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Student aims to study violin in college

Jesse Havener has been intrigued by the violin since he was a child.

“I’m the first violinist in our family,” said Havener, 18. “I saw someone play it on the TV and I was just drawn to it.”

When he was in fifth grade, he was part of a band and orchestra tryout day at school to determine which instrument he wanted to play. His mom encouraged him to choose clarinet because the family already owned one since his sister had played.

“But I was stubborn and I wanted to play violin,” Havener recalled.

He started lessons at Garten’s Music, home of the Wichita Music Academy, in 2019. He stayed for a year and later returned to be part of an orchestra class at the music academy. After resuming lessons in March 2022, he now works with instructor Angelo in an hour-long lesson each week.

“There’s a clear, set goal that I’m aiming towards now,” Havener said. “It’s a lot easier just to know what to do as far as practicing back at home. I know exactly what to practice and everything like that. And just some encouragement as



Jesse Havener: Wichita Music Academy lessons have been ‘a really fun experience.’

well – that’s also a big help.”

Havener has played in Wichita Music Academy Student Showcases and become acquainted with teachers and staff during his time taking lessons.

“It’s been a really fun experience,” he said. “A lot of the teachers are open to what the student has to say and really flexible with what the students’ goals are and what style of music they want to invest into. And the overall environment, everyone’s friendly. Usually when you walk in, someone’s there to

greet you and say farewell when you leave.”

Looking back on his musical progress, Havener shared what he has learned and offered advice to prospective students.

“It will be a hard journey and stuff, but put people in your life that will make that journey easier and more doable,” he said. “And just learn to enjoy what you’re doing now, and don’t be afraid of the new things. And don’t be intimidated by them.”

Havener said his favorite music he has learned so far is the Accolay violin concerto in A minor. His goal is to learn Bach sonatas or partitas. He loves to play classical music, especially from the Romantic era.

“I’m really enjoying that style right now,” Havener added. “Maybe later I want to branch off and learn some film music. That will be really interesting and fun – but mainly just stick with the classical-type style.”

Havener plans to pursue a violin performance degree at Wichita State University. He’s thinking about auditioning for professional

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Graduation day!



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Red Book 1)! Standing, from left: Kim Erney, Carolyn Anderson, Marty Viney, Cindy Thorsell. Seated, from left: Judy Foy, Liz Totten.



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Red Book 2)! From left: Rachel Parrish, Cindy Shaffer, Barbara McAnelly, Natalie Rowe.

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. 17
(Theme: 1970s Love Songs)



*Happy Valentine's Day
from Garten's Music
& the Wichita Music
Academy!*

Wichita Music Academy Student Showcases are set for Saturday, Feb. 25, and Sunday, Feb. 26, at West Side Baptist Church in Wichita! Student performances will be posted to our YouTube channel: tinyurl.com/gartensmusic We can't wait to see our students shine!

Classes starting!

Lowrey Magic Green Book 2

– starts at 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 9

Lowrey Magic theme class (’60s Pop/Rock)

– starts at 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, Feb. 16

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orchestras after college and maybe teaching as well.

“My past pieces that I’ve played, I see it almost as a journey,” he explained. “I can look back and see where I was in my journey. The goals that I’ve set is kind of the like the blueprints of the rest of my journey as well.”



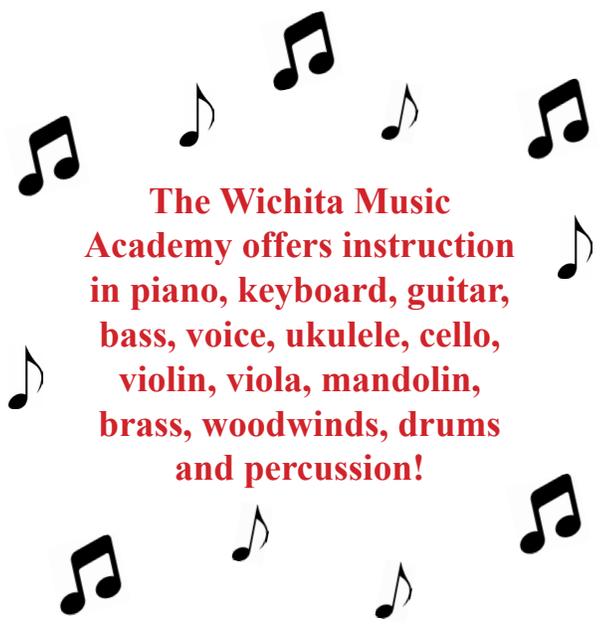
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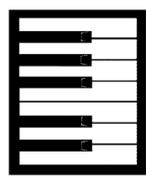
The Wichita Music Academy offers instruction in piano, keyboard, guitar, bass, voice, ukulele, cello, violin, viola, mandolin, brass, woodwinds, drums and percussion!

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

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

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| Hector G. | Cecilia M. | Alex S. |
| Evan S. | Keshavi M. | Luis C. |
| Stewart L. | Hai Ho N. | Destiny B. |
| Ellie S. | Chloe Y. | Ellyna G. |
| Amy M. | Angela F. | Myles N. |
| Liz T. | Meadow C. | Brennan B. |
| Richard L. | Patty L. | Loretta S. |
| David V. | Rose T. | Linda V. |

What's inside this month's newsletter:
 – Wichita Music Academy student plans to pursue college degree in violin performance
 – Preparations are under way for our Student Showcases set for Feb. 25-26



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