

Garten's Music

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Family will make music together

Sometimes parental influence leads children to enroll in music lessons. For the Melendy family, however, it was 11-year-old Riley's influence that caused her and her mother to sign up at the Wichita Music Academy.

Riley, now 12, studies violin at the music academy because she plays the instrument at school. Her mother, Jennifer, had a guitar for nine years before she started lessons at the academy as well.



From left, Morgan, Jennifer and Riley Melendy

"I wanted her to keep in practice over the summer," Jennifer said of her daughter. "And I figured I was not going to do that whole self-learning thing, so it was a good time to start together."

The pair began lessons in June 2016. Jennifer studies with instructor Loretta Ewing, and Riley is learning from instructor Rosie Barney.

"I like my teacher," Riley said. "She's nice."

Riley's favorite song she has learned is "The Bare Necessities" from "The Jungle Book." She plans to play "Colors of the Wind" from "Pocahontas" in the June Student Showcase.

Riley's younger sister, Morgan, started ukulele lessons at the Wichita Music

Academy in this month. She received the instrument for Christmas.

Their father plays drums, and Jennifer said the family hopes to perform a song together next year in a church talent show. Morgan has already written song lyrics, so she may explore composition as part of her lessons.

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Graduation day!



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Red Book 1)! Seated, from left: Debra Higgs, Rosie Brumit, Kim Erney, Lisa Shorter. Standing, from left: Noel Gary, Fred Washington, Shaina Wullschleger, Shirley Robinson, Ron Crook, Linda Welch.



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Hits From Musicals, Part 1)! Seated, from left: Dee Cheatham, Connie Profaizer, Priscilla Liddeke, Aleta Vogt. Standing, from left: Nancy Wiard, Wanda Shaw, Bill Hall, Vesta Campbell. Not pictured: Joyce O'Dell, Brent Kleeman, Connie Gonzalez.

Mark your calendars!

Upcoming classes and gatherings at Garten's Music:

PlayTime

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, June 9

Organ Club

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, June 16
(Theme: Rat Pack)

L.I.F.E. in Kansas MusicMakers

Join the club and enjoy making music with us!

– 2 p.m. Friday, July 7



Summer concert!

Lowrey's Bob Ashworth and Chuck Wright, pictured above, will play a concert for Goofin' Around Keyboard Class students at Garten's Music! The event will start at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 13, at Venue 3130, located at 3130 W. Central, Wichita.

Classes available:

“Hits From Musicals,
Part 2” for Green level

– starts at 2 p.m.
Tuesday, June 6

Lowrey Magic Red Book 1

– starts at 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 6

“Patriotic Songs”
for Red level

– starts at 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, June 8

“Hits From Musicals”
for Blue level

– starts at 2 p.m.
Thursday, June 8



Pomp and Circumstance

Robby Avila, an instructor at the Wichita Music Academy, earned his master's degree in saxophone performance! He graduated in May from Wichita State University. Congratulations, Robby!

**Congratulations to the
winner of our monthly
drawing for April! Luz
Cintron received guitar
accessories in honor of
International Guitar
Month.**

WMA students earn recognition

Wichita Music Academy students recently received their trophies, wristbands and certificates for achieving musical milestones. We are proud of them! See more photos, Page 5.



Aiden B.



Cael M.



Hailey P.



Andrea P.



Cooper R.



Ailey F.



Collin S.



Courtney C.



Tyson J.



Reese B.



Trent B.



Toby F.



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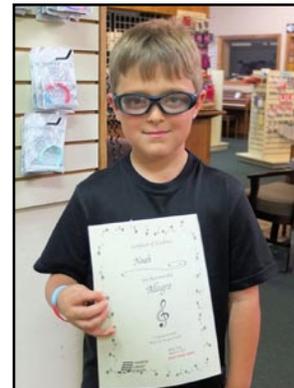
Hannah R.



Harlan H.



Nate H.



Noah B.

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Jennifer credits Riley for helping guide family members into developing their music talents.

“I think she set an example, her starting in school and learning,” Jennifer said.

Riley said those considering music lessons should pursue that interest.

“You should take them because it’s fun and it helps you learn more,” she added. “Learning at school, there’s a lot more people and it takes longer to get ready, so there’s less time to learn.”

Jennifer acknowledged it is sometimes difficult to find practice time as a busy adult. She looks for opportunities to play during the week, even if it’s just in 10- or 15-minute increments.

“I figure those 10- to 15-minute windows add up,” she remarked.

Jennifer is learning the song “Simple Gifts” on guitar.

She, too, offered advice for adults interested in making music.

“Don’t put it off,” she said. “It’s never too late!”



Heroes in harmony

Garten’s Music had a booth at KidFest in May! The event was held at Century II in Wichita. Captain America, at left, visited our booth and Belle from “Beauty and the Beast” is the proud owner of a new ukulele!



*Need a gift idea for
Father's Day?*

Get them music-themed accessories, a musical instrument or lessons!

We carry pianos, keyboards, guitars, ukes, music books and much more!



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

The Wichita Music Academy offers instruction in piano, keyboard, guitar, bass, voice, ukulele, flute, tuba, saxophone, trombone, trumpet, clarinet, baritone/euphonium, violin, viola, cello, drums & percussion!

Call today to reserve your spot ... before the time and day you want are taken!

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| Samantha G. | Andrea C. |
| Susie E. | Deb H. |
| Athena M. | Dennis G. |
| Corrie M. | Briley F. |
| Kaylee R. | Megan T. |
| Renee A. | Xitlalie M. |
| Yaretzie M. | Noah J. |
| Deb H. | Morgan M. |
| Harper B. | Jennifer B. |
| Kyla R. | Kayla J. |
| Wanda T. | Shirley K. |
| Wynona M. | Kevin B. |
| Dorothy M. | Dan M. |
| Orpha E. | Freddie C. |
| Troy V. | Amy D. |