

## Garten's Music

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November - December 2025

## WMA Students Light up the stage at Fall Student Showcases

Wichita Music Academy celebrated its Fall Student Showcases on Sept. 26-27, and students lit up the stage with outstanding performances.

More than 100 students performed on drums, piano, guitar, voice, ukulele, violin, viola, cello, saxophone, flute and clarinet during the two-night event at Trinity Christian Center. The showcases featured everything from solos to duets to ensembles, giving students a

chance to share what they've learned in lessons.

Wichita Music Academy hosts two showcases each year, and participation is voluntary for all current students.





Videos from all six fall showcases are now available on the academy's YouTube channel at www.tinyurl.com/gartensmusic. Parents should also have received information on how to access and download student portrait photos. For help, contact Jordan Summers at jsummers@ wichitamusicacademy.com or call 316-942-1337.

#### THANK YOU!

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Thank you to every student, family member and supporter—and to our WMA teachers—for making the fall showcases such a joyful celebration of music.



#### The Gift of Music

Written By: Cindy Houston

Making music can be enjoyed at any age - from toddlers to great-grandparents. That enjoyment we get from singing or playing our favorite songs causes our brain to produce the feel-good hormones that can lift our spirits and help us manage stress, depression, boredom, grief, and more.

Music can be a life-long pleasure. A few years ago, we took an informal poll of the senior adults in our Goofin' Around Keyboard Class program. Out of a group of 25, all but 3 of them had played various sports in their youth. This was a bit surprising, as the group included both men and women who were in school prior to 1972, when Title IX opened school sports to girls as well as boys. Although participating in sports can certainly teach a lot of life skills, we found that none of the participants were still playing those sports as older adults, while ALL of them were enjoying making music.

We commend parents who are giving their children an opportunity to learn music and supporting their interest. The gift of music - renting or purchasing instruments, paying for lessons, attending their concerts - is a "forever" gift to their children that they can enjoy all their lives.

It's never too late to start making music, either! We have helped lots of adults with no prior music experience learn to sing or play and enjoy making their own music.

Music: the gift for a lifetime.







#### We have some exciting news!

If you already follow us on Facebook and Instagram, thank you — you're part of what makes our community so amazing! Now we'd love to connect with you on LinkedIn, too.

Follow Garten's Music and the Wichita Music Academy on LinkedIn for even more updates, professional highlights, success stories, and behind-the-scenes moments. Your support helps us grow and reach even more music lovers in our community.

On Facbook: facebook.com/gartensmusic On Instagram: @wichitamusicacademy

On LinkedIn:

linkedin.com/company/gartens-music-wma



#### Ooops! We made a mistake

We'd like to offer a sincere apology for a naming error in our October newsletter. The student pictured in the article featuring Matteo

G. was incorrectly identified. The student pictured is Diego E., a drum student at the Wichita Music Academy.

We regret the mistake and appreciate your understanding as we work to ensure accuracy in all our communications.

## Mark your calendars!

#### **Current classes and upcoming gatherings at Garten's Music:**

#### NEW Goofin' Around Class Christmas Class with Cindy

1:30 AM - Tuesday Dec. 2, 9, & 16



#### CHRISTMAS PARTY LUNCHEON



Friday, Dec. 19 -- 11:30 AM

Spear's Restaurant & Pie Shop,
Maple & Tracy, Wichita
Optional Gift Exchange - under \$10 item
Come join us!

#### **NEW Goofin' Around Classes:**

#### **Lowrey Magic Red 2 Class**

10:30 AM - Tuesday Begins Jan. 13

#### "Movie Classics" Class

1:30 PM - Tuesday Begins Jan. 13

#### Lowrey Magic Red 1 Class 10:30 AM - Wed.

FREE Intro Jan 14
Begins Jan 21

#### "Movie Classics" Class

2 PM - Wed. Begins Jan 14

## Lowrey Legacy Songbook Class

10:30 AM - Thurs. Begins Jan. 15

"Best Easy Listening Songs Ever - Pt 2" Class 1:30 PM - Thurs. Begins Jan 15

#### Come out and join us!

The Goofin' Around Keyboard classes are geared for the ADULT beginner student.

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.

#### **Music Makers**

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

FRI., JAN. 16 - 2 p.m.

Theme: "The Word 'Theme' in the Title"

#### NEW BEGINNER LOWREY MAGIC RED 1 CLASS 10:30 AM - Wed

for ADULT beginners

No Experience or instument needed -- We'll loan you one!

Free Intro - Jan 14 Class Begins - Jan 21 Cost: \$129.95 includes classes, book, 2 private lessons, & Keyboard loan

Early Bird Savings!
Enroll by Dec 31 -- Save \$20
Bring a Friend - You both save \$20 MORE

#### **COME JOIN US!**

### 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.

That's what Gabby, Izzy, and Mykah did (pictured right).

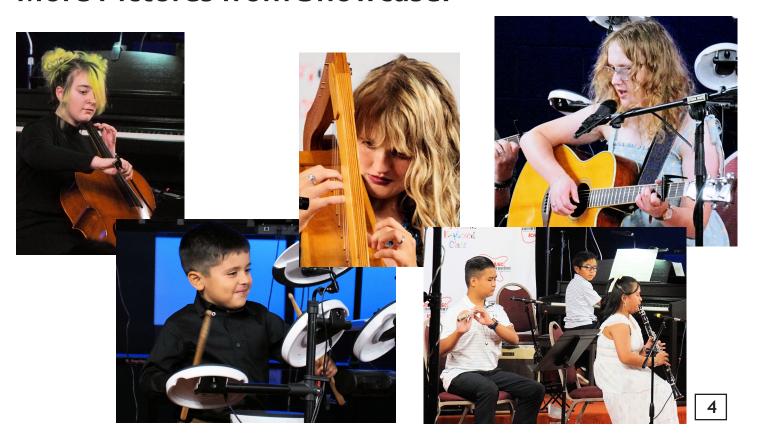
#### How? It's easy!

- 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!

Student Referal Forms are available at the Front Desk.



#### More Pictures from Showcase:





#### CHRISTMAS DEALS STARTING BLACK FRIDAY - NOV. 28

# Give the Gift of Music this Christmas!



#### WASHBURN ELECTRIC GUITAR PACK

includes guitar, amp, bag, stand, strap, cable, picks, tuner, and more

-- \$199

# WASHBURN "LEARN & PLAY" ACOUSTIC-ELECTRIC DREADNOUGHT GUITAR PACK

includes guitar, bag, stand, strap, picks, and more

-- \$129



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ROLAND DIGITAL PIANO BUNDLE

Roland 88-note Go-piano with Bluetooth audio bundle includes stand, bench, sustain pedal

-- \$399

## ROLAND RP701 DIGITAL PIANO WITH ADJUSTABLE BENCH

-- \$1399





#### GIFT ITEMS FOR **EVERY MUSIC LOVER**

Ornaments -- starting at \$1.99 Totebags -- starting at \$11.99 Socks -- Starting at

\$8.99



Scarves -- Starting at \$14.99 Leggings -- Starting at \$18.95

Jewelry -- Starting at \$4.99







**UKULELES** 

20% off