



# Garten's Music

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## Enthusiastic piano student has plans for fall concert performance, next music book

Sometimes aspiring musicians must try multiple instruments before finding the one they love.

Tiffany Wong, 9, began taking piano lessons at the Wichita Music Academy because she got bored playing guitar. She has enjoyed learning various songs on the piano, and she celebrated her one-year anniversary at the Wichita Music Academy this summer.

She has one song left to learn in her second book. She's working on one titled "What Shall We Do?" and she plays it along with her teacher, Billy Bloomquist.

"It's a duet where I play one and he plays one," said Wong. "Me and Billy are going to play 'What Shall We Do?' at the next concert."

The Wichita Music Academy at Garten's Music hosts



Tiffany Wong will learn music from the movie "Frozen."

student concerts twice a year. Students may share their vocal talent or their instrumental music on piano, guitar, bass, ukulele, dobro, mandolin, banjo, fiddle, violin, viola, saxophone, djembe or cajon.

Wong admitted to some nervousness before the spring student concert.

"But then it's really fun when you start playing," she added.

Bloomquist said her sense of fun was evident during lessons.

"Tiffany is a delight to work with," he said. "When my cat ate a bracelet she made me, she didn't hesitate to give me another one. That's the kind of sweet personality she has and I think it comes out in the way she plays music as well – always with energy,

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# Graduation Day!



Lowrey graduates of the Red Book 1 class – Front row, from left, Sherry Brandes, Carol Jones. Back row, from left, Velda Luce, John Luce, Roberta Stafford. Not pictured: Warren Brandes, Mary Gerstenkorn.

Lowrey graduates of the Red Book 1 class – Front row, from left, Juanita Grantz, Marion Crouse, Leonard McNutt. Back row, from left, Gregory Glover, David Walsh, Jim Huston, Mary McNutt.



Lowrey graduates of the Patriotic class – Front row, from left, Sally Wiebe, Arletta Perrie, Leo Howe, Peggy Urban, Connie Gonzales, Connie Profaizer. Back row, from left, Joe Perrie, Roberta Sanders, Lynette Hasz, Floyd Hansen, Nancy Scofield, Cheryl Privett, Max Stuever, Delores Carmichael. Not pictured: Donna Classen, Beverly Becker, Beverly Parson.



## Lowrey artist, production specialist to visit Garten's then perform free concert

Brad Bryan of Lowrey will visit Garten's Music in August, and you're invited to a free concert!

Bryan will perform at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, at Venue 3130 (at 3130 W. Central, only 10 blocks east of Garten's Music).

Bryan, of Chattanooga, Tenn., is a concert artist and production specialist for Lowrey. He was the project manager for the development of the Lowrey Legend, Patriot, Fanfare and all EZ models.

Bryan's unique,



Brad Bryan

distinctive artistic styling showcases the many sounds and orchestrations of Lowrey. His concerts feature hits from all genres of music, but country and gospel music are his favorites.

Join us for his free concert and bring a friend! Please RSVP to reserve your seats. Call 942-1337 or e-mail [info@gartensmusic.com](mailto:info@gartensmusic.com).



### Shoe drive

The L.I.F.E. in Kansas MusicMakers at Garten's Music collected shoes for H.O.P.E. Inc. in Wichita. The shoe drive is ongoing, so drop off your new or used shoes here at the store! Above, L.I.F.E. officers Bobbi Bruce (left) and Marvis Lary show some of the 164 pairs of shoes that have been donated so far.

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## Mark your calendars!

### Upcoming classes and gatherings at Garten's Music:

#### L.I.F.E. in Kansas MusicMakers

Join the club and enjoy making music with us.

– 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1

#### Organ Club

includes a Name That Tune game, playing tips, new songbooks and great music!

– 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15  
(Theme: Children's or silly songs)

#### PlayTime

is an opportunity for current and former Lowrey students to enjoy listening to and playing for your friends!

– 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8



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

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| Phyllis C.   | Connie G.   | Evelyn W.  |
| Laurie D.    | Lynette H.  | Lillian M. |
| Ruth F.      | Floyd H.    | Charlie B. |
| Bill H.      | Max S.      | Eric B.    |
| Priscilla L. | Beverly B.  | Elena A.   |
| Bob S.       | Carl B.     | Emily B.   |
| Kho D.       | Veronica M. | Marion C.  |
| Carol J.     | John L.     | Velda L.   |
| Leonard M.   | Mary M.     | Roberta S. |
| Don T.       | Paul B.     |            |



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always with joy. So far, she's accepted and conquered every challenge I've thrown her way, working on every detail of musicality I ask of her in her repertoire. If she keeps up that attitude about learning and improving on the piano, I think she can go really, really far."

Wong's favorite performer is Ariana Grande, and she especially likes the songs "Problem," "The Way," "Baby I" and "Last Christmas." Wong already has plans for her next music book.

"When I'm done with this one, I'm going to get the 'Frozen' book," she said.



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offers piano, keyboard,  
guitar, bass, voice, ukulele,  
dobro, mandolin, banjo, fid-  
dle, saxophone, violin, viola,  
djembe and cajon lessons!**

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your musical journey!**