

LAAPANOTES



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 <https://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). Tickets are only sold through EventBrite. To purchase, go to [events.laapa.com](https://www.laapa.com/events.laapa.com).

- 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 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 <https://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 Mandeville & River Ridge Schools of Music & Dance will have a full dress rehearsal (see your Recital letter for times) June 23 and 30 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 only available in advance of our concerts during our School Picture Days on June 2 & June 9 this year. Please sign up with the front desk to reserve your photography timeslot.

- 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 bring only children 4 years of age or older (unless they are in the program).

- We will be live streaming our music concerts at <https://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 and didn't already reserve one when signing up for the recital, just go to: <https://laapa.com/get-video>.

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 consecutive 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 2 & 9

Spring Picture Days

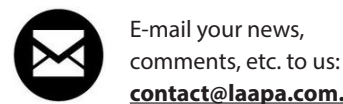
June 22-23

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Welcome to Our New Students who began lessons in May!

Alexander S.

Amelia C.

Andy A.

Anthony H. Jr.

Avery P.

Brady R.

Brian T.

(Thanks Vu Family)

Bronson B.

Caleb B.

Camila A.

Claire A.

Cleounsee W.

Cole S.

Dr. Gary A.

Duyen T.

(Thanks Vu Family)

Eleanor R.

Ella L.

Emily Q.

Emmé B.

(Thanks Brooks B.)

Emmy T.

Eric Q.

Eugene M.

Frankie W.

Gabrielle G.

Gregory O.

Hannah J.

Hayes S.

Ivana A.

Japheth O.

(Thanks Chris T.)

Jayden B.

John Thomas A.

Joseph L.

Julia D.

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

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Student News



River Ridge School of Music & Dance students **Kayla Nelson** and **Lathanial Green, Jr.** (pictured left) recently participated in the Mid-South Student Convention in Clinton, MS. Lathanial won 1st Place in the Male Piano Solo and 3rd Place in the Male Vocal Solo categories! Together, Kayla and Lathanial won 2nd Place in the Mixed Duet category and the Dramatic Dialogue category! Kayla takes voice lessons with Ms. Elizabeth Lathanial takes piano lessons with Ms. Gracie and drum lessons with Ms. Layla. Fantastic work and congratulations!

Mandeville School of Music & Dance student **Mary Dickens** recently played the role of Genie in her school's Aladdin play. Mary takes voice lessons with Ms. Alexandra and has been a student at LAAPA since 2016! Great work, Mary!

Covington School of Music preschool music students **Mason Thibodeaux** and **Mariam Ahmed** (pictured right) got to cash in their tickets for these fun treasure chest prizes.

Former River Ridge School of Music & Dance student **Savannah Kornegay** recently graduated as Cum Lauda from her high school with a weighted GPA of 4.1 and is headed off to ULL in the Fall. Over this past year, Savannah has received a choir scholarship from ULL totaling \$18,400, the Rodney Lafon performing arts scholarship for \$2,000, the John Philip Sousa award for band with a \$500 scholarship and a \$900 academic scholarship. Savannah took voice lessons with Ms. Jessica. Congratulations on all of your accomplishments, Savannah!

River Ridge School of Music & Dance student **Rexton Obenschain** (pictured right) and his father Richard, recently recorded a new album entitled "Port of New Orleans." Rexton takes piano lessons with Ms. Elizabeth and practices everyday. Great job Rexton!



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Students of the Month - The DePino Family



Covington School of Music students, **Bryce, Brianna, Benjamin, and Bella DePino**, take music 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 are you taking and who is your teacher?

Bryce & Brianna: "Piano with Ms. Bethany." **Benjamin:** "Guitar with Mr. Ben." **Bella:** "Piano with Dr. Vera."

How long have you been taking lessons with us:

Bryce: "Almost 5 years." **Brianna:** "3.5 years." **Benjamin:** "2 years." **Bella:** "1 year."

What kind of music do you like to listen to?

Bryce: "Movie sound-tracks—esp. Pirates of the Caribbean." **Brianna:** "Disney." **Benjamin:** "Jazz." **Bella:** "My favorite song is "Let It Go" with Elsa and Anna."

What is your favorite part of the lesson each week?

Bryce: "Learning new things." **Brianna & Benjamin:** "Learning new songs!" **Bella:** "Coloring the worksheets!"

What do you enjoy practicing each week?

Bryce: "I like practicing so I get better." **Brianna & Benjamin:** "Practicing all of my new songs!" **Bella:** "My recital song."

What are your other interests/hobbies?

Bryce & Benjamin: "I like football and soccer." **Brianna:** "Cheering and Art." **Bella:** "I like to color and draw."

(Grandma)-What made you choose LAAPA?

"We were new to the area, I Google searched music schools online and [LAAPA] popped up. The website was (and is) SO well done, I was so impressed! I called and whoever I spoke to was so nice and helpful. All my questions were answered. Then I feel like I got an affirmation when we saw that there is a crucifix in every room. That was so special and reassuring. Everyone that we speak with at the school is so warm and helpful, it really feels like a family, even though the school is quite large. We really love it here!"

Student Shout Outs!

"I love how Jane Ann knows just how far to push me in our lessons."

~ Jessica Guidry

"Bria is always eager to come to her voice lessons! She loves to sing and has a natural passion and talent for it. She's really loving the breathing techniques that Ms. Gracie taught her!

~ Flynn Family

"Madison is enjoying her lessons and LOVES both Jessica and John Russell! She even enjoys practicing at home and does it often in her free time!"

~ Decker Family

Welcome New Students (continued)!

Kai W., Karen A., Katherine Elaine B., Kennedy M., Krish P., Lauren S., Lena T., Levar L. (Thanks Bailey Family), Lolo L., Maggie T., Martin S., Mike M., Nicolas S., Noah S., Reese M., Robyn T., Ruby M., Samantha P. (Thanks Peggy R.), Samuel K., Sophia R., Sophia S., Steven T. (Thanks Vu Family), Swathi K., Thalia B., Valentina M., Valerie S., Wesley H., Yesica A.

Happy June Birthdays!

(Students) Abby M. (16), Abigail V. (6), Adriene A. (54), Alex M. (19), Alexander (Sasha) F. (16), Alexandra M. (6), Alicia L. (3), Aly V. (8), Anabela A. (11), Angeli B. (10), Anjalie C. (12), Bella P. (12), Brady R. (6), Bria F. (9), Brooke S. (7), Calvin S. (7), Camila P. (5), Camille A. (4), Camille C. (7), Charlie E. (8), Chase P. (6), Chloe Bleu S. (10), Christian S. (12), Christopher M. (10), Cole R. (4), Connor M. (13), Dave V. (8), Delaney G. (12), Delilah E. (5), Donovan B. (12), Dylan B. (12), Dylan S. (13), Eli C. (4), Elijah S. (10), Elijah W. (7), Elliot P. (18), Emily Q. (9), Emma M. (17), Emma R. (17), Ethan S. (14), Evangeline G. (6), Genevieve C. (5), Grace B. (8), Hailey L. (3), Isabella B. (14), Ishana G. (6), Jackson D. (5), Jacob D. (4), Jamia T. (15), Jasmine R. (12), Joseph L. (59), Julia C. (9), Kamiya C. (11), Kayla J. (15), Kenneth P. (5), Kennon R. (11), Kenzington B. (7), Keya P. (6), Khaleb C. (10), Landon B. (13), Lauren C. (13), Levar L. (41), Lila M. (6), Lilly V. (14), Lola H. (6), Mac A. (5), Mackenzie D. (14), Madison L. (17), Mae K. (8), Mathimalar J. (9), Megean S. (35), Michelle B. (33), Nathan J. (9), Nylah M. (4), Oliver S. (10), Owen M. (6), Patrick M. (7), Paxton T. (2), Petra Rose H. (3), Pili C. (51), Race H. (10), Riley P. (9), Rishab P. (12), Roy R. (66), Sanaa L. (4), Sarah A. (13), Sarah S. (10), Sarah-Rose C. (14), Serenity P. (9), Sidon C. (12), Sophia E. (8), Sophie T. (10), Tanner A. (15), Thomas H. (7), Tristan K. (6), Victoria E. (23), Vincent G. (5), Yesica A. (9), Zachary M. (15), Zoe L. (10)

(Faculty/Staff) Carol L., Daniel C., Denise B., Elizabeth D., Hannah G., Jennifer H., Jennifer W., John N., Oleg P., Wanda C.

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(pictured above) Covington School of Music student Lex Lockwood had his very first "big boy" lesson after graduating from Preschool Music.

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