



# Garten's Music

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## Students, teachers anticipate summer of music at Wichita Music Academy

Children and adults alike are fulfilling their dreams of making music through the Wichita Music Academy. Summer is an ideal time for kids to begin taking lessons since they don't have homework from school, but it's also an advantage for teachers who have no papers to grade!

Claudette Suffolk teaches math in the Wichita school district. Now she is a student as well since she takes weekly piano lessons from Wichita Music Academy instructor Joon Kim.

"I have always wanted to take piano lessons ever since I was a little girl," said Suffolk.

When she was a child, she was inspired by the pianist for her church choir. Suffolk described the accompanist as "exquisite."

"She was the type that made



Claudette Suffolk, a math teacher in U.S.D. 259, is fulfilling her childhood dream of learning to play piano.

a boring song come alive and engulf you," Suffolk said.

Suffolk married a man who had a piano, and he tried to teach her to play.

"But your spouse cannot teach you," she said with a smile.

Suffolk turned to the Wichita Music Academy at Garten's Music, which offers piano, keyboard, guitar, bass and

voice lessons. A beginner, Suffolk said she prefers to know the "how" and the "why" when she learns a new subject.

"I make sure my kids know why everything connects and how ... and Joon just happens to be that kind of teacher," she explained.

Suffolk, who began her

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# Graduation Day!



Congratulations to our Lowrey graduates of the Basic Love Songs class – seated, from left, Myron Schwartz, Bill Hall, Bill Fagyal, and standing, from left, Ruth Faught, Nancy Scofield, Roberta Sanders, Connie Profaizer, Chuck Ehresman, Doris Schwartz, Beverly Becker (not pictured: Floyd Hansen, Priscilla Liddeke).

Congratulations to our Lowrey graduates of the Classic Love Songs class – seated, from left, Joyce O’Dell, Merl Hollis, and standing, from left, Connie Gonzalez, Virginia Hosey, Carolyn Mitchell, Pat Houston, Cheryl Privett (not pictured: Phyllis Carr, Lynette Hasz, Pat Horton, Lillian Mayer).



## Garten’s Music students comment on their progress

“I highly recommend learning to play. No, you are NOT too old to learn! You will find it very enjoyable and therapeutic.” – **Richard** (age 90)

“I love everything about this program. It is the best gift I have given myself in years. Time seems to fly by and the stresses of the day vanish.” – **Lorraine**

“Having just a bare minimum knowledge of notes, here I am ... playing a few tunes and it is beautiful – even with the mistakes. Just love it.” – **Karen**

# Mark your calendars!

## Upcoming classes and gatherings at Garten's Music:

### Goofin' Around Keyboard Class

#### Lowrey Magic: Red Book 3

This 10-week class is for owners of the following Lowrey organs: EZ4, EZ10, Fanfare (current) & Conductor, Regency, Carnival, Pageant, Encore, Odyssey, Fiesta (retired).

Class begins at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 11. Call now!

#### L.I.F.E. in Kansas MusicMakers

Join the club and enjoy making music with us.

– 2 p.m. Friday, June 7

#### PlayTime

is an opportunity to come enjoy listening to and playing for your friends! Current and former Lowrey students are invited.

– 2 p.m. Friday, June 14

#### Organ Club

includes a Name That Tune game, playing tips, new songbooks and great music! Current and former Lowrey students are invited.

– 2 p.m. Friday, June 21  
(Theme: Songs from the Song Setup button on organs. The Lowrey feature includes great-sounding setups inspired by certain song titles.)

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lessons in the spring, has especially enjoyed learning to read music.

“I’m nowhere near where I’d love to be,” she said. “As a beginner, I’m already trying to write music. I’m in this for the long haul.”

Suffolk’s goal is to play Christian music such as gospel or pop. The philosophy at the Wichita Music Academy is that learning should be fun, and teachers strive to help students learn the songs they want to play.

“I can’t sing at all,” said Suffolk. “I want to make the piano sing.”



Piano teacher Joon Kim, left, instructs Claudette Suffolk, a beginner student.

# Garten's provides booth at school carnival

The Wichita Music Academy at Garten's Music had a booth at Black Elementary's recent school carnival in Wichita. Children were excited to play an electric guitar and try out a Kawai piano with a feature called Concert Magic.

Garten's sponsored a drawing for gift certificates to the Warren Theatre. The winners were Jason and Renee Goetz of Wichita, whose daughter, Darian, is a student at Black Elementary.



Jason Goetz, right, and Darian.

**Great Father's Day idea: a gift certificate for a class, songbook or music accessories at Garten's! Stop by today!**

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

Leo H.

Bill F.

Gay J.

David S.

Carl B.

Jan K.

Roy B.

Laura W.

Judie H.

Glenda H.

Cameron M.

Kathy H.

Roberta S.

Sara P.

Chuck E.

Nancy S.

Denise S.