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Student listens to Bach each night

Before he falls asleep each night, 11-year-old piano student Jeremy Zekveld listens to Bach's music on Alexa.

Perhaps it was no surprise that he expressed an interest in piano and voice lessons three years ago. That's when he enrolled as a student at Garten's Music, home of the Wichita Music Academy.

"I thought music was pretty cool," Zekveld said. "I just wanted to sign up. My parents wanted me to do it, too."

Zekveld mostly concentrates on piano lessons, but he sometimes likes to sing and play at the same time. He enjoys playing instrumental music from video games, although his favorite piano song



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he has learned recently is "Great Smoky Mountains." Zekveld hopes to create his own video game and

write and perform the music for it.

"I usually just, like, if I hear a song I try to figure it out," he said.

Zekveld plays piano in the Wichita Music Academy's fall Student Showcase.



Zekveld's goal is to play the piano 30 minutes a day. He performs for his grandparents sometimes – "they love it," he said – and he occasionally plays a song or two on the piano in the band room at school. Zekveld also performs in the Wichita Music Academy Student Showcases.

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Graduation day!



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Best Songs Ever)! Seated, from left: Rosie Brumit, Lisa Shorter, Connie Profaizer. Standing, from left: Debra Higgs, Nancy Wiard, Marsha Helmer, Brent Kleeman.

Visit us & check out our new arrivals this holiday season!

Be sure to stop by Garten's Music this month and check out our new arrivals! The Kawai DG30 digital grand piano and a fun selection of new Amahi ukuleles are sure to catch your eye!

Garten's Music features Wichita's only piano showroom. We carry digital pianos, including the Roland GP-3 digital grand piano pictured at right. Don't forget our guitars, banjos and

ukuleles! If you need stocking stuffers, we can help! We offer music accessories. Not sure what to buy for the music lover on your list? Purchase a gift card!

Shop local this holiday season and support your hometown businesses. Instruments and music lessons are the gifts that keep on giving throughout the year! Visit us today!



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He said he would encourage anyone considering music lessons to move forward and reap the rewards.

"It's not actually that hard," he added. "It progresses slowly. You'll figure out how you're getting much

better. You'll feel proud of yourself."

Zekveld joined the school band in 2022, playing trumpet. His piano experience prepared him well.

"It's gotten me a head start in band at school," he said. "I could sight-

read all of our songs that we did."

Zekveld already has his eye on the next instrument he could add to his repertoire.

"I kind of want to figure out drums," he said. "Drum's pretty cool."

Mark your calendars!

Upcoming classes and gatherings at Garten's Music:



Party time!

The Goofin' Around Keyboard Class Christmas Party Luncheon is coming soon! It will start at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 15. The event will be at Spear's Restaurant & Pie Shop. Cost is \$14 per person. Please make your paid reservation by Dec. 12.

Goofin' Around Keyboard Class

for adult beginners teaches students to have a blast goofin' around at the keyboard! The 10-week class affords students the chance to learn to play in a fun, no-stress (and no recital) environment. We'll even loan you an instrument!
FREE introductory class:
– 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24



Merry Christmas! We are thankful for you. We value our music community, and we look forward to serving you in 2024.

Classes starting!

Lowrey Magic theme class (3-Chord Country Songs)
– 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10

Lowrey Magic theme class (More of the Best Songs Ever, Part 2)
– 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 11

Lowrey Magic theme class (All-Time Standards)
– 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11

Lowrey Magic Red Book 2
– 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16

Lowrey Magic Red Book 1
– 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31
(Enroll for the Red Book 1 class by Dec. 31, 2023, and save \$20!)



The Wichita Music Academy will be closed Monday, Dec. 25, through Monday, Jan. 1, so no lessons will take place. We hope you enjoy the holidays!



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



Congratulations! Wichita Music Academy students Brayden Ta, left, and Alexandra Dominguez were selected for the Kansas Music Educators Association District Orchestra! They are eligible to perform in the All-State Orchestra in February.

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

What's inside this month's newsletter:

- Piano student hopes to design video game, write and perform the music for it!
- Check out the new arrivals in our retail store and shop local this holiday season!

THANK YOU

for voting us No. 1 for **Best Musical Instrument Store** in 2023! This is the third year in a row you've selected us as Wichita's favorite. We are so grateful for your support in the Best of Wichita contest, sponsored by

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