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Online student plays two instruments

Jaden Voma isn't afraid of a challenge. She takes an hour-long flute lesson and hour-long cello lesson each week in addition to attending school and playing sports.

By April 2020, she was accustomed to attending school online due to the coronavirus shutdown. She played flute in band, and she wanted to take private flute lessons as well. That's when her mom found the Wichita Music Academy at Garten's Music.

Voma, now a ninth-grader, lives in Junction City. She attends an hour-long flute lesson online with instructor Robby Avila at the Wichita Music Academy.

"I wanted to get better at playing the flute," Voma said. "I taught myself most of the time. The band teacher, he has a lot of people to work with.

"Band is my favorite time of the day," she added.

When she works with Avila, Voma tries to pick challenging songs so she can learn new things and grow as a musician, she said. She also became interested in cello. She doesn't play in her school orchestra, but she takes an hour-long



Jaden Voma takes weekly hour-long lessons in flute and cello.

cello lesson online each week from instructor Caroline Beckman of the Wichita Music Academy.

"I like to learn everything, really – anything and everything," Voma said of her music.

She is in her school's marching band and also competes on the tennis team. Voma said most of her flute practice occurs during band class, and she practices her cello three to five times a week.

"I just use time management," she remarked.

Voma pointed out that private lessons are especially helpful when she's preparing to audition or to

play for judges at solo and ensemble contests. She enjoys working with Avila and Beckman.

"I like my teachers," Voma said. "They're a lot of fun – very relatable. And they've been pushing me a lot.

"I like being pushed," she continued. "It's taught me a lot."

Voma hopes to join a symphony when she's an adult. She said she would play flute or cello – whichever instrumentalist the symphony needed.

"It is a lot of fun to play music," Voma said. "I would like to incorporate that in my life."

Graduation day!



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Hallelujah)! From left: Kate Meyer, Karen Stocks, Larry Grimes, Theresa Hubbard, Hilde Yops.



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Red Book 2)! From left: Cheryl Privett, Debbie Bates, Ruth Ann Beard. Not pictured: Barbara Delhotal, Oscar Clark, Margaret Thompson.

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, April 15
(Theme: Movie themes)

We are so proud of our Wichita Music Academy students who have earned their Musical Ladder awards, and we are now honoring them in a different way! We introduced the Musical Ladder System in 2016, and now we have grown to include more than 300 students! We can't include all their photos in the newsletter when they earn awards, so we are publishing their photos in a full-color handout that is available at the front desk. We love to see our students' smiling faces! Just ask our office staff for your copy.



*Need a gift idea
for **Mother's Day**
or **graduation**?*

These celebrations are coming soon! Get them a musical instrument or a gift card for lessons or classes! We carry pianos, keyboards, guitars, ukes, and band & orchestra instruments! We also offer music accessories and fun jewelry, scarves, bags, music books & more!



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Classes starting!

Lowrey Magic theme class (50 Great Songs)

– starts at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, April 6

Lowrey Magic Red Book 2

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

Lowrey Magic theme class (Pop & Rock Song Classics)

– starts at 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, April 21

Lowrey Magic theme class (Hits From Musicals, Part 2)

– starts at 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 21

Lowrey Magic Red Book 4

– starts at 10:30 a.m.
Friday, May 6



Videos from our Wichita Music Academy February Student Showcases are now online! Check out our students' performances at [tinyurl.com/gartensmusic!](https://tinyurl.com/gartensmusic)



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

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

Luca M.	Emmaleah S.	Gabi G.
Cash W.	Orion O.	Deneen S.
David O.	April T.	Jesse H.
Kathy H.	Liam B.	

Happy Spring!

