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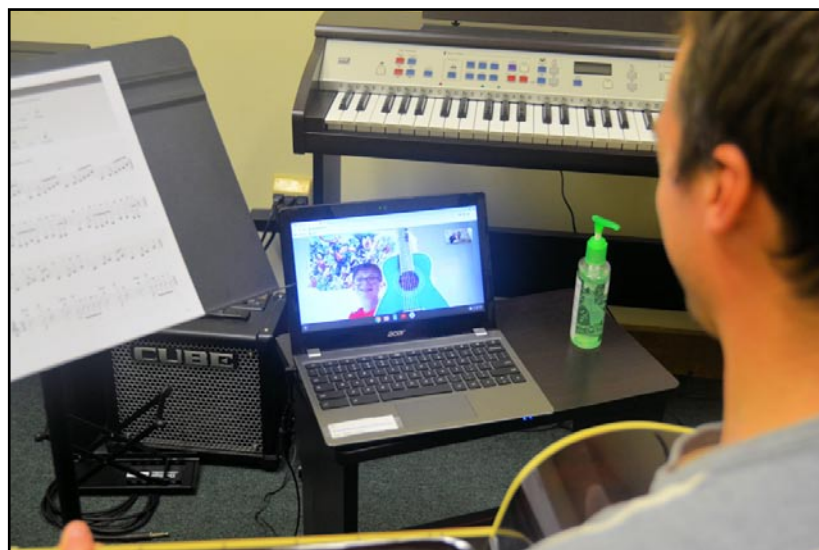
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## **Remote lessons, new opportunities**

Greetings!

We hope all of you are well! When we printed our last newsletter just over a month ago, we had no idea how much difference one month could make! Music is so important to all of us in these troubled times, and we're thrilled to offer remote lessons for our students.

They are still working one on one, with the same teacher, at the same time and day. Our teachers report that this new, temporary reality is going



We're pleased to offer remote lessons and classes for our students so we can all keep making music at home!

well! They provided the following recommendations to help students succeed in an online format:

rooms contain background noise and other distractions.

- Find a quiet place to take lessons so you can focus and clearly hear your instructor. A bedroom or home office works well for this – sometimes common areas such as living rooms or dining

- Prepare a few minutes before lesson time. Have your device or computer ready, make sure your instrument is out of its case and tuned, and ensure that your books and music are at hand.

- Keep a pencil and notebook nearby to make notes on your music and to write down your assignment each week.

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# Graduation day!



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Grammy Awards, Part 1)! Front row, from left: Nancy Wiard, Joyce O'Dell, Bobbi Bruce, Marsha Helmer. Back row, from left: Beverly Coover, Bill Hall, Brent Kleeman, Wanda Shaw.



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Red Book 2)! Front row, from left: Hilde Yops, Betty Riemen, Esther Gable. Back row, from left: Brenda Lee, Jeanne Shove, Karen Stocks. Not pictured: Jennifer Lewis, Barbara McAnelly.



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• Ask as many questions as you need to. There's no such thing as a dumb question!

• And FOR PARENTS: If you'd like to confer with the teacher about your child's progress or assignments for the week, please check in a few minutes before the lesson is over!

Music lessons provide important continuity for students who have seen most other activities called off for now.

Making music is also an outlet to express our feelings and relieve stress, depression and anxiety as we adjust to difficult changes in our everyday lives. And research shows that students who make music perform better academically.

Beat the cabin-fever blues with your music lessons! Students will continue to earn Musical Ladder awards – trophies, wristbands and certificates – during this time at home. And we have some

exciting news! The Musical Ladder System has debuted two new wristbands that teachers may award while we're sheltering in place.

One is simply called the Hope wristband, which may be earned in the next 30 days. The other is titled Practice Champ. Teachers may award this wristband to students who practice four to five times a week, every week, for 30 days. We will look to parents of young students to confirm this amount of practice time!



This is a great time to increase to an hour-long lesson or add a family member who is interested in making music. If you need an instrument or books, we offer curbside delivery by appointment. We can also ship

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# *WMA students earn recognition*

Wichita Music Academy students recently received their trophies, wristbands and certificates for achieving musical milestones. We are proud of them! See more photos, Page 5.



Alex N.



Emerson R.



Sasha L.



LeAuna G.



Isaac M.



Jack S.



Ailey F.



Sebastian G.



Aiden B.



Emma S.



Rey Z.



Alyssa K.



Evelyn V.



Miley R.



Sean L.



Sebastian W.



Sophia L.



Teacher Andrew  
and Caleb V.



Teacher Toby and  
Joyce V.





Phoenix T.



Lino H.



Pio H.



Kevin C.



Audrey R.



Teacher  
Georgeanne and  
Scarlett Y.



Brynlee W.

## Welcome to new and returning students who signed up for music lessons!

Nash B.  
Erica G.  
Roman O.  
Michael M.  
Camden H.

Rosalin J.  
Tim D.  
Emaline B.  
Maxwell B.  
Brenley G.

Jaden V.  
Kyle C.  
Ella W.  
Reed W.

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you the books you need to begin your musical adventure! For students who were enrolled in band or orchestra classes at school, we want to help them continue their music education and stay sharp on their instrument throughout the spring and summer!

Students in our Goofin' Around Keyboard Classes, which are designed for adults, are receiving video recorded instruction and registration sheets that we will email or mail. Online class meetings are available through Google Duo. Call or email us for details!

Finally, we are super-pumped to announce the Cabin Fever Busters for our *currently enrolled* Wichita Music Academy students! As a bonus to our musical community, we're offering *free* virtual bonus classes to help with boredom and music education. They range from toddler music classes to guitar clinics to virtual choir ... you name it!

You and your family may enjoy these free sessions by joining the Cabin Fever Busters closed Facebook group. Watch for our email, or contact us for details! Here is a sample schedule for one day:

- 11 a.m. ET - Music Fun Time with Debbie Yakabosky
- 11:30 a.m. ET - Virtual Choir with Sara Ferguson
- 1 p.m. ET - Beginner Violin with John Dewey
- 2 p.m. ET - Beginner Guitar with Marty Fort
- 3 p.m. ET - The Listening Game with Jeff Comas

If you have questions about any of the changes or special offerings taking place now, please call us at 942-1337 or email [info@gartensmusic.com](mailto:info@gartensmusic.com). We are committed to staying in touch with you and serving our students this spring and beyond!



Wichita Music Academy student Madison A. concentrates during her ukulele lesson.

### Beat the cabin fever blues!

Sign up for remote music lessons!

Here's what parents are saying:  
 "It was awesome! She loved it!  
 You guys are amazing! Thanks."

- Francessca

"My son's saxophone lessons are continuing online and we are SO grateful! Thank you to teacher Steve and Garten's Music & the Wichita Music Academy!

- Shaunna

"It's going great! I am so thankful she is able to do lessons in this format. Her teacher, Les, is wonderful and she practices so much more now that we are home.

Thanks so much!"

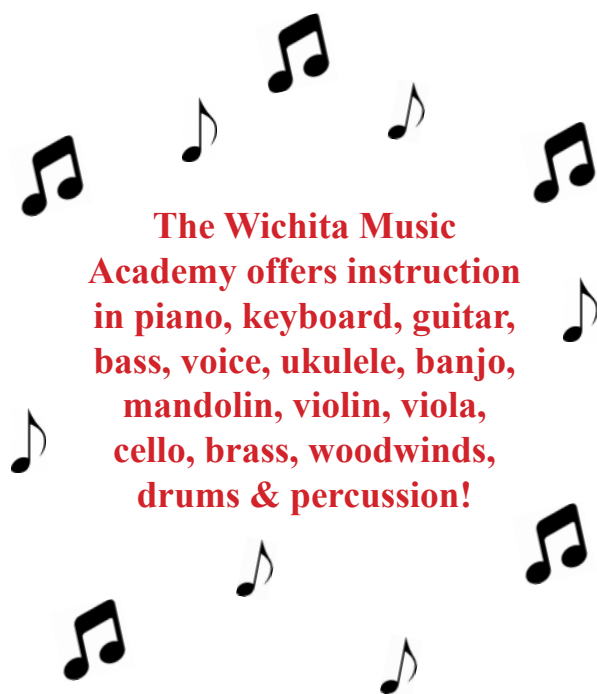
- Robin

"The girls are loving it! Thanks for offering us this online opportunity. We feel truly blessed to be able to continue on with lessons and also for the social contact that this has been providing."

- Brandi



Wichita Music Academy student Rooks R. smiles during his ukulele lesson.



**The Wichita Music Academy offers instruction in piano, keyboard, guitar, bass, voice, ukulele, banjo, mandolin, violin, viola, cello, brass, woodwinds, drums & percussion!**

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