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'I do like learning': Student attends college, takes violin lessons for fun

Thomas Reeves has some advice for anyone who plans to learn an instrument.

"Don't give up," he said.

Reeves takes violin lessons through the Wichita Music Academy at Garten's Music. He has played for about four months.

"It's fun," he said. "I do like learning."

Reeves is a college student who lives in Wichita. His teacher, Cortland Mahoney, said Reeves was always prepared for his weekly lessons.

"He seems to be absolutely in love with the violin, with music," Mahoney added. "He does seem to practice a lot and he progresses well."

Reeves has already given his first public performance, which was at a concert just a month or two after starting his lessons. He hopes to play in public more in the future.



Thomas Reeves' advice for beginners: "Don't give up."

"He's got a lot of interest in music and is open to new ideas," said Mahoney. "Really, I couldn't ask for much more in a student."

Reeves has enjoyed his experience at the Wichita Music Academy, which offers lessons in voice, keyboard, guitar, ukulele, violin, viola and brass instruments. Reeves described Mahoney as a good teacher.

"He makes it pretty fun, too," Reeves said.



Mark your calendars!

L.I.F.E. in Kansas MusicMakers

Join the club and enjoy making music with us.

– 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7

PlayTime

is an opportunity for current and former Lowrey students to enjoy listening to and playing for your friends!

– 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14

Organ Club

includes a Name That Tune game, playing tips, new songbooks and great music!

– 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21
(Theme: Country)

Lowrey Magic: Red Book 2

This 10-week class is for graduates of the Lowrey Red Book 1 class.

– Starts soon!

Welcome to new & returning students who signed up for lessons & classes!

Marsha P.
Cherrie S.
Norma C.
Carl B.
Donna C.
Esther G.
Phyllis C.
Connie G.
Bill H.
Virginia H.
Marvis L.
Priscilla L.
Sudathip S.
Cody G.
Adam G.
Caitlyn J.
Brynelyn J.
Nasaha M.
Don T.
Gayle D.

Lynette H.
Leo H.
Cheryl P.
Floyd H.
Bobbi B.
Lorraine B.
Joyce O.
Robertta S.
Aleta V.
Connie P.
Jason C.
Rahel M.
Nicole V.
Diane C.
Chloe W.
Becky F.
Nancy B.
Deloris C.
Bryan S.



Graduation Day!

Congratulations to our Lowrey graduates of the Red Book 1 class – seated, from left, Cindy Pursell, Billy McPherson; standing, from left, Melvon Brown, Sudathip Sujaritjit, Mary Legge, Mary Wheeler, Donna Conway. Not pictured: Pauline Filbert, Susie Karst, Mary Ann McKibbin.

Special guest visits for ...



Lowrey's Bob Ashworth visited Garten's Music on Friday, Jan. 31, and played the various organs available. He also offered some pointers for musicians and continued the classroom fun! Thanks for joining us, Bob!

Tips & Tunes



Congratulations to our Lowrey graduates of the Red Book 1 class – from left, Debbie Balingier, Max Stuever, Sally Wiebe. Not pictured: Allen Hillen.

Bad-weather closing procedures

In the event of inclement weather, here are some ways to tell if we've elected to close:

- ❄ Our website, www.gartensmusic.com
- ❄ [Facebook.com/gartensmusic](https://www.facebook.com/gartensmusic)
- ❄ The 3 local TV stations (KSN, KAKE & KWCH) & their respective websites
- ❄ We'll send a blast e-mail to those affected. Be sure to check your e-mail for updates!

Or call us at 942-1337. Even if we're not here, this number is typically answered from 8:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. on business days. If not, leave a message and we'll call you back.

Note: We sometimes follow U.S.D. 259's lead, but not always, so use one of the above methods to be sure!

We'll take 3 to go!

Teacher shares her love of music

Get to know the teachers at the Wichita Music Academy!



Cooper Wolf

Cooper Wolf received her bachelor's degree in music from Friends University. She teaches piano students.

"I like it when somebody knows that they've improved," she said. "They look back at old music and see how easy it looks to them now."

Wolf has played in pit orchestras, provided background music for various events and served as an accompanist during auditions.

"I wanted to spread the love of music," she said. "I love it so much!"



Garten's Music recently sold three Kawai UST-9 pianos to the Wichita school district. U.S.D. 259 was recognized last year as one of the five best school districts in Kansas for music education.



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Valentine's Day idea?*



*Try a gift certificate
for a class, songbook
or music accessories
at Garten's!*



*Or sign up for lessons & learn
to serenade your sweetheart!*

