

"Lucas loves his lessons! We're really glad we decided to take lessons at this school."

~ **Balderach family**

Welcome New Students (continued)!

Josef S., Joseph A., Julia C., Julianna F., Justin H., Kelsey W., Kennedi B., Kinsley F., Klaire E., Layton W., Levi C., Linda B., Madelyn F. (Thanks Chris T.), Madison P., Mary Ella R., Matthew T., Mia T., Michael Y., Mike F. (Thanks Chris T.), Molly B., Nassrin M., Natalya B., Perrin T., Preston L., Raul B., Rileigh C., Roman H., Rowan V. (Thanks Hayes S.), Ryan T., Sam D., Sanvi P., Saylor M., Sebastian R. (Thanks Hendrix R.), Shelby M., Skarleth C., Sophia I., Stephanie B., Taylor B., Teresa C., Todd F. (Thanks Chris T.), Victoria T.

Happy July Birthdays!

(Students) Abigail L. (6), Adalyn J. (8), Alejandro (Ollie) F. (15), Alexis N. (10), Alissyn H. (41), Amelie W. (4), Angelina W. (10), Audrey M. (6), Braelynn M. (12), Brailynn B. (7), Brinn M. (7), Bronson B. (7), Brooks B. (7), Caleb B. (6), Chloe C. (8), Chloe N. (8), Christy H. (13), Colton H. (16), Cooper D. (13), Daniel W. (6), David H. (12), Devin I. (12), Donna H. (57), Dylan G. (4), Eddie B. (46), Elivette W. (6), Eric Q. (11), Ethan C. (11), Ethan L. (4), Evelyn R. (4), Frankie W. (31), Fynnlei D. (2), Gabby R. (13), Gavin M. (12), Genesis P. (12), George C. (65), George G. Jr. (10), Gerardo E. (9), Grace B. (9), Gracyn D. (13), Grayson B. (10), Hannah P. (13), Harmony J. (8), Harrison E. (12), Holly B. (12), Isaac P. (12), Isaac R. (9), Jack T. (15), Jacob H. (11), Jahreik K. (5), Jamie H. (16), Jax E. (8), Jaylen C. (8), Jeremiah C. (8), Jeremiah P. (11), Joel S. (9), Josef S. (13), Kayla E. (16), Kyla A. (11), Landry C. (11), Laura L. (14), Lauren S. (28), Layla G. (4), Leah M. (4), Leah Z. (12), Levi C. (7), Liam V. (10), Logan G. (7), Lucille C. (5), Malena N. (8), Marie C. (15), Marietta H. (65), Mason P. (9), Matthew T. (3), Mia S. (5), Michael Y. (3), Nathan J. (9), Norah F. (6), Oliver T. (6), Pamela K. (64), Paris L. (8), Payton B. (11), Remy M. (11), RJ H. (21), Rosalie C. (6), Ryleigh R. (10), Sachi A. (15), Samantha T. (7), Savannah M. (2), Saylor M. (4), Seth H. (19), Shelby B. (9), Silas W. (7), Sofia M. (7), Sofia S. (13), Sophia B. (14), Suzan K. (66), Tucker H. (8), Zachary F. (16), Zane D. (6), Zoë B. (8)

(Faculty/Staff) Candice M., Carolyn R., Claire P., Jeanette P., Johnny L., Mirka J., Molly F., Rick T., Robin W., Woody L.

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Mandeville School of Music & Dance
Hip-Hop II students were all smiles during their show last month!

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