

LAAPANOTES



Creating the Best Music & Dance Educational Experience



On August 29, our entire faculty and staff came together to meet at the Elwood J. Dufour Performance Hall on the campus of the Mandeville School of Music & Dance to learn about what's new at LAAPA this school year! We wanted to share just a few highlights to demonstrate how committed our Faculty/Staff are to providing a truly unrivaled and first class music and dance education here in the Greater New Orleans area.

Ryan Cullen, Academy Director, opened the meeting and shared what's new with LAAPA this year and discussed how all faculty and staff can take the experiences we provide for our students and families to the next level! His biggest news this year was our transition to a new lesson scheduling platform called My Music Staff. Cullen said, "The new software is light years ahead of our previous system, and teachers, students, and parents are now able to access their schedules, mark themselves absent, schedule a makeup workshop, add and email practice notes, add/download/review digital lesson PDF, video content, and more all in one place!" Students and parents may login at student.laapa.com.

It's also important to note that because this new system can accomplish everything that LessonMate was previously handling, your old LessonMate account will be discontinued by the middle of this month (around October 15). We encourage students, teachers, and parents to download anything they would like to save prior to that date!

If you haven't yet received your login credentials to the new My Music Staff system, please reach out to the front desk and we will be happy to get you all set up!

Finally, Mr. Cullen also took some time to discuss LAAPA's

unique "8 point plan" for a great lesson/class every week which specifically outlined the areas that need to be a part of each lesson for maximum student engagement and progress. A major part of this plan is ensuring that the lesson content and goals are relevant to the goals and interests of the student. At LAAPA, our mission is to impart a lasting joy of music and dance within our students, so it's of the utmost importance that our students are able to work on the kinds of music and dance that they are interested in.

One of the most frequently asked questions we receive from new prospective students is, "How long does it take to be able to play this song or perform this choreography?"

Our answer is always to think about music and dance as a language - your vocabulary and skill grow with time and your own pursuit of growth. That being said, one of the key talents of our faculty members is their ability to offer new beginners simplified arrangements of some of their favorite music/choreography so that they are able to have fun while remaining motivated to practice and build their technique to learn the full version(s).

Finally, special thanks go out to Faculty members Mrs. Carolyn Russell, Mrs. Jennifer White, Mrs. Rebecca Posey, Dr. Vera Zholondz, Ms. Desiree Wardsworth, and Mrs. Mary Shaffo who all presented special training workshops for our team which included "Leadership in Teaching", "Student Retention", and "Perfect Pitch for Vocalists and Instrumentalists."

Thanks to all of our faculty and staff at LAAPA - it's a privilege to work with the most devoted and talented educators and staff in the area!

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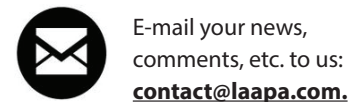


IMPORTANT DATES:

October 25-31
Bring a Friend/Wear Your Halloween Costumes to class!

October 31 - Halloween
Open for Classes!

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River Ridge - (504) 738-3050

Welcome to Our New Students who began lessons in September!

Abigail W.
Adam Q.
A'Dara B.
Aimme R.
Aliyah S.
Ally P.
Annabel T.
Anthony H.
Aubrey J.
Ava H.
Avilys S.
Benny P.
Brooklyn C.
Bryanna S.
(Thanks Valerie S.)
Cailu J.
Caleb E.
Casey E.
Charleigh L.
(Thanks Tasha W.)
Cheznie G.
Christian P.
Christina I.
(Thanks Cashel R.)
Clark T.
Cole M.
(Thanks Carson T.)
Colson L.
(Thanks Tanya B.)
Dan M.
David M.
Eleanor B.
(Thanks Elaine F.)
Elise M.
Ella G.
Emma L.
Emma-Lee C.
Ethan K.
Frank H.
Gabby H.
Gabriel C.
(Thanks Jonathan B.)
Gabriel C.
(Thanks Daniel M.)
Genevieve B.
Gisselle W.
Isabel B.
(Thanks Anna P.)
Jackson C.
Jane S.
Jazlie-Ann C.
Jessica D.
Kayla M.
Kayleigh G.
Lauren G.
(Thanks Cashel R.)
Laurie B.
(Thanks Cashel R.)

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Student & Faculty News



River Ridge School of Music & Dance ballet student, **Linda Calderon** will be performing in the Jefferson Parish Arts Society's production of the Nutcracker on December 21st and 22nd. Congratulations Linda!

LAAPA voice and piano instructor, **Mr. Enrico** (pictured right), will be performing in the Jefferson Parish Arts Society's production of Annie in December. Tickets are on sale now! Mr. Enrico teaches at our Mandeville and Covington campuses.

River Ridge School of Music & Dance piano and voice student, **Angelina Williams** (pictured left) was recently nominated for Student of the Year at her school. Angelina takes lessons with Mrs. Lisa and Mrs. Kadi. She's been a student at LAAPA since 2015. Way to go, Angelina! We are so very proud of you!



With the Holidays approaching, your recording will make a great gift for Family and Friends! Our **recording studio** is located at the Mandeville campus and features a 32 track ProTools system, 4k video cameras, premium mics and equipment. Inquire at the Front Desk to learn more, schedule a studio tour or Book Your Session today!

Have News to Share? E-mail your news to studentnews@laapa.com!
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Happy October Birthdays!

(Students) A Adam P. (41), Adler B. (11), Aimme R. (9), Aiva L. (6), Alannah B. (5), Alex T. (6), Allie S. (9), Ally P. (16), Amelia T. (7), Ana G. (7), Angelina C. (9), Anita R. (55), Ansley G. (10), Anthony H. (5), Ashley A. (28), Ashley Z. (15), Athena P. (4), Aubrey T. (5), Audrey A. (6), August S. (10), Ava D. (10), Avery P. (7), Aydan L. (13), Brianna C. (11), Brooklyn C. (9), Bryan N. (8), Caitlin C. (11), Camila A. (9), Camille H. (5), Caroline B. (14), Cashel R. (42), Charleigh L. (6), Charlotte J. (4), Cole F. (11), Colette T. (4), David M. (34), Elena K. (7), Elisa B. (4), Emma L. (8), Everett L. (8), Farah A. (11), Francesca C. (9), Gabrielle G. (12), Gabrielle G. (15), Genevieve R. (5), Giulianna K. (10), Ian P. (6), Jaci W. (10), Jackson H. (6), Jackson K. (7), Jax C. (7), Jeanine G. (51), Jennifer Z. (15), Jesse P. (3), JT T. (32), Juliana S. (12), Kai C. (7), Kristen P. (12), Lauren G. (25), Liam C. (6), Linda C. (18), Logann L. (16), Lolo L. (11), Luna R. (4), Lyric L. (12), Mabyn B. (6), Mary B. (66), Mary R. (15), Mason F. (12), Matthew B. (10), Mazzy O. (5), Michael D. (12), Michael M. (56), Michael T. (18), Naomi L. (2), Natalia H. (14), Nicholas L. (17), Noah P. (4), Olivia C. (5), Paige G. (9), Pamela G. (38), Perrin T. (8), Phaedra (9), Q (John) R. (9), Reed S. (68), Ryan A. (14), Sabrina S. (6), Samantha G. (10), Samantha M. (8), Samuel K. (6), Seth L. (13), Shanna D. (33), Shannon F. (11), Silas T. (9), Sofia D. (5), Sophia E. (9), Sophie L. (7), Sophie N. (10), Taylor W. (6), Teresa C. (50), Tess H. (34), Tim H. (64), Trent C. (13), Tyler B. (16), Valencia A. (6), Valex R. (8), Vilissia S. (6), Yunhee B. (34), Zayyan J. (3)

(Faculty/Staff) Bill S., Kadi H., Kim L., Jessica M., KC T.

Student of the Month - Rafaela Neves



River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, **Rafaela Neves**, takes Ballet and Piano lessons at LAAPA. We recently had a chance to speak with her and learn a little more about her lessons and interests!

What program are you taking and who is your teacher?

"I take piano lessons with Mrs. Kadi and ballet lessons with Mrs. Mollie."

How long have you been taking lessons?

"About 1 year."

What kind of music do you listen to?

"I listen to lots of different songs. I especially like rock from the 80s, Disney Princess songs, country, and pop music."

What is your favorite part about lessons each week?

"I just love music! I like performing in my piano and dance classes because I love music."

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

"Watching movies, relaxing, and reading books."

(Dad) What made you choose LAAPA?

"We chose LAAPA because it's a great place. We love the environment here, and all of the classes and instructors."

Welcome New Students (continued)

Leilani M., Lily H., Lynne D., Mark B., Masonne G., Maylana D., Mazzy O., Meghan P., Miguel D., Mihit P., Mirma M., MJ M., Natalie M., Nikolas P., Noah P., Olivia Y., Opal D., Orlandon M., Raegan M., Raijan B., Rennae W., Rob S. (Thanks Lonica C.), Sammy M., Sara C. (Thanks Cashel R.), Seth L., Sloane P., Sophie L., Stephanie K., Tara C., Tarini S., Tate W., Thalia T., Trent T., Vilissia S., William A. (Thanks Tristyn W.), Yunhee B., Yunus O., Zachory B.

Student Shout Outs!

"Justin is loving lessons! He is very excited to come each week and has been motivated to practice at home!"

~ **Angelloz Family**

"Lessons with Haydee have been building my confidence so much. I went last week and even though I was sick, I was hitting higher notes than I ever had before!"

~ **Lucy G.**

"Zoie LOVES Parent and Tot classes! She practices at home all the time and always wants to show off her new talents. We just went to the zoo this weekend and she was doing frog hops around all the exhibits! She's always so excited to go to class."

~ **Rico Family**

Want to Join a Band or Ensemble?

Looking for some great musicians to perform and grow with? Consider one of our many ensembles here at LAAPA. Our ensembles are open to students ages 9 and up!



Covington Campus:

Mondays from 6:30-7:30 PM - Rock / Pop II Band with Mr. Ryan T.

Wednesdays from 1:45-2:45 PM - Adult Folk / Rock Band with Mr. Chris T.

Wednesdays from 5:45-6:45 PM - Rock / Pop I Band with Mr. Chris T.

Wednesdays from 7:15-8:15 PM - Adult Blues Band with Mr. Chris T.

Mandeville Campus:

Mondays from 5:30-6:30 PM -Jazz Band with Mr. Chris T.

River Ridge Campus:

Mondays from 5:00-6:00 PM - New Orleans Band with Mr. Bill

Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 PM - String Ensemble with Mr. John N.

Saturdays from 11:00-12:00 PM - Rock / Pop Band with Mr. Bill



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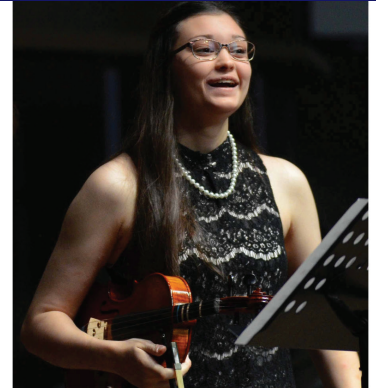
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