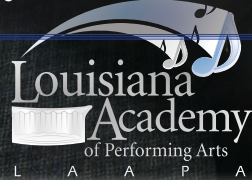


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See you at the Spring Recital!

On Saturday June 14 and June 21, we'll be listening to over 400 performances from our many talented students! This is a new record participation in our Spring concerts, and we're so excited to be able to have so many of you joining us. Each concert will have between 43-53 performances which translates into approximately 1 hour and 40 minutes of music and dance. Immediately following each recital, our awards ceremony will begin and will last an additional 30 minutes. Out of respect for the performers, we ask that students and audience members stay for the full duration of the program. See you on stage!

Welcome to Our Newest Students Who Began Lessons in April - May! (cont'd)

Marley C., Mary B., Matthew D., Mischa B. (*thanks Alex V.*), Oliver R. (*thanks Ariel H.*), Oliver T., Oliver G., Peter M., Peyton C., Racquel C., Raegan H., Ramona A., Randy H., Rodney J., Sarah S., Shannon R., Sofia Q., Stephen P., Steve L., Tiffany L. (*thanks Fiona C.*), Veera K., Victoria H., Yalena G., Zevi B., Zoe D. (*thanks Zachary D.*)

It's a true pleasure to have all of you joining us and in some cases returning to us or adding additional programs here at LAAPA!

Faculty News



Ben Hurst is in the process of building a new farm on the Northshore! "Be The Change" Permaculture Farm is a place that will provide the community with fresh produce year round. When the land is farmed around the principles of permaculture, and not conventional agriculture, the plants and the soil take care of themselves while never depleting its resources. Please help Mr. Ben fulfill his dream and contribute to his crowd funding campaign. A lot of you have been asking him when his farm will start selling produce. Here is your chance to help him so he can help you receive healthy local food! Check out his crowd funding page here: <http://www.gofundme.com/bethechangepermiefarm>.



LAAPANOTES

June, 2014

Ready to Try Something Fun, New & Exciting this Summer?
Have some extra free time now that school is out?

IMPORTANT DATES:

June 8
Senior Recital
LAAPA Performance Hall

June 14
Spring Recital
Covington & Mandeville
Schools of Music
Fuhrmann Auditorium

June 21
Spring Recital
River Ridge
School of Music & Dance
St. Martin's Solomon
Theatre



(Pictured above, the River Ridge School of Music & Dance Rock Band, jamming out this Summer!)

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

Is it really Summer already? With the brief Spring we had this year, it seems even earlier than usual!

Summertime is here, and the livin' is easy! Maybe a bit too easy in some cases.

Ah, you know what I mean parents - now that the kids are home most of the day, they've got extra time on their hands - **and energy!**

Now that school is out, do your kids follow you around the house each day asking you, "What can I do?", "What can I do now?", "I'm bored.?"

How about getting them involved in a music or dance program guaranteed to enrich their summer and creative spirits! 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 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 thirty years ago when I was a student enrolled in camp. My favorite part was snack time (I'd be lying if I said otherwise), but being able to learn about and try so many different instruments and being able to perform with other students on a daily basis was really a great time in my life. And I know that my mother enjoyed having some peace at home for a little while each day!

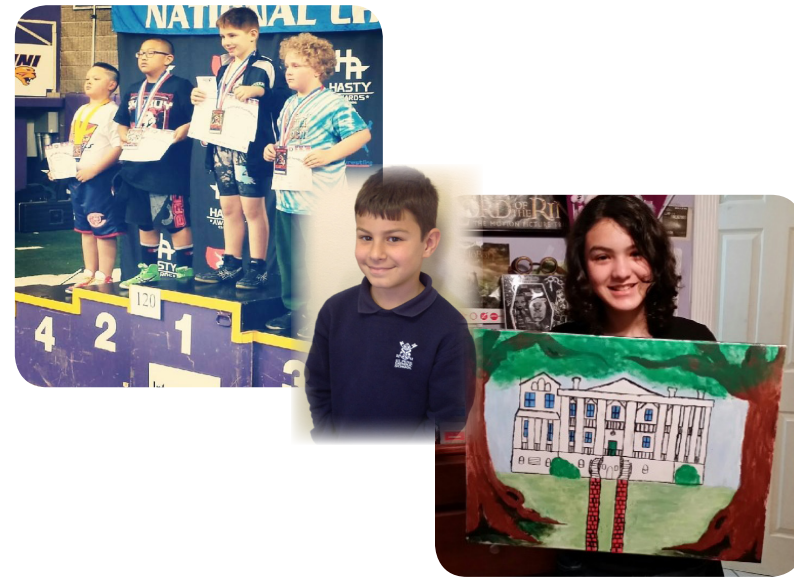
Whatever you do this summer - don't just sit around - be creative and enjoy doing something new!

Sincerely,

Ryan Cullen
Academy Director

Student News

River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, **Spencer Lanosga**, attended the 2014 USA Wrestling Folkstyle National Championship in Cedar Falls, IA. Spencer won the gold medal at the National championship and completed the wrestling season undefeated, earning gold at the USAW Louisiana Kids Folkstyle State Championship, as well as the Greater Baton Rouge Open, Jr. Spartan Open, Tiger Open and Jr. Storm Open. Spencer represented Team Louisiana at Nationals and is a member of Champion Wrestling Club of River Ridge.



Covington School of Music student, **Peter Mora**, has an idea for a new security system that he recently shared with us. He says, "When someone comes to the door, they need to play the right tune on the keyboard. If they mess up, they fall through a trap door!" Let us all know when you have a prototype we can try out Peter!

River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, **Olivia Guerra** painted the picture (right) for St. Christopher's silent auction.

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

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Faculty & Honors Recital 2014 - A Huge Success!



On Sunday, April 27, 2014, our Faculty and Honors students from the Covington School of Music, Mandeville School of Music, and River Ridge School of Music & Dance performed in a special concert held at Fuhrmann auditorium.

Students were chosen this year by the LAAPAFEST judges to perform in the annual concert.

Pictured above from left to right are: *Top Row:*

Zachary Davis, Nicholas Byland, Dylan Vo, Liam McCauley,

Landon Chambliss, Mario Rodriguez, Ben Willis, Cameron Vo, Michael Austin Verges

2nd Row: Alexandra Jaeger, Peyton Cherry, Olivia Gray, Madison Livaccari, Shelby Baham, Katherine Corcoran, Trisha Walvekar, Swathi Katakam, Elizabeth Duclaux, Abbey Aldridge

3rd Row: Olivia Kelly, Ava Schwing, Ariel Hill, Emily Johnson, MJ Thomas, Allie-Grace Greene, Zachary Montz, Ana Maria Montes, Wyatt Imes, James Plaisance, Michael Silvestri

Welcome to our Newest Students who began this April - May!

- Abraham O.
- Aidan O.
- Alaina M.
- Andrew P. *(thanks Gabby R.)*
- Andrew J.
- Ariana S.
- Ayva S. *(thanks Charli W.)*
- Brandon L. *(thanks Meredith B.)*
- Brayden B.
- Brianna O.
- Caitlyn D. *(thanks DeLynn B.)*
- Caleb T.
- Camille V.
- Carter C.
- Cooper R.
- Daniel B. *(thanks Heidi B.)*
- Dee M.
- Eli Q.
- Eli S.
- Elizabeth E. *(thanks Vito E.)*
- Ella U.
- Ellie C.
- Emily N. *(thanks Bill L.)*
- Emma R.
- Erica G.
- Fharley S.
- Gabriel N.
- Gabriel M. *(thanks Sam D.)*
- Gracie S. *(thanks Lily C. & Echo P.)*
- Jake G.
- Jennifer P. *(thanks Jeff F.)*
- Joey P.
- John D.
- Josiah S.
- Kaden F.
- Karleigh D.
- Kate G.
- Kaylie N.
- Kennon R.
- Lauren P.
- Lorelai *(thanks Annabel B.)*
- Luciana M.
- Marcia Q.

Join us this July for a Summer of Fun!



REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP NOW!

Our Summer Music Camps and Summer Dance Camps provide all campers (ages 5-16, beginning, intermediate, and advanced) with the opportunity to have fun exploring up to five of our instrumental, vocal, and performing arts programs.

Campers (even those with little or no music or performing arts background) are able to take a hands on approach and see what programs and instruments interest them!

Perhaps your child has shown an interest in music, dance, piano, singing, guitar, violin, drums (just to name a few!)? Wherever his/her interest lies, we are happy to provide a formal introduction to the programs of your choice in a structured and fun environment!

For more information or to enroll, visit laapa.com/camp or call the school office!

Is Your Teacher Completely Booked?

As the Summer begins, many of our teachers are already nearly or totally booked! Due to demand however, we have opened several new music and dance classes. If you need a schedule change or would like to be added to a waiting list for a particular teacher, day, or time, please contact any of our office staff team and they can add you to the waiting list.

Here's just a partial list of who's currently full at all campuses:

PIANO/VOICE

- Maggie: FRI, 1 spot!
- Kathleen: TU & WED, 1 spot!
- Cara: WED, 1 spot! MON,TH,FRI-BOOKED!
- Bonnie: MON & TH, 1 spot! WED & SAT-BOOKED!
- Jennifer: MON-BOOKED!
- Russell: MON,TU,WED-1 spot! TH-BOOKED!
- Mirka: TU-2 spots!
- Meredith: MON,TU,TH-BOOKED!
- Katarina: TU,WED,TH,SAT-BOOKED!
- Meghan: TU,TH,FRI,SAT-BOOKED!
- Rebecca: MON & TU-1 spot! TH & FRI-BOOKED!
- Carolyn: TU-1 spot! MON,WED,FRI-BOOKED!
- Daniel: TH-2 spots! TU & WED, 1 spot!
- Bethany: TU,WED,TH-1 spot! SAT-BOOKED!

- Joy: MON-1 spot!
- Yulene: SAT-2 spots!
- Jessica: TU & WED, 1 spot!
- Catherine: SAT – BOOKED!

GUITAR/DRUMS:

- Aaron: WED, 2 spots! TU, 1 spot! MON-BOOKED!
- Bill: WED-1 spot! SAT-BOOKED!
- Curtis: MON, TH, FRI-1 spot!
- Josh: SAT-1 spot! TU,WED,TH-BOOKED!
- Ben: WED & TH, 1 spot! MON,TU,FRI, SAT-BOOKED!

VIOLIN/CELLO:

- Kate: MON – BOOKED!
- Gabriel: MON 1 spot!
- Simona: TH & SAT-BOOKED!
- Denise: MON, 2 spots! TU, 1 spot! WED-BOOKED!
- Vanya: MON 1 spot!

BRASS/WOODWINDS:

- Ryan: TH – BOOKED!
- Reid: TU,TH,FRI-1 spot! MON & WED-BOOKED!