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Student celebrates 7 years of music

Wichita Music Academy piano student Aiden Berenson loves music. He also loves the Musical Ladder System at Garten's Music, which affords students the chance to earn trophies and wristbands for achieving musical milestones.

"I like it because it almost makes you competitive," Berenson said. "It shows what you've worked for. Also, you can impress your friends with the big trophy you got!"

Berenson knows about big trophies. He is slated to earn his Adept trophy in June after seven years of piano lessons.

Berenson, who turned 13 on Memorial Day, said he became interested in music lessons after seeing people on TV playing instruments and singing.

"It made me want to be like them," he said.

He received a keyboard for Christmas and then started lessons in June 2016. Like many musicians, Berenson discovered that playing serves as an emotional outlet for him.

"I like how you can be creative with it in your own ways. You can



Aiden Berenson is a dedicated piano student who started lessons in 2016. He also likes to listen to music and collect vinyl albums.

make it feel like yourself in the moment," he said. "I like the fact that I can learn from other people who may have had similar experiences to me, so I can learn about how I can reflect my emotions in it."

His favorite songs he has learned are "I Will Remember You" by Sarah McLachlan and the "Jurassic World" theme, which he is working on now. In his spare time, Berenson likes to draw and paint, play baseball, listen to music and collect vinyl albums.

He has a record player and about 30

vinyl albums – mostly current pop or R&B music. Berenson prefers having an album to look at instead of just streaming music on his phone.

"It almost shows how much you like the artist and how much you care about them because it supports them more than streaming," he explained.

He also likes to attend concerts with his dad. Berenson is excited to see Taylor Swift in concert this

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Graduation day!



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Pop/Rock Songs)! Standing, from left: Marsha Helmer, Brent Kleeman, Nancy Wiard. Seated: Connie Profaizer.

Students may earn \$1,000 lessons award

Garten's Music and the Wichita Music Academy is proud to announce that our selections as a vendor in the Kansas Education Enrichment Program.

The Kansas Education Enrichment Program (KEEP) provides qualifying parents and guardians a \$1,000 award per eligible student to pay for a variety of educational goods and services. The award may be used for various services such as camps, lessons, classes, tutoring, school supplies and technology, and musical instruments and accessories.

There are no fees to apply for the program. Students interested in the \$1,000 award may start their application at www.keep.ks.gov. They may visit the online education marketplace to see which businesses offer approved products, programs and services. Then they use the KEEP Claims app to submit claims and check account balances from any device. We're proud to help!



Cindy Houston, president of the Wichita Music Academy, displays the KEEP membership logo.

Mark your calendars!

Upcoming classes and gatherings at Garten's Music:

MusicMakers, open to our Goofin' Around Keyboard Class students, includes a Name That Tune game, playing tips, new songbooks and great music!

– 2 p.m. Friday, June 18
(Theme: States)



Save the date!

Wichita Music Academy Student Showcases are set for Saturday, Sept. 30, and Sunday, Oct. 1. We'll notify you when sign-ups are open.

Class starting!

Lowrey Magic Blue Book 2
– 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 7

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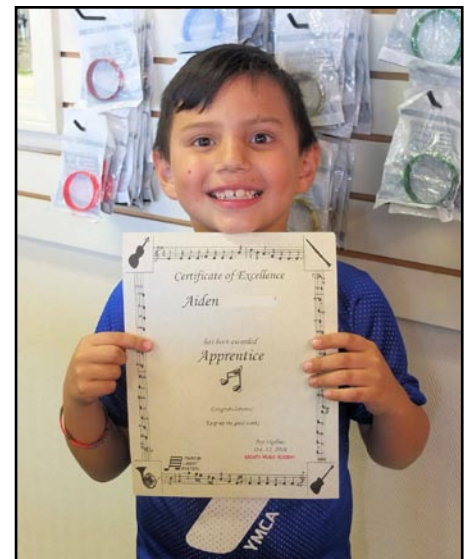
summer.

He has performed in multiple Wichita Music Academy Student Showcases.

“They’re fun because you get to hear everyone else and their progress so far,” he said. “Also, you get to show off your talent.”

Berenson sometimes plays songs for his family on piano, including “Happy Birthday” and Christmas carols. He said he doesn’t have any specific goals yet for his piano music – he’s keeping his options open.

“There’s so many possibilities this can lead to – like a band or my own performing,” he remarked.



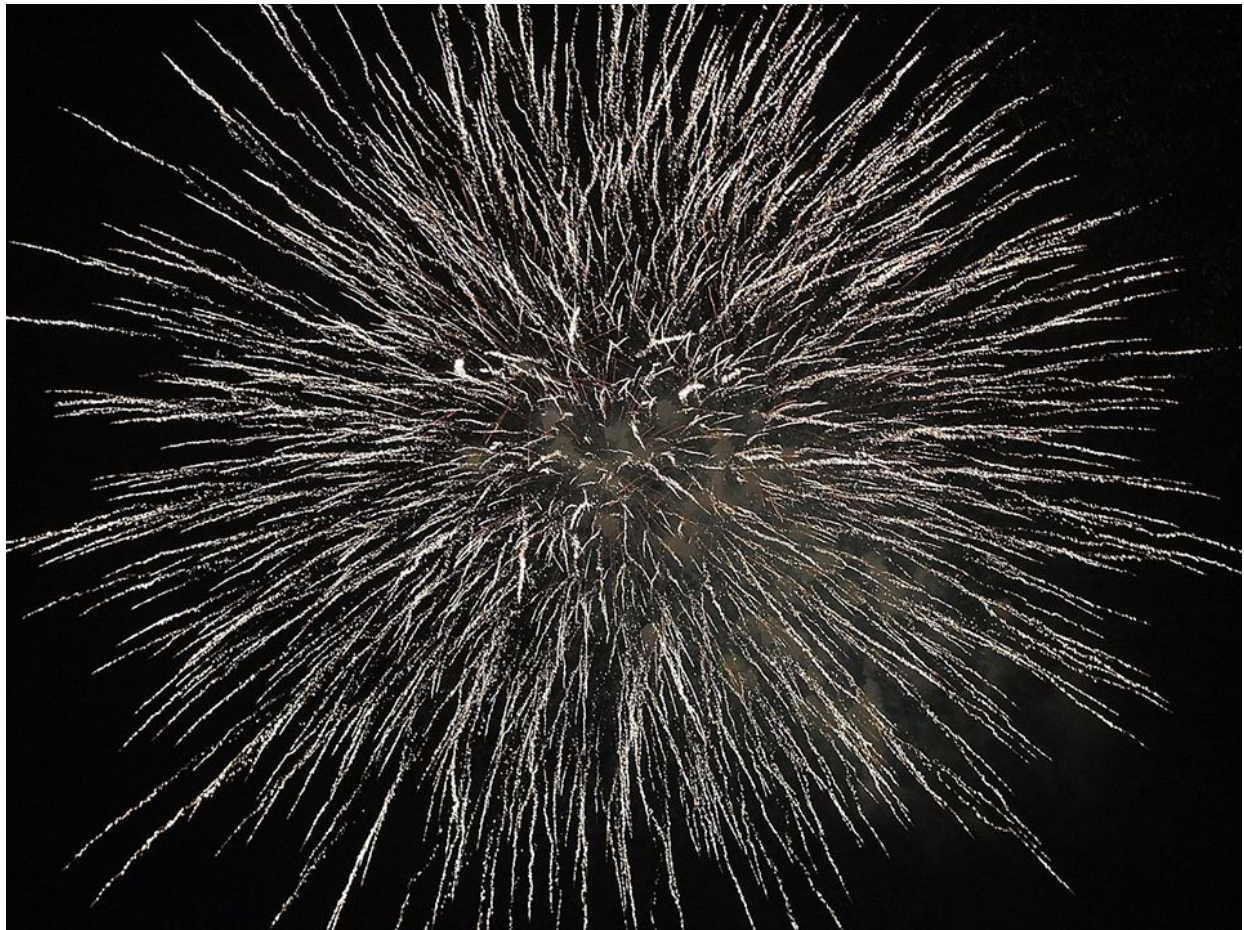
Aiden Berenson in 2016, when he earned his Apprentice wristband on the Musical Ladder System.



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Happy 4th of July from Garten's Music & the Wichita Music Academy.
(Photo by Michael Houston)

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

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

Josie F.	Taylor B.	Therese B.
Amy N.	Andy N.	Dorice C.
Jimmie B.	Elayne L.	Olivia R.
Jackson M.	Kans N.	Sala N.
Bryce N.	Jason H.	Natalie D.
Jayro T.	Chitrakshi B.	Jake H.

Our phone number is still 316-942-1337!
But please note the number for sending us text messages: 316-661-6605

