

LAAPANOTES



Getting the Most out of Your Lessons at LAAPA!



(pictured above) - the Covington School of Music Rock/Pop Band led by Mr. Josh Theriot performed at the Mayor's stand on Boston St. Mardi Gras day. L-R (Austin Freedman, Charles Ansardi, Elizabeth Fruge, Brianna Oubre, Andrew Biggers, and KC Nichoalds).

Dear Parents and Students,

We hope you had a fantastic Mardi Gras break and we're excited to get back into the groove! There's always a lot going on here with music and dance programs, events, and activities, so we wanted to take a moment to ensure that you were aware of everything currently available to you as students and parents!

LESSONMATE:

All music and dance students at LAAPA have access to digital copies of their progress! Your teacher is able to send (via email) each week's lesson notes including audio, video, and sheet music examples. Each time your teacher posts a new lesson, you will receive an email prompting you to login and view the lesson.

IMPORTANT Please note that there is no actual lesson content in the email itself - you must login with your email address and password. If you've forgotten your password, just click the "forgot password" link on the login page! If your teacher has not yet used LessonMate in your lessons and you'd like to try out the program, just ask and they would be happy to!

NEW LAGNIAPPE LESSONS AND TUTORIALS:

We have a brand new page on our website dedicated to our "Lagniappe Lesson" video series that features short music lessons in piano, voice, violin, guitar, music theory, and more. Just to give you an idea - two of the topics include, "Practicing: The Path to Musical Success" and "How to Read Standard Music Notation." We are

regularly adding brand new videos from our faculty members! Take a look at what is available to you at <http://www.laapa.com/lessons-and-tutorials>. Have a suggestion or request for a certain video topic? Would you like to see your teacher featured in a Lagniappe lesson? Email your request to contact@laapa.com!

STUDENT SUCCESS CLUB:

Are you a member of our VIP Student Success Club? The clubs are available in 3 tiers including Gold, Diamond, and Platinum and include discounts on books, retail, complimentary annual LAAPA membership, tickets to concerts, membership in our Student Success Club Facebook Group (where you can interact with our senior faculty members and other students 7 days a week)! Learn more at the front desk!

OUR UPCOMING RECITALS:

Information and sign-up forms for our Spring Recitals & Awards Ceremony is now online for dance students and will be available for music students soon at <http://www.laapa.com/current-students>! All students are invited to participate - even if you're brand new to music or dance as of today - by the time the performances roll around, you will be ready to get on stage if you are willing to put some practice in!

Finally, we look forward to some great LAAPAFEST performances this March - GOOD LUCK ALL!

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IMPORTANT DATES:

March 11
LAAPAFEST - Covington
March 18
LAAPAFEST - Mandeville
March 25 / April 1
LAAPAFEST - River Ridge
April 14-20
Easter/Spring Break Holidays

CONTACT US:



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

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REGISTER NOW FOR THE SPRING!

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 February!

Alexander C.
Amelia D.
Andres G.
Anna Claire W.
Annalise Y.
Arjun A.
Ben S.
Brady B.
Breanna B.
Brendan F.
(thanks to Sarah R.)
Bridget S.
(thanks to the Cline family)
Brit S.
(thanks to Alexandra S.)
Brooklynn B.
Caleb D.
Calliana D.
(thanks to Abby P.)
Camilla L.
Carleigh Q.
Casey E.
Charlotte T.
Claire S.
Colin A.
Corey P.
Drew D.
Elizabeth J.
(thanks to Daven J.)
Emmaline P.
Evelyn S.
(thanks to Frank T.)
Gabriel W.
Gabrielle B.
Grace S.
(thanks to Sankera B.)
Grace S.
Hanna J.
Harmony L.
Heather P.
Henry E.
Henry F.
Holly O.
Isabel P.
Jamon K.
Jonah C.
Joseph C.
Keren N.
Kimberly A.
Kyle H.
Kylie R.
Lauren L.
Leana K.
Leeann C.
Logan T.
Luca H.
Lucas E.
Lucia J.
(thanks to Zachary J.)
Maia C.
Mayerli S.
Michelle M.
Nathaniel A.
Nina L.
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It's a pleasure to have you all joining us and we look forward to helping you achieve all of your goals!

Student & Faculty News

River Ridge School of Music & Dance student, **Lindsey Sommers**, participated in the LMEA Solo and Small Ensemble Assessment and scored a Superior Rating in both solo and trip performances. She takes voice and guitar lessons at LAAPA.

Mandeville School of Music student, **Michael Austin Verges**, will be playing The Wolf in Archbishop Hannan High School's production of "Into the Woods" this spring. He takes piano and voice lessons at LAAPA.



River Ridge School of Music & Dance piano lessons student, **Kyla Apostalakis**, earned and saved 30 tickets for her outstanding lessons. She used the tickets to get a new LAAPA tote bag! Congrats Kyla!

Mandeville School of Music student, **Sofia Even**, recently auditioned for the Spring talent show at Mandeville Middle school. She takes piano lessons with Ms. Bethany.

Covington School of Music student, **Grace Schneider**, is in her debut musical theater role in the cast of Good Man Charlie Brown at Fontainebleau High. She takes voice lessons with Mrs. Carolyn.

Mandeville School of Music student, **Jamie Planchard**, is now part of a local jazz band as the featured vocalist. She is also now the featured vocalist for the Fontainebleau High Jazz Band that is nationally ranked.

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

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Our Winter Referral Contest is now underway! Will You Win?!

If you refer a new student to the Academy and they enroll:

- You will receive a free lesson in any program.
- You will be automatically entered into our drawing this April 1 for a complete **Home Recording Studio** (\$500 value)!

Please make sure that your friend mentions your FULL NAME at the time of enrollment. The more friends you refer that enroll - the more chances you have to win!

The winner will be announced at facebook.com/laapaface April 1!

* Immediate family members/members of the same household are not eligible for the referral program.

Student of the Month - Bailey Hodges



Mandeville School of Music student, Bailey Hodges takes guitar lessons here 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, who is your teacher?

I was taking clarinet lessons and I liked them so much now I am taking guitar lessons, too! Mr. KC is my teacher. I really like him. He is patient and he makes learning fun.

How long have you been taking lessons with us?

About 3 months of guitar and previously 11 months of clarinet.

What kind of music do you listen to?

Pop music.

What do you enjoy practicing each week?

I like to play "When the Saints Go Marching In". Now I can play it on the clarinet and the guitar.

What are your other hobbies?

I like to play!!!

What made you choose LAAPA?

Mr. Russ: "We were here years before and we liked it. It's a very nice environment. We are very pleased."

Student Shout Outs!

"Faith loves her clarinet lessons. She wishes Dr. Mark could be her band teacher at school too!"

~Damare Family

"Piano lessons are going very well and Isaac enjoys Ms. Jenny and has made several friends in the group!"

~Rogers Family

"Mia loves the lessons! Loves it, loves it, loves it! She's having a great time in guitar lessons with Mr. Peter and everyone has been so helpful."

~Pittman Family

Happy March Birthdays!

(Students) Aidan F (10), Aishwarya N., Allie-Grace G. (9), Amelie G. (12), Andre M. (7), Andres G. (9), Angelina M. (15), Anh T. (7), Anson P. (10), Ashleigh H. (12), Asli T. (12), Aubrey W. (9), Austin K. (8), Avery B. (11), Bailey H. (12), Blaise M. (5), Bob W., Brandon W. (13), Breanna N. (14), Brianna D. (10), Bryce L. (7), Bryce R. (10), Cadence P. (6), Caitlin B. (10), Caleb D. (4), Calvin H., Carlos R., Celeste N., Charisma H. (7), Clara R. (16), Cooper R. (7), Didier G. (7), Dondria H., Drew G. (8), Dylan D. (15), Elizaveta D. (6), Ella R. (9), Emma S. (10), Emma M. (14), Ethan R. (13), Evangeline T. (3), Fraelle Mhae B. (13), Gabriel M. (11), Grant S. (11), Hue T. (7), Izabella L. (11), James R. (5), James P., Jannah B. (10), Jayme Y. (9), Jessie J. (13), John C., John G. (8), Julia S. (6), Kacey C. (10), Kaden F. (9), Karla C., Karli W. (17), Karter W. (4), Kelliana H. (16), Laney T. (16), Lauren G. (11), Leo F. (11), Liam H. (7), Lindsay A. (12), Lisette G. (12), Liz M., Maddie N. (6), Marelin C. (8), Marissa D. (10), Max F. (8), Michael S. (14), Michael E. (10), Mickey W. (4), Noel P. (3), Olivia N. (12), Olivia A. (13), Olivia R. (5), Olivia D. (7), Owen R. (4), Pablo W. (4), Parker P. (3), Phyllis M., Quinn Y. (14), Raegan H. (10), Rakshitha R. (13), Rami I. (7), Regina R. (17), Richard D., Ryleigh B. (9), Sarah M. (16), Sarah C. (15), Sophia M. (7), Stella F. (8), Theran P. (9), Tiffany C. (6), Ursula S., Victoria W. (10), Zoe B. (8)

(Faculty) Hannah S., Christopher T., Elle C.

Welcome New Students (continued)!

Noelle C., Payton R., Richard D., Shea S. (thanks to Carolyn R.), Soma N., Summer L., Timothy S., Vanessa M., Violet O'B. (thanks to Leslie C.), Zoe B., Zoe L.

It's a pleasure to have you joining the LAAPA Family - welcome and we look forward to helping you achieve your goals!

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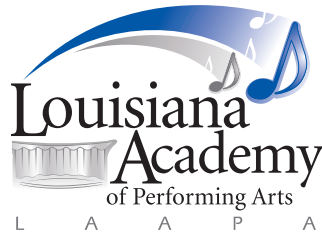
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(pictured above) Ballet students having a blast during our final class before Mardi Gras!

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Very Limited Space - only 25 campers enrolled each week. For more information or to enroll, visit www.laapa.com/camp or call (504) 208-2301!