

LAAPANOTES



Christmas Concerts are Coming - Reserve Your Spot!



It's hard to believe, but Christmas is coming, and so are our 2019 Christmas Productions! We wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with a little more information on what you can expect at our concerts.

Participation in this year's Christmas Recital is open to all students at LAAPA. It's quick and easy to Sign-Up as follows:

Music - <https://laapa.com/xmas>

Dance Show - Registration/Auditions Closed
Sign up by November 8th for guaranteed placement in the concerts!

1.) All music students are invited to perform at the concerts! Even if you just began studying this past September - chances are that you can work with your instructor to perform even a brief piece with the underlying goal of providing you with a positive introduction to the stage!

2.) Our concerts are held in professional auditoriums with full audio / lighting support. Vocalists - you may want to practice holding a pretend microphone in your lessons to simulate your actual on stage performance. If you'd prefer not to hold anything, the other option is leaving the microphone on the stand.

3.) For pianists - you will be performing on a full sized grand piano at the concerts. The piano should feel very similar to our pianos at Laapa. If you require any special sounds (electronic keyboard) - you will need to discuss this with your instructor and possibly bring your

keyboard to use at the concert.

4.) For guitarists - we provide a Fender amp (with plenty of optional effects) and a direct connection to the auditorium's sound system, so there is no need to bring your amplifiers. If you want to dial in some effects, you are welcome to bring a pedal - but please be sure to bring whatever extra patch cables you may need to connect it.

5.) For bass players - we will have a bass amp setup on stage for monitoring.

6.) For drummers - we will have a Yamaha custom acoustic drum set on stage similar to the ones many of you use in your lessons. There is no need to bring any drum equipment (other than your sticks).

7.) All violin, guitar, brass, and woodwind students - please be sure to arrive early to have your instruments tuned by one of the staff members!

8.) There are no tickets to purchase for our Christmas Music Concerts. In lieu of tickets, we ask for donations to a charity that we've been supporting for several years now through the Teresian Sisters. More information on this mission is available at <https://laapa.com/mission>. Tickets for our Dance Christmas Show are available for purchase at the Front Desk.

9.) When you arrive at the concert, be sure to pick up a program in the auditorium lobby. You may then proceed to the front of the auditorium for pictures and/or to see one of our staff members who will be seating the students in the order of the program. Seating for parents and guests is all on a first come, first served basis.

10.) Each concert will typically last up to 1 1/2 hours. We recommend that you budget a full 2 hours to be on the safe side. We ask that you be prepared to remain for the full concert. Students who leave early will miss out on our group photographs which get sent to the local newspapers and hung in our schools and published on our website.

We look forward to seeing you all on stage!

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE:



IMPORTANT DATES:

November 26-29

Thanksgiving Break - No Lessons

November 24 at 4 PM

Free Concert - Dr. Vera Zholondz and Anton Zholondz

December 14-15, 20-22

Christmas Concerts & Dance Show

CONTACT US:



E-mail your news, comments, etc. to us: contact@laapa.com.

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REGISTER NOW FOR THE FALL!

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 October!

Aaliyah B.
Abigail B.
Addison M.
Andrew S.
Anita R.
Anne Marie M.
Aria C.
Aries P.
Audrey B.
Baylie B.
Belle O.
Bonnie S.
Camryn P.
Clara R.
(Thanks Dawn H.)
Connor W.
Elijah A.
Elizabeth P.
Emilio G.
Emily S.
Emma D.
Evan J.
Faith B.
Faith D.
Gabriel T.
Harmony S.
Harrison S.
Harrison M.
(Thanks Carson T.)
Hazel M.
Hugo B.
Isabella M.
Isabella C.
Issac P.
Ivan S.
Jacob W.
Jaiden G.
Jason S.
Joel C.
Karsyn M.
(Thanks Penny M.)
Keira L.
Khunnie O.
Liam N.
Liliana B.
Liz B.
Lola M.
Madelyn H.
Makenzie L.
Maria M.
(Thanks Mirma M.)

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Student & Faculty News

Mandeville School of Music & Dance student **Logann Leonard** (pictured right) made the LMEA (Louisiana Music Educators' Association) Women's All State Choir! Logann has been a student with us since 2017 and currently takes piano and voice lessons with Mrs. Angelia. Way to go, Logann!



Congratulations to River Ridge School of Music & Dance students **Jaelyn Jarrel, Melody Dunn, Samantha Saucedo, Maya Bourgeois, Kamiya Collins, Mia Sayyad, and Izabella Listi** for taking part in a movie that was recently shown during NOLA Film Fest! The movie, Troop Zero, was filmed last year and choreographed by former dance chair, Mrs. Mary Shaffo. Great work!



LAAPA instructor, **Dr. Vera Zholondz** and her brother, **Anton Zholondz** (pictured above), will be performing a concert at the Mandeville School of Music & Dance on November 24th at 4:00 PM. They will be performing Tango music by Astor Piazzolla, Argentine composer of the 20th Century. This concert will be roughly 45 minutes in length. It is free and open to the public!

Mandeville School of Music & Dance student, **James Plaisance** (pictured above), made the All-State Jazz Ensemble again this year! He has also been invited to perform at the prestigious Midwest Clinic in Chicago this December. James takes woodwind lessons with Dr. Mark and has been with LAAPA since 2010. James is a senior this year and has a great future ahead! Way to go, James!

Have News to Share? E-mail your news to studentnews@laapa.com!
Connect with us on Facebook at facebook.com/laapaface

Happy November Birthdays!

(Students): Addison F. (11), Adrian E. (9), AJ D. (13), Alex G. (16), Alex S. (10), Alexandra M. (12), Alivia S. (17), Alyson A. (5), Amelia R. (5), Andrew F. (12), Angela A. (5), Arran C. (10), Aurora H. (8), Axl W. (3), Bailey H. (12), Baylie B. (13), Benjamin D. (11), Brennan B. (6), Bria B. (6), Bruno B. (4), Bryanna S. (7), Callie B. (10), Caroline G. (3), Carson T. (12), Christa R. (11), Claire A. (9), Claire S. (15), Colson L. (16), Cristian A. (13), Damia G. (4), Daniel M. (25), Daniel M. (43), David M. (14), Demi H. (17), Dracos M. (2), Easton N. (5), Elijah A. (5), Elise M. (33), Elise S. (8), Emary S. (9), Emely J. (4), Erika D. (9), Ethan K. (10), Ezra H. (13), Faith D. (13), Faris E. (13), Frankie D. (14), Jace K. (11), Jacob C. (8), Jacques B. (9), James E. (9), Jason S. (48), Jayden Rose M. (6), Jesse P. (3), Jessica Q. (4), John Thomas A. (9), Jon D. (8), Justin A. (10), Kathleen G. (12), Kayla M. (9), Kendall (11), Khunnie O. (7), Kimberly A. (15), Kinlee K. (10), Kinsley F. (12), Krish P. (5), Lailah D. (7), Layla B. (11), Lena C. (3), Liam B. (8), Logan M. (10), Lucy C. (10), Lyla H. (5), Madison A. (5), Madison P. (6), Makayla B. (8), Mallorie C. (8), Maria A. (8), Maro Luc H. (10), Masonne G. (8), Matias L. (10), Matt H. (27), Max O. (8), Michael M. (8), Miguel D. (17), Mira R. (5), Mollie H. (5), Nathan C. (10), Nikolas P. (6), Noah A. (12), Olivia S. (7), Owen T. (6), Parker P. (8), Patrick T. (18), Penny W. (12), Phoebe S. (10), Prisca L. (11), Rafaela N. (9), Reece H. (12), Rennae W. (36), Rob S. (47), Ryan T. (9), Shaan P. (7), Shayne B. (48), Shea S. (17), Shelby M. (10), Sofia S. (11), Sophia C. (7), Stephen M. (7), Tatum C. (16), Taylor C. (24), Thanvi S. (11), Theomie W. (8), Thor K. (5), Valerie M. (18), Vedant R. (9), Victoria P. (4), Zacha S. (6), Zoey H. (8)

(Faculty): Andrew M., Angie G., Brian B., Chris D., Chris H., Jacob S., Ryan T.

Students of the Month - Justin & Lindsey Angelloz



Mandeville School of Music & Dance students, **Justin & Lindsey Angelloz**, take 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?

J: "I take piano lessons with Ms. Marissa."

L: "I take ballet lessons with Ms. Desiree."

What kind of music do you like to listen to?

J: "Lots of my favorite songs are from movie soundtracks!"

L: "I like pop, country, and Disney songs!"

What is your favorite part about lessons each week?

J: "I like to come and perform what I have practiced during the week and I feel proud of my efforts when I receive a new assignment!"

L: "I love when we take turns to perform our leaps across the studio! My favorite one is the Grand Jeté."

What are your other interests/hobbies outside of music and dance?

J: "I like reading, swimming, playing games, and spending time with my family."

L: "I like reading, coloring, puzzles, and watching movies with my family!"

(Parent) What made you choose LAAPA?

"LAAPA is a great music and dance school with awesome, experienced teachers. The environment is very professional and the staff is always very friendly!"

Student Shout Outs!

"Petra loves her preschool music classes! I'd have to say her favorite part is drum time. We even bought her a set to practice on at home!"

~ **Hernandez Family**

"I love lessons with Mr. Chris H.! He's awesome and such a good teacher. His overall teaching approach is the best part!"

~ **Donald D.**

"Max loves both the teachers. He likes how Dr. Mark will play piano with him, and they have a great connection! He's really happy to be in the jazz band, as that's what he really wants to do."

~ **Armijo Family**

Welcome to Our Newest Students (continued)

Mason J. (Thanks Candace W.), Meghan P., Mesiye S., Mickey W., Mollie H., Penelope W., Rob S., Rose S., Sofia S., Sophia M., Sutton T., Tadd M., Todd W., Tori L., Tristan M., Vincent G.

New Daytime Dance & Music Classes!

We are now offering daytime dance & music classes! If you're looking to get yourself, a home-schooled student, or your little one involved, we may have a class for you!

River Ridge Daytime Dance Classes:

Parent & Tot (ages 18 months to 3 years) - Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00-9:45 AM

Adult Ballet - Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:00-11:00 AM

Mandeville Daytime Dance Classes:

Parent & Tot (ages 18 months to 3 years) - Tuesdays, 9:00-9:45 AM

Pre-Ballet (ages 4 to 6 years) - Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00 AM

Hip Hop I (ages 5 to 8 years) - Thursdays, 10:00-11:00 AM

Adult Ballet - Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11:00-12:00 PM

Please call for music lesson availability.



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(pictured above) Mandeville Parent and Tot students had a blast dressing up and "trick-or-treating" at the studio during Bring a Friend Week!

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