

# LAAPANOTES



## The Most Important Part of Music & Dance Lessons



Dear Parents and Students - Happy New Year!

As we begin this New Year, I wanted to take a moment to congratulate and thank all of our students, parents, faculty, and staff once again for 13 outstanding Christmas Performances. The programs were all incredibly diverse! In addition to the solo performances by our music students (piano, voice, violin, guitar, drums, bass, clarinet, flute, trumpet, saxophone, and more!), we also had our preschool music classes perform as well as so many exciting duet, trio, quartet, and ensemble performances. Our dance faculty and students put on a fantastic production of Mrs. Mary's original Christmas show, "Santa's Christmas Adventure!"

If you haven't already ordered your photos, links to the photographer websites have been posted at <https://www.laapa.com/current-students/photos>. Please contact the photographers directly with regard to orders.

I wanted to share a brief summary from a video that I sent to our faculty following our concerts which I feel highlights our mission beyond providing the best music and dance training here in New Orleans: "Faculty - thank all of you so much for everything and just being there for your students and taking the time to care about them and their success. Whether or not they had an incredible performance or hit a few clunkers is not always the most important thing. Music and Dance are more important today than ever before because of the cognitive, physical, creative, and emotional outlets that they provide in a tumultuous world! What really matters is how they have grown as people as the result of their training and having you in their lives. What have they gained and how are they stronger?..."

Also, I just wanted to thank all who were able to support the Teresian Mission during our concerts. Not only did we fill our trailer to the brim twice with gifts, clothes, supplies and more, but we also raised over \$3,900 in cash donations! Sisters Dolores, Angelus and all of the Teresian sisters were so grateful and excited for all the families that they will be able to minister to this year because of your generosity and support!

Now that the new year is here, it's time to put down the ham, eggnog, and fudge and get back to music and dance lessons! It's been a bit too quiet here over the break and we can't wait to see our students again!

Did someone in your family get a new instrument for Christmas? Or are they ready to get started in dance or singing? Perhaps you're a current student and have been thinking of starting a new music or dance program this year? The New Year is full of possibilities and is a popular time to get started and join in the fun here at LAAPA!

We offer lessons for kids, teens, and adults in just about any area of music and dance! Call us today for more information on how you can MAKE 2019 the YEAR YOU learn to PLAY, DANCE, or SING!

So thanks so much for an awesome 2018, and here's to an even better 2019! LAAPAFEST, our annual music festival will be here before you know it. More on that next edition!

Happy New Year,  
Ryan Cullen, Academy Director

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### IMPORTANT DATES:

#### March 16

LAAPAFEST - Covington

#### March 23

LAAPAFEST - Mandeville

#### March 30

LAAPAFEST - River Ridge

### CONTACT US:



E-mail your news, comments, etc. to us:  
[contact@laapa.com](mailto:contact@laapa.com).

"Providing students of all ages with the education, inspiration, & motivation conducive to a lifetime appreciation for the performing arts since 1978."

### REGISTER NOW FOR THE NEW YEAR!

It's Easy to Get Started in Music Lessons and Dance Classes!  
Call/Text 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 December!

Aimme R.  
 Arinna L.  
 Audrey M.  
 Beverly S.  
 Briley Shea B.  
 Carlos A.  
 Darlene F.  
 Ellie K.  
 Finley G.  
 Frankie R.  
 Hannah J.  
 Hazel L.  
 Hope C.  
 Hulon (Trey) N.  
 Jacob J.  
 Jamie H.  
 Jeanine G.  
 Jonathan T.  
 Joshua S.  
 Kembell P.  
 Kieara B.  
 (Thanks Chris T.)  
 Kiley M.  
 Kyla K.  
 (Thanks Claire P.)  
 Landyn G.  
 Linda C.  
 Lizbeth G.  
 (Thanks Brooks G.)  
 Maria P.  
 MayLan D.  
 Naomi G.  
 Nora T.  
 Tara D.  
 Zane D.

**It's a pleasure to have you all joining us and we look forward to helping you achieve all of your goals!**

## Student News



Mandeville School of Music & Dance piano student, **Amelia Rick**, earned 5 superior student tickets and traded them in for this pretty princess necklace! She is pictured left with instructor Dr. Vera. Fantastic job!

River Ridge School of Music and Dance Ballet III students, **Victoria Wiebelt**, **Mia Wetmore**, and **Sophia Hogan**, were recently fitted for their ballet Pointe shoes! They are pictured below left with their instructors Mrs. Mary Shaffo and Ms. Audra Allen. Fabulous work ladies and congratulations!

River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, **Elise Lipari** (pictured below right), saved up 10 superior student tickets and turned them in for an awesome inflatable crab koozie! Great work Elise!



**Have News to Share? E-mail your news to [studentnews@laapa.com](mailto:studentnews@laapa.com)!**  
**Connect with us on Facebook at [facebook.com/laapaface](https://www.facebook.com/laapaface)**

## Happy January Birthdays!

**(Students):** Abbey C. (5), Abigail D. (10), Adele M. (7), Akshara M. (11), Alexander O. (10), Alicia R. (9), Alina M. (14), Aliyah B. (10), Alyssa S. (17), Amelia S. (11), Andrew B. (58), Annie W. (7), Anup K. (44), Armani G. (8), Benjamin H. (8), Brayden B. (11), Brayleigh B. (5), Brooklynn B. (13), Caleb B. (22), Carmen V. (11), Cassius I. (4), Catie P. (13), Cayden D. (8), Cecilia V. (12), Charlotte H. (5), Chris E. (46), Christopher G. (17), Christopher S. (5), Claire W. (5), Cohen M. (7), Colette B. (12), Connor A. (12), Demetrius P. (6), Di'Ayren M. (8), Dominick L. (12), Eli F. (8), Eli W. (8), Elizabeth D. (8), Emma S. (4), Evelyn O. (13), Giovanni B. (5), Giovanni P. (5), Hannah J. (5), Hannah S. (12), Hannah V. (16), Hendrix C. (6), Holly S. (11), Jack F. (8), Jackie H. (69), Jackson B. (10), Jacob L. (16), James P. (17), Joan L. (75), Jordan S. (9), Joseph M. (14), Joshua L. (4), Joshua S. (9), Jude S. (12), Julia P. (15), Julie M. (11), Juliette B. (3), Kayla N. (15), Layla K. (4), Lyla M. (6), Maggie M. (15), Matthew B. (10), Mettah M. (7), Michelle D. (10), Nevaeh A. (7), Noelle C. (9), Patrick C. (12), Peyton B. (13), Peyton K. (11), Rasheeka B. (35), Reese B. (7), Rhea S. (6), Ridhaan D. (9), Sarah L. (40), Sean K. (3), Siena S. (2), Siya P. (7), Skip P. (70), Sophia H. (12), Sophia H. (7), Teresa C. (15), Tristyn W. (9), Walker M. (9), Zachary D. (16), Zayda J. (11)

**(Faculty/Staff):** Gabriel P., Grace J., Joel R., Lonica H., Mary S.

## Student of the Month - Alana Ehrlich



**River Ridge School of Music and Dance student, Alana Ehrlich** takes voice lessons here at LAAPA! We recently had a chance to speak with her and learn a little more about her piano lessons and interests!

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

*"I've been taking lessons for about a year now and I love them!"*

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

*"Some of my interests and hobbies other than music would be dancing, swimming, watching TV, and acting."*

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

*"I love to play Pop Music the most; it's my favorite!"*

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

*"I want to be a professional singer!"*

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

*"We chose LAAPA because one of Alana's friends from school, Hannah Coe, was taking lessons here and she referred us to you. We've loved it thus far. Ms. Kadi is great and the way they (LAAPA) have formal performances is a big milestone for the kids and it's run very well."*

### Student Shout Outs!

"Samir loves LAAPA!!! I want to thank Mr. Gary for doing a wonderful job with my son. He is an excellent teacher and I totally recommend him! Best decision to have my son here. Friendly and lovely staff! Thanks guys!"

~ **Walkiria Chong**

"Faith loves her lessons! She really enjoys and looks forward to them. She really likes her teacher, Ms. Elizabeth."

~ **Melanie Lott**

## Fantastic Job to All of Our Student Performers!



**Left:** Student Performers patiently waiting for the show to start at one of our Northshore Music Concerts



**Below:** Some of the cast and crew at dress rehearsal for this year's Christmas Dance Production that took place on December 22nd, "Santa's Christmas Adventure!"

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(pictured above) Mandeville School of Music & Dance students George and Armani Gomez rockin' around the Christmas tree!

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# MUSIC & DANCE LESSONS

**Kids - Teens - Adults**  
Make 2019 the Year YOU Learn to...



**PLAY**



**DANCE**



**SING**

At LAAPA, we offer the most comprehensive Music & Dance Program in the Greater New Orleans area with three campuses located in *Covington, Harahan, and Mandeville*. For over 40 years, we've provided lessons to tens of thousands of students in **Piano, Guitar, Voice, Violin, Drums, Ballet, Hip-Hop, Jazz, Tap, Brass, Woodwind, Bands, Preschool Music, and more!**

**Register Now for the New Year!**

**CALL or GO ONLINE TODAY!**

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*Lesson times are filling up quickly for the new year and we have Limited Availability.*