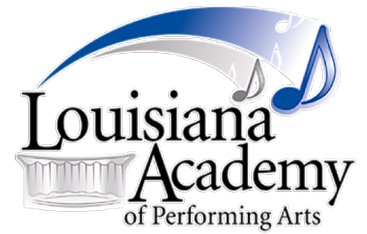


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## Need Something Fun & Creative to Do this Summer?



Dear Parents and Students,

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! I won't lie - it's always hard to say goodbye especially for those of you I've watched get started from the beginning all those years ago. But having the opportunity to watch the culmination of your years of study, hard work, and knowing that music and dance are now an inseparable part of your lives makes up for it. Our senior recital will be held this year on June 8 - 5 PM at the Mandeville campus.

We are also bursting with excitement in anticipation of our 2019 June 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! If your children are anything like mine during the Summer, do they appear out of the blue, arms crossed, staring at you (after you just sat down to relax) and ask, "What can I do?" Do they follow you around the house each day asking you, "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 Kool-Aid 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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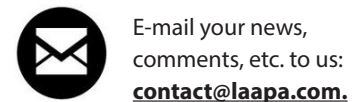
### IMPORTANT DATES:

**May 27**  
Memorial Day - No Lessons

**June 2 & 9**  
Spring Picture Days

**June 22-23 | 29-30**  
Spring Music & Dance Concerts  
*see last month's newsletter for details!*

### CONTACT US:



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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!**

- Adonis A.
- Alicia L.
- Alvin P.
- Amalie J.
- Anthony H.
- Anushree C.
- Avery B.
- (Thanks Corey O.)
- Benjamin C.
- Brigitte E.
- Brooks B.
- (Thanks Dan L.)
- Cameron W.
- (Thanks Steele A.)
- Cashel R.
- (Thanks Mary S.)
- Daniel M.
- (Thanks Johnny L.)
- Eddie B.
- Edith M.
- Emberlee J.
- (Thanks Sophia P.)
- Emma O.
- Emmé B.
- (Thanks Brooks B.)
- Eugene M.
- Grayson B.
- Harmony J.
- Havana B.
- Hayden W.
- Herbert M.
- Isaac M.
- Isabella C.
- Isabella K.
- (Thanks Zoë B.)
- Jack C.
- (Thanks Sands Family)
- Jamia T.
- Jasmine R.
- Johnson D.
- Jonah U.
- Jonathan T.
- Jonathan K.
- Joskar C.
- Julia P.
- (Thanks Ben H.)
- Julia P.
- Juliet S.
- Justin A.
- Kyle K.
- Lauren M.
- Liam R.
- Lila C.

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**Student News**



Mandeville School of Music & Dance student, **Addison Fitzmorris** (pictured left), recently competed in a dance competition at her school and won the Tap portion! She takes piano, voice, and musical theater lessons with Mrs. Rebecca and Mrs. Mary. Great work, Addison!



River Ridge School of Music & Dance ballet student, **Victoria Wiebelt** (pictured below right), qualified for Nationals and won 3rd Place in the finals for the History/ Academic Bee. Fantastic!

Mandeville School of Music & Dance student, **Hannah Sutton** (pictured left) saved up her superior tickets and got this awesome recorder! She takes Violin with Mrs. Catherine. Way to go, Hannah!



Covington School of Music student, **Miley Farrell** (pictured right), has completed not 1, but 2 of her piano books! Mrs. Haydee is so proud of you Miley. Great job!



**Have News to Share? E-mail your news to [studentnews@laapa.com](mailto:studentnews@laapa.com)!  
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**Don't Lose Your Lesson or Class Time this Fall!**

**Each Summer we are asked numerous questions such as "Do Lessons Stop?" "Can I keep my same lesson or class time in the Fall 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 of 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**

- Alexandra
- Autumn
- Bethany
- Candice
- Carolyn
- Chris H.
- Dan
- Dr. Vera
- Elizabeth
- Gary
- Grace
- Hannah
- Haydee
- Jane Ann
- Jennifer H.
- Jennifer W.
- Jessica
- Kadi
- Lisa
- Mirka
- Rebecca
- Russell

**GUITAR/BANJO/UKE**

- Ben
- Bill
- Chris H.
- Chris T.
- Dr. Kari
- Gary
- Joel

- KC
- Peter
- Rick
- Ryan T.
- Woody

**DRUM**

- Ben
- Chris H.
- Chris T.
- DeMarcus
- Johnny
- KC
- Layla
- Ryan T.
- Sean

**VIOLIN**

- Catherine
- Denise
- Dr. Vera
- John N.

**BRASS/WIND**

- Dr. Mark

**DANCE**

- Audra
- Mary
- Megan

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

# Student of the Month - Miguel D'Elia



**Mandeville School of Music & Dance** student, **Miguel D'Elia**, takes guitar 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?**

"I have been going to LAAPA for 10 years off and on, beginning with Kindermusik classes, piano and drum classes. But I have been really serious about guitar for the last 3 years. Ben Hurst has been my teacher for much of my time with LAAPA. I love playing my guitar. Ben's patience and knowledge brings the best out of me."

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

"Mostly, I like playing psychedelic blues & 2000's alternative rock."

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

"My favorite musician is Jimi Hendrix, but I also like Bob Dylan. I have a few favorite bands: the Beatles, the Who, Owl City, All American Rejects and Coldplay."

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

"My hope is to be a musician. It would be so great to have a job I love."

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

"I love my lessons. It's a cozy place for me to be, I really look forward to just playing and learning new songs. Everybody is so easy going. Mr. Ben is awesome."

**What made you choose LAAPA?**

"It's the best place for the arts. The best people, best atmosphere and it's a place you can never outgrow. I was a little boy when I first fell in love with music, now I'm a teen and it just gets better. Thanks Ben! Thanks LAAPA!"

### Student Shout Outs!

"Julia absolutely loves guitar lessons and she loves Mr. Gary! She is growing and coming out of her shell."

We are so thrilled!  
~Maestri Family

"Vivian loves her lessons and her teacher, Ms. Hannah! We are very impressed with how much she has learned so quickly."

~Arana Family

"Franki LOVES her lessons with Mr. DeMarcus! She loves sharing knowledge of what she's working on with us!"

~Dallman Family

## Welcome New Students (continued)!

Linden B., Lola H., Mac A., Malena N., Marley A., Mary B., Matias L., Max A., Maya S., Mia P., Nicholas B., Parker T., Patricia S., Quincy S., Rachel M., Ritha A., Ruby M., Serenity P., Skylar H., Sophia R., Tanner A., Zayyan J., Zoë B., Zoie R., Zorie G.

**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. (17), Abby D. (13), Abel G. (7), Abigail N. (11), Adam S. (9), Anabel V. (7), Annie F. (16), Ariana A. (16), Arnas M. (6), Aubrey R. (26), Aurelia R. (8), Bailey R. (11), Benjamin B. (10), Bentley C. (11), Brady D. (11), Charlie M. (9), Cody C. (15), Colby M. (18), Donald D. (53), Eli V. (9), Elliana T. (5), Emma D. (18), Eevee P. (8), Faye F. (13), Gabriel N. (5), Greyson P. (7), Gwendolyn R. (5), Harmony S. (6), Hayden D. (9), Hayden W. (13), Hazel H. (9), Helen B. (7), India J. (8), Iris B. (7), Isabella E. (11), Isabella M. (12), Jaelyn J. (12), Jake F. (12), Jake T. (13), Jonathan K. (12), Joseph S. (8), Julie D. (39), Kadence S. (10), Kayla G. (6), Kelin B. (14), Lainey L. (12), Larson G. (10), Laura B. (5), Lauren C. (22), Laurent D. (30), Leana K. (8), Lena Z. (9), Lex L. (3), Liam R. (9), Matthew G. (13), Max A. (16), Mia M. (10), Myles B. (11), Norah T. (5), Opal C. (16), Paloma P. (13), Peyton C. (12), Riley S. (12), Sameen H. (14), Samuel S. (13), Savannah K. (18), Seth F. (12), Shagun A. (10), Sheldon B. (9), Sophia P. (4), Sydni G. (10), Tristan T. (10), Vivian M. (10), Xenia T. (8), Xianglong W. (27), Zachary S. (10)

**(Faculty & Staff)** Audra A., Bradley B., Gary R., Joshua S., Peter H., Rachel T.

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(pictured above) Mrs. Jessica's and Mrs. Mary's Musical Theater class in River Ridge working on Mary Poppins!

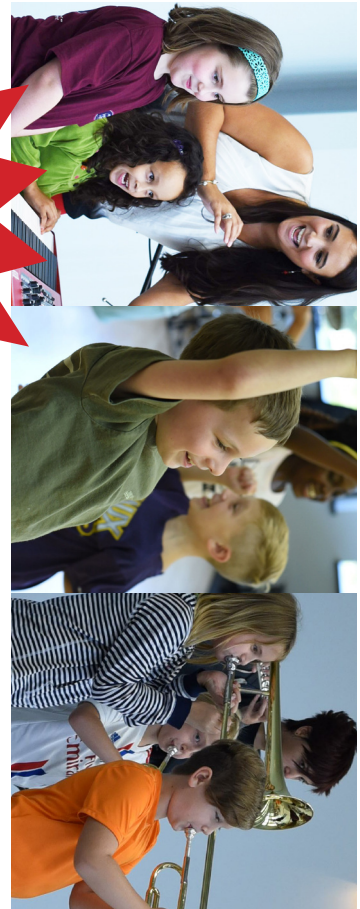
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