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'It gives you a feeling of confidence'

When Rooks Rundle's family traveled to Hawaii last year for vacation, the 9-year-old ukulele player was ready. He had recently learned "Aloha Oe" and played the song during his visit. He also purchased a Penguin ukulele while he was there.

"It just carries your feelings away and brings in new feelings," he said of the instrument.

Rooks' 11-year-old brother, Finn, and 7-year-old sister, Harper, take piano lessons. All three have studied music at the Wichita Music Academy for a year.

"It's just really addicting," Rooks said.

The children were unsure what to expect when they arrived for their first lesson in January 2019.

"I didn't know if I would be terrible or be very good at it,"



From left, siblings Harper and Finn take piano while Rooks is a ukulele student.

Finn said.

Harper added that she felt nervous but excited.

"I have to call it nerv-cited," she remarked.

Like his brother, Finn discovered that making music is a valuable outlet. Finn said the children do homework after school and then play their instruments. Sometimes he feels stressed about his homework, he admitted.

"I think playing the piano,

it's kind of a way to relieve stress," he said. "Sometimes I just let my emotions out on the keyboard."

Finn's favorite song he has learned is the "Jurassic Park" theme, and his goal is to learn "The Avengers" theme. Harper's favorite song she has played so far is "Men From Mars," and she looks forward to learning Sam Smith's "How Do You Sleep?" Rooks chose "Happy Birthday" – he

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Graduation day!



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Big Book of Folk, Pop & Rock theme class)! Front row, from left: Penny Ruddle, Connie Gonzalez. Back row, from left: Linda Overman, Kerrie Platt, Rasri Kraisan, Liz Hicks. Not pictured: Carolyn Johnson.



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Broadway's Best theme class)! Front row, from left: Janet Guthrie, Mary Riedlinger. Back row, from left: Joan Davis, Karen Armstrong, Kathy Stucky.



Taking our show on the road

Garten's Music had a booth at the Women's Fair in February at Century II! We sold ukuleles and promoted our Goofin' Around Keyboard Class and lessons through our Wichita Music Academy.



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Mark your calendars!

Upcoming classes and gatherings at Garten's Music:

MusicMakers

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, March 20
(Theme: Songs from Country Groups)



Classes available:

Lowrey Magic Red Book 1

– starts at 3 p.m.
Tuesday, March 3

Theme class:

Grammy Awards, Part II

– starts at 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 24

Theme class: Favorite Songs with 3 Chords

– starts at 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 1

Theme class:

Grammy Awards

– starts at 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, April 2

Lowrey Magic Blue Book 3

– starts at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, April 8

Lowrey Magic Blue Book 1

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

Lowrey Magic Red Book 2

– starts at 10:30 a.m.
Friday, April 10

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played it for his cousin's 7th birthday and for his aunt's birthday.

Rooks hopes to play in a band someday and create as many songs on ukulele as he can. He has two friends whose ukuleles stay in a corner, unused, and he told them that they could schedule a play date so he could teach them to play and loan them some of his music.

All three kids expressed enthusiasm about the Musical Ladder System, which awards trophies and wristbands for achieving musical milestones. They recently earned their Rock Star trophies and wristbands.

"I think it's just a blessing," Harper said.

"When you put your hands on a trophy, you feel like you just won a billion dollars off some show," Rooks said, "and it's a huge accomplishment. When I get older, if I ever have kids, I'm going to show them how easy it is to get on an instrument and learn how to play."

All three described their music lessons as fun. They indicated that's what they would tell someone who was considering lessons but feeling hesitant.

"I would tell them that it boosts your mood," Finn said. "It gives you a feeling of pride and confidence. Don't be nervous – your teachers will do everything they can do to make sure you understand it. It's fun. It makes you feel good, being able to play an instrument."

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.



Faheem C.



Nevaeh C.



Maddy K.



Zooney K.



Brynlee W.



ThuyAnh N.



Angela L.



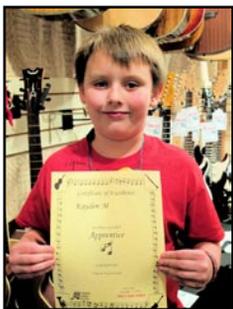
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Freddie C.



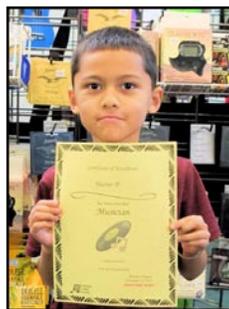
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Kayden M.



Madison C.



Hector P.



Nellie M.



Alexis M.



Cooper R.



Elayne L.



Grandfather and grand-daughter Gary & Alexandria



Teacher Andrew and Michelle R.



Olivia R.



Adeanna J.



Bo M.



Cal M.



Chloe C.



Henry M.



Natalie E.



Paxton P.



Antonio G.



Emma R.



The Mercado family



The Arias family



The Jacobs family

Thanks for your referrals!

Our students earn \$25 cash when they refer a friend who enrolls in the Wichita Music Academy or the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class! We appreciate you spreading the word about us!



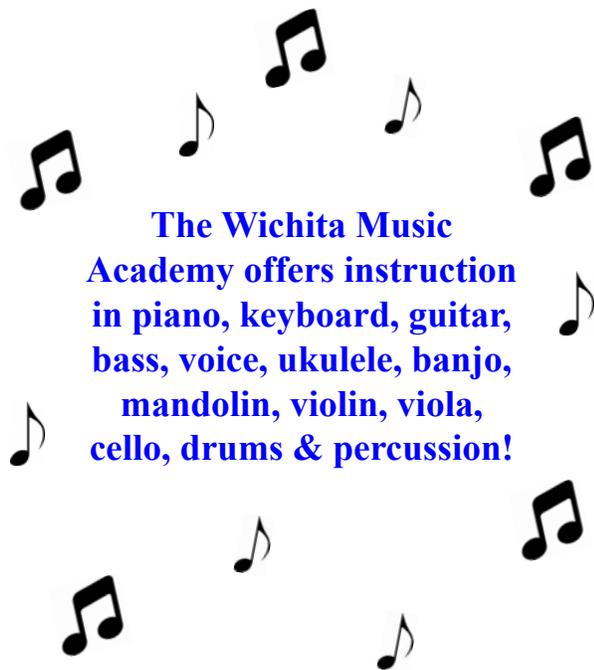
Jeanne S.



Micah J.



Rylee O.



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

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

Isabella F.
Jillian D.
Belen P.
James O.
Mae F.
Karen R.
Laurie A.
Vivian A.

Piper O.
Mardi H.
Levi S.
Jeanette B.
Enriqueta G.
Teresa L.
Elmer W.
Colin S.

Kinley L.
Sophia B.
Charlee H.
Gloria E.
Steve M.
Candy W.
Beverly J.



New line of ukes features fun designs

We're now carrying Flight ukuleles, which are available in many unique and attractive designs! Stop by today and check them out!



Don't forget to **spring** forward and change your clocks this weekend! Daylight saving time starts Sunday, March 8!

