



Garten's Music

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Musical Ladder 'lights up' students

Special moments deserve special awards. Some of you may remember those Little League pictures with the kids grinning as they tightly grip their trophies for winning the most cut-throat T-ball game of their lives.

That's why here at Garten's Music, we believe in providing the opportunity for students, young and old, to memorialize their musical moments as well.

Whether it's learning that first song on the instrument, to performing for the first time at Student Showcase, the students remember this magical moment of a lifetime by earning certificates, wristbands and trophies for their incredible newly-learned abilities.

The Wichita Music Academy includes the Musical Ladder System, which allows us to feature the hundreds of students we have here at Garten's Music. Learning the life skill of music can never be taken away from that person now; playing a musical instrument is a treasure that deserves a special award.

Garten's Music is the only music store in Wichita to offer this outstanding program. We believe it's one of the many reasons that we



stand out from others and have earned *The Wichita Eagle's* "Best Music Store in Wichita," three years running now.

When you enroll in the Wichita Music Academy for music lessons at Garten's, you are automatically a part of the Musical Ladder System. As long as you continue your enrollment with Garten's, you'll climb to the top with some rather large trophies.

One of Garten's longest-running teachers, Andrew Wingert, believes the program is a great success.

"This year we'll have our first ten-year trophy awarded," Andrew explained proudly.

"We started offering the Musical Ladder program ten years ago, so it's our first opportunity for a student to reach ten years!"

"I love seeing a student's face light up when I tell them they passed their test [to earn the next award]" Andrew said. "It's a highlight to teaching here at Garten's Music."

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Left: The Song Bird Trophy
Bottom: Charlotte, a student in the Wichita Music Academy here at Garten's, earns her first trophy on the Musical Ladder.



Graduation day!



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (50 Great Songs)! From left back row: Brenda Lee, Kerrie Platt, LaJuan Hutcherson, Joan Davis, Fred Cook: From left front row: Eva Ornelas, Judy Cook, Sheryl Knott, Karen Armstrong: Not pictured: Hilde Yops and Joan Welborn.

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Another teacher, Alec Jahnke, also spoke highly of the program.

“The benefit of the Musical Ladder System is the motivation it gives students to practice and stay involved in music,” said Alec.

The Musical Ladder System ranges from a trophy at three months to a trophy at 10 years. When the student first enrolls in lessons with the Wichita Music Academy at Garten’s, the trophies come more frequently to help encourage the student those first months of learning a new instrument.

The excitement captured on a student’s face when receiving the award is priceless. To see these



unforgettable moments and encourage the students on their musical journey, be sure to follow Garten’s Music on Facebook or the Wichita Music Academy on Instagram where we post Musical Ladder recipients receiving their awards.

Left: Various trophies earned through the Musical Ladder System in the Wichita Music Academy at Garten’s Music

Mark your calendars!

Upcoming classes and gatherings at Garten's Music:

MusicMakers, open to our Goofin' Around Keyboard Class students, includes a Name That Tune game, playing tips, new songbooks and great music!

– 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16
(Theme: TBD)

Wichita Music Academy Student Showcases are set for Saturday, Feb. 24, and Sunday, Feb. 25! Visit the front desk or call 942-1337 to sign up. We can't wait for the performances!



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
Class begins
– 1:30 p.m. Weds. Jan. 31st

Classes starting

Lowrey Magic Red 2 Class

– starts at 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 23

Thank you for voting us No. 1 for Best Musical Instrument Store in 2023! We are grateful for your support in the Wichita Eagle's Best of Wichita contest!

Holiday celebration for Goofin' Around crowd

Garten's Music held its annual Christmas Luncheon for Goofin' Around students. The event was a wonderful celebration of all the great musical successes and friendships made in the Goofin' Around Classes they have taken over the years.



Above: Sheryl Knott plays the organ. Above left: Goofin' Around Keyboard Class students Eva Ornelas and Fred Cook look through music book sale. Bottom left: Goofin' Around Keyboard Class students Rosie Brumit and Brent Kleeman.

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

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

Chloe B.	Simon D.	Emry L.
Dominic B.	Jordyn D.	Anabelle M.
Heidi B.	Robin E.	Lily P.
Isabelle C.	Madeleine F.	Jeremy P.
Olivia C.	Loretta H.	Elora R.
Gracie C.	Patricia H.	Raja R.
Macie C.	Anastasia I.	Cambree R.
Lainie C.	Isabella I.	Arian R.
Cooper C.	Dawn J.	Juliette R.
Arley D.	Alex K.	Abigail W.

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

What's inside this month's newsletter:
Learn about the Musical Ladder System! Our FREE introductory Goofin' Around Keyboard Class for adult beginners starts soon!

Holiday harmonies

Here are more pictures of the annual Christmas luncheon for Goofin' Around Keyboard Classes at Spears! Our students enjoyed a gift exchange, a music book sale and lunch catered by Spear's Restaurant & Pie Shop. Some students also played Christmas music during the event!



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