



# Garten's Music

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## *Siblings love learning guitar, piano*

Daniel and Hannah Huynh's family could almost start a band. Daniel, age 9, and Hannah, age 8, started guitar lessons at the Wichita Music Academy two years ago and later added piano lessons.

Their mother wants to learn drums but she decided they would be too loud, Hannah said.

"Mommy likes peace and quiet," she added.

Daniel said their 18-year-old sister was the first to have a guitar, and Hannah has plans for their 4-year-old brother's music education.

"I will probably teach him piano since he doesn't have a guitar yet," she said.

Hannah's favorite song she has learned on piano is "Hot Cross Buns," and she is also proud that she learned a Vietnamese song on piano. It's a love song whose title translates to "Stormy Road." Daniel's passions are fishing, dinosaurs and the "Jurassic Park" theme song.

"I'm wanting to try to improve on 'Jurassic Park' until it's the exact same that's in the movie," he said.



Hannah and Daniel Huynh

"Then I'll move on to 'Jurassic World.'"

The kids admitted that learning guitar wasn't easy at first.

"I got a blister on my thumb, and when I was playing guitar, I couldn't play a thing," Hannah recalled. "It made me really sweaty and frustrated."

"Practice makes perfect," Daniel replied.

"Me and Daniel don't want to stop learning piano and guitar," Hannah said.

Daniel's favorite thing about being a musician is that he can teach himself how to play a song even if he doesn't have the sheet music, a CD player or a digital device available.

"If you don't have something that plays music and you've heard the song, you can figure it out on piano and play it over and over again," he explained. "I like challenges."

That's where their teacher, Steve Jones, comes in.

"Whatever part I don't have, he teaches me, and I put that in the

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# Graduation day!



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Red Book 1)! Clockwise from top left: Arvin Marlowe, Rovilla Lorimor, Richard Learned, Monica Lobley, Mary Gerstenkorn, June Jensen. Not pictured: Linda Turner, Rebecca Snider-Law.



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# Mark your calendars!

## Upcoming classes and gatherings at Garten's Music:

### Lowrey Magic Red Book 3

– starts at 3 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30

### Theme class: Happy Birthday & Other Great Songs

– starts at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 1

### Theme class: Over the Rainbow & More Great Songs

– starts at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 1

### Theme class:

### Hits From Musicals

– starts at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 7

### Theme class: Favorite Songs With 3 Chords

– starts at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 13

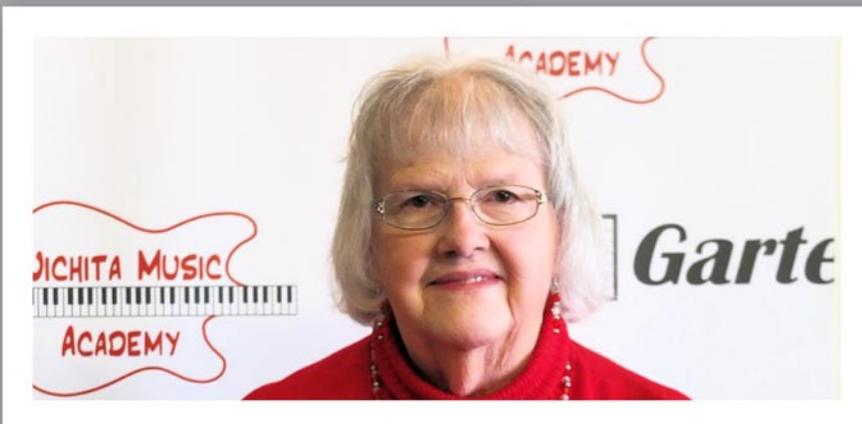
### Daylight Savings Time begins

Sunday, March 14!

Spring forward one hour!

Our **spring orchestra class** for middle school and high school students will begin soon! The eight-week class will start at noon Saturday, March 27.

Call 942-1337 to enroll!



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Best Christmas Songbook)! Top row, from left: Judy and Galen Fruth, Fred Washington. Bottom row: Rosie Brumit. Not pictured: Debra Higgs, Carolyn Johnson, Lisa Shorter.

# 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.



Alexandra D.



Sofia M.



Jessica B.



Brenley G.



Rand R.



Emily S.



Sebastian G.



Bryan O.



Emma R.



Mary Jo P.



Paige R.



Mary M.



Johanna S.



Miley R.



J.J. K.



Addison M.



Sophia E.



Karla M.



Glen S.



Kylie S.



Anastacia R.



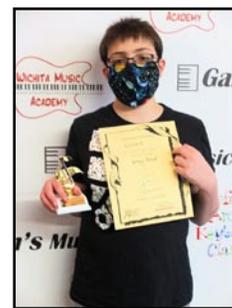
Sarah V.



Faheem C.



Jacquelyn F.



Gavin P.



Sam G.



Gracie G.



Ivy L.



Leah L.



Ellie H.

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song,” Daniel said.

Hannah said she and her brother practice their music four days a week: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

“If we forget to – unless it’s Wednesday when we go to church – no TV for the rest of the week,” Daniel added.

Daniel’s goals include learning Christmas songs for his family’s holiday gatherings and one day working as a musician playing film scores for a particular movie franchise.

“If there’s another ‘Jurassic Park’ or ‘Jurassic World’ movie, I need to be playing that for the movie,” he said.

“My goal is to be a Christian music player,” Hannah said, “but it might take 20 years or something to get to that.”

The siblings considered what advice they would offer to a friend who was interested in music lessons but feeling nervous or hesitant to start.

“I would cheer them up,” Hannah said, “and I would tell them that you could go to the same class I’m going to.”

“I would tell them my feelings when I first started,” Daniel said, “and tell them it’s OK to be nervous because once you get better, you’re not nervous anymore.”

They appreciate the Musical Ladder System that affords them the opportunity to earn wristbands and trophies for achieving musical milestones.

“I like it,” Hannah said. “It’s really cool, and we have a bunch of wristbands but only two trophies so far.”

Daniel likes the swirl wristbands,

so Hannah chooses the solid colors. Their father provided a shelf to display their trophies. Then they look for their photos in the newsletter.

“Every time we get the newspaper, Mommy cuts out the pictures of us and puts them on our cupboard,” Hannah said.

Their Student Showcase performances are also meaningful, and Daniel finds them inspiring.

“For me, a strong feeling to try your hardest and not give up,” Daniel said. “All those days of practicing, you can prove it out right there and then.”

Hannah admitted to some nervousness before she performs.

“When I play, it’s fun,” she said. “When it’s over, I just sit back in the seat and eat snacks because after that my tummy’s empty.”

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

Bretten R.  
Allen H.  
Harvey P.  
Maddie V.  
Robert B.  
Dominic J.  
Daniel P.

Larry J.  
Cullen Z.  
Landyn S.  
Barbara B.  
Candis B.  
Alyson K.

Dominic R.  
Joe R.  
Makynzie S.  
Kathy A.  
LaDonna P.  
Tom A.



### *Passion for fashion*

Show your musical passion with our fun music-themed masks! They make a great gift for any occasion!



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



If you missed the Wichita Music Academy's Virtual Student Showcases, be sure to check them out at [tinyurl.com/gartensmusic](https://tinyurl.com/gartensmusic)! We are proud of our student musicians!

## Happy spring!

