



Garten's Music

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Garten's Music Celebrates Students' Spring Accomplishments

Many Wichita Music Academy students participate in school and community band organizations. These students then have the opportunity to participate in regional and state competitions and festivals. Garten's Music celebrates 10 WMA students who won top ratings and achievements last May.

Congratulations and Well Done!

Amelia M. -- Saxophone



KMEA District Competition - 1 rating
KMEA State Competition - 1 rating

She hopes to repeat her success in her senior year and gain college scholarships for marching band.

Lucy M. -- Flute

KBA Regional Competition
Solo - 2 rating
Band - 1 rating



Jenisis H.

-- Clarinet

District Solo
& Ensemble
Festival - 1
rating



Kans N. -- Clarinet

KMEA District Competition - 1 rating

Kans hopes to get into State Band while in high school then go on to play in college orchestra.



Sarah V. -- Guitar

State High School
Choir Competition - 1st



Olivia R. -- Clarinet

Wichita Suburban League Middle
School Solo Contest
- 1 Rating

"I felt very proud of myself and more competent to do more things and achieve my goals."



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Music Benefits

Using Music to Focus And Have Fun

Written By: Cindy Houston

This is what our Goofin' Around Keyboard Classes call a "Wellness Activity", something even beginner musicians can do to mindfully experience music helping us feel better. I recommend it for structuring your playing time anytime!

Start by playing one of your favorite songs -- a song you've played before that you feel confident playing. Play it as many times as you want.

Then switch to a different song that requires more concentration. Perhaps a new song you are learning. Focus carefully on the song, using the techniques you learned from your lessons. When you have played it a few times ... stop.

Finish your playing time by choosing another song that you like and are more comfortable playing. Enjoy the feelings of accomplishment and success.

This activity allows us to begin and end our playing time on a pleasant note. We can combine a challenge with pleasure.

This activity can also be used to change our focus when we are worried, sad, angry, frustrated, or overwhelmed. The song in the middle that requires focus helps break those "loops" in our minds.

Student Awards

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Kylie P. -- Violin

Regional Festival -- 1 rating

Kylie also participated in the Wichita Youth Orchestra.



Annabelle M. -- Clarinet

State Competition Solo - 1 rating



Alexandra D. -- Flute

KMEA State Solo and Ensemble Competition - 1 rating



Hailey P. -- violin

Regional & State Competition Solo - 1 rating

Hailey also participated in the Wichita Youth Orchestra.



Goofin' Graduation

Graduates of the Goofin' Around "Lowrey Magic Blue Book 3" Class are: Back row from left Nancy Pickler, Cindy Thorsell, and Kaye Stevens. Front row, Hilde Yops.



Not Pictured:
Barbara Booher,
Diana Friend,
Karen Stocks.

Mark your calendars!

Upcoming classes and gatherings at Garten's Music:

Music Makers

Our Goofin' Around Keyboard Class students enjoy a "Name That Tune" game, playing tips, new song books and great music!

FRI., JULY 18 - 2 p.m.

Theme:

"Songs from the 1800's"

FRI., AUG. 15 - 2 p.m.

Theme:

"Blue in the Title"

Goofin' Around Classes:

"Songs For a Better World"

10:30 AM - Wed.
Beginning July 16.

"Party Songs"

10:30 AM - Thurs.
Beginning July 10

"Three-Chord Country Songs"

2 PM - Wed.
Beginning July 16.

"Disney Fun Songs"

1:30 PM - Thurs.
Beginning July 10

Beginner Goofin' Around Class

FREE Intro Class:

Tues., Sept. 9 at 10:30 AM.

Class Begins:

Tues., Sept. 16 at 10:30 AM

Call 316-942-1337, text 316-661-6605,
email info@gartensmusic.com, or speak to a staff member
for more information or to sign up.

Goofin' Around Class Graduations



Graduates of the Goofin' Around "Traditional Gospel - Part 1" Class are: Back row from left Kim Erney, Faye Olson, Paula Moorhouse, Arletha Farrell, and Cheryl Privett. Front from left Judy Foy, Rosie Brumit, Reatha Stucky.

Not Pictured: LaJuan Hutcherson, Jennifer Lewis and Kaye Stevens.



Graduates of the Goofin' Around "Lowrey Magic Red Book 2" Class are: Back row from left Randy Gordon, Marilyn Gordon, Doug Kaufman, Mike Pippig, Audrey Canfield, and Richard Javurek. Front from left Bonnie Washington, Jolene Kaufman, and Eileen Asoian.

Not Pictured: Diane Wilson, Steve Wilson, and Rachel Parrish.

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Goofin' Graduations

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(Top)

Graduates of the Goofin' Around "Disney Fun Songs - Part 1" Class are: Back row from left Debra Higgs, Brent Kleeman, and Marsha Helmer. Front from left Nancy Wiard, Connie Profaizer, and Lisa Shorter.

(Bottom)

Graduates of the Goofin' Around "Party Songs - Part 1" Class are: Back row from left Brenda Banta, Fred Washington, LaJuan Hutcherson, and Sheryl Knott. Front from left Karen Armstrong, Joan Welborn, and Eva Ornelas. Not Pictured: Cindy Thorsell and Joan Davis.



Come Make Music With Us!

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

Call 316-942-1337, text 316-661-6605,
email info@gartensmusic.com,
or speak to a staff member to enroll today.

Refer a Friend, Get \$25 Cash

Through the WMA Student Referral Program, current Wichita Music Academy students earn \$25 cash for every new student they refer to us.

How? It's easy!

- 1.) Invite your friends.
- 2.) Give them a copy of the Student Referral Form with your name.
- 3.) Your friend brings the completed flyer when they enroll.
- 4.) You get \$25 cash!

Need to Make a Schedule Change for the Fall?

If you are looking at changing your lesson time or day for the fall, adding a family member, adding/changing instruments, or increasing your lesson time, the time to do so is now! Talk to a staff member to discuss options.



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