



Garten's Music

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Happy New Year!

January 2021

Students to perform in new Virtual Showcase

Attention, Wichita Music Academy students! You're invited to perform in our Virtual Student Showcase set for February!

Our Student Showcases were scheduled for Feb. 6 and 7, but Sedgwick County has extended its gathering limit (which is 25), so we had to change our plan. However, we are excited about this option! It will allow online students who live out of town to be involved in our showcases! We also look forward to performances from students who aren't comfortable attending lessons/showcases in person.

Those who attend lessons in person may play a duet with their teacher, or have their teacher accompany them, and shoot their video during their lesson time. Our deadline for submissions is Saturday, Feb. 6, and we'll post the showcases on our YouTube channel during Valentine's weekend!

Here are some tips from our video technicians:

• You don't need fancy equipment. A smartphone video will work fine.

• If your phone has a zoom option, try to get the performer and the instrument up a little closer instead of far away. Try to hold your phone steady during the performance. Recording your video from closer to the performer will usually result in better sound than recording from across the room.

• Choose a good background. You may not have a lot of choice if you're playing the piano, but even then, try to choose an angle that doesn't have a cluttered or distracting background.

• Make sure the subject (that's you!) is well-lit. Perhaps you can shoot your video during the day when there's natural daylight, or at least have plenty of room light. A dark and dingy room will not come across well in your video.

• Try to minimize background distractions. A child chasing a barking dog (or vice versa) will draw attention away from your all-star performance. So will someone watching television or playing a video game.

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Holiday help

Members of our Goofin' Around Christmas classes contributed toys plus coats, hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for children and adults! The items were donated to the Wichita Police Department, which distributed them to shelters for victims of domestic violence.

Orchestra classes start this month

Are your children missing out on school orchestra? Are they looking for a fun way to stay sharp? Sign up for our orchestra classes!

► See "Orchestra," Page 6.

Graduation day!



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Christmas classes)! Top row, from left: Rilla Rogus, Gayla Scott, Eva Ornelas, Joan Davis, Linda Overman. Second row, from left: Karen Armstrong, Brent Kleeman, Betty Riemen, Marsha Helmer. Third row, from left: Joan Welborn, Karen Stocks, Helen Lynch, Hilde Yops. Bottom row, from left: Bill Hall, Esther Gable, Sheryl Knott, Kerrie Platt.

Mark your calendars!

Upcoming classes and gatherings at Garten's Music:

Lowrey Magic Red Book 2

– starts at 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 12

Theme class: Rat Pack

– starts at 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 13

Lowrey Magic Blue Book 2

– starts at 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 14

Theme class: Favorite Songs with 3 Chords

– starts at 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 12

Lowrey Magic Red Book 1

– starts at 3 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 13

Lowrey Magic Blue Book 4

– starts at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 13

Theme class: Songs for All Occasions

– starts at 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, Jan. 14



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Red Book 2)! Clockwise from top left: Sandra Reay, Mary Smith, Kate Meyer, Jeanne Shove, Helen Lynch. Not pictured: Tina Baldwin.

WMA students earn recognition

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



Brynlee W.



Mary M.



Preslee W.



Daniel H.



Hannah H.



Glen S.



Carolyn N.



Hattie S.



Roman O.



Jennifer L.



Ellie H.



Isabella W.



Kyndall C.



Mia G.



Leena P.



Maxwell B.



Jake T.



Kinley L.



Ellie H.



Molly D.

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

Archer G.	Fletcher G.	Mason M.
Gabriel B.	Andre T.	Annabelle F.
Arvin M.	Elijah P.	Dena B.
James P.	Jack R.	Carol S.
Virginia G.	Damiana E.	Corey P.
Emmaline S.	Elizabeth H.	Cameron W.
Seth P.	Deryk R.	Dana J.
Willard F.	Tina F.	Carol D.
Linda M.	Robert S.	Lou M.
Beth P.	Linda L.	Kaye S.
Vera D.	Gabe G.	Jillian C.



The Wichita Music Academy has been recognized as a Safe Music School from the national Safe Music Schools organization. We are pledging to continue to do our part to stop the spread of Covid-19. We are the first and only music lesson teaching facility in the area to have received this national recognition!

► Showcase, from Page 1.

- Mess up? Make another one! But remember, a trivial bobble is part of most live performances. Don't let a minor thing become a major thing. (That's a music joke – get it?)
 - Limit your piece to three minutes maximum. We can fade you out, but we'd like to show ALL of your wonderfulness!
 - If you're playing along with a background track, be aware that copyrighted music can be removed from YouTube without notice.
 - If there are lyrics, please remember that we need family-friendly material. No profanity, politics or sexual references, please!
 - Above all, have fun, and let your face know it! If you're in a bad mood, your face will reflect that. Show the world your passion and love for music! We all could benefit from that in these trying times.
- When you're done, please email your video to WMAShowcase@gmail.com. IMPORTANT: Make sure the performer's name is in the email so we'll know how to title it. If you do not receive an emailed response from us within 48 hours, please contact us at 942-1337.
- That's it! Have fun making your video!

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:
– 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 19



Our 2020 orchestra class performed three songs in December! See video link at right.

►Orchestra, from Page 1.

Our instructors will teach a 45-minute class that is open to orchestra students with one to two years of experience, and a one-hour class open to middle and high schoolers.

Each class includes eight sessions this semester. The middle school/high school class will start Jan. 13 and the early orchestra class Jan. 16. Each class will perform a song that will be recorded and posted on our YouTube channel and our Facebook page! Check out our winter class performance: tinyurl.com/2020OrchClass

Classes will be FUN, and space is limited!

Contact us for more information at 942-1337 or send an email to info@gartensmusic.com. Let's keep students interested and involved in music during this difficult time!



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



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