



# Garten's Music

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## Siblings learn piano, earn trophies

**Music academy teachers work with students who have broken arms, wrists, shoulders so they maintain what they have learned**

Isabella Wawrzewski takes piano and voice lessons, and she wants to try playing ukulele in the future.

"I would like to learn as many instruments as I can," said Isabella, 10. "I might grow up to be a music teacher."

She and her brother Sebastian, 8, started piano lessons at the Wichita Music Academy in 2019.

"He was forced to," Isabella said.

"I'm still forced," Sebastian said with a grin. "But it's kind of fun now."

Sebastian's favorite song he has learned to play is "Snake Charmer" from his piano book, and his goal is to learn the Shang-Chi theme from the Marvel movie "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings."

Isabella's favorite song she has learned to play is "Down by the Banks," and she wants to learn the theme from "Beauty and the Beast."

Both kids play soccer in their



Pianists Sebastian and Isabella Wawrzewski

spare time. Sebastian has taken drum lessons at the Wichita Music Academy, and he's interested in learning to play a double-keyboard instrument like an organ. They have earned trophies and wristbands through the Musical Ladder System at the Wichita Music Academy, and they keep their trophies above their piano at home.

"I love getting trophies, and I like showing them off," Isabella said.

She was worried this summer when she broke her left arm because she was afraid she'd have to quit piano lessons.

"I didn't want to," Isabella said. "I love piano."

Wichita Music Academy instructors have taught students who have broken arms, wrists or shoulders. They can work on myriad aspects of music, including note reading, rhythm and playing instruments with one hand. It's important that students maintain their skills and not lose ground while they're wearing a cast or a brace.

Isabella's instructor, Elizabeth Bennett, teaches piano and voice, so Isabella recently has spent part of her lesson playing piano with one hand and the other part studying voice. Isabella said she loves Disney songs and wants to sing "Beauty and the Beast."

"I have lots of ideas," she said with a smile.

Another piano student, Aiden Berenson, broke his right wrist in late May. Aiden, 12, started lessons at the Wichita Music Academy in 2016 and recently earned his Bravo trophy for reaching his six-year milestone! He said his instructor, Robby Avila, helped him continue his lessons despite wearing a cast.

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# Graduation day!



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Simple Songs)! Front row, from left: Betty Riemen, Kaye Stevens, Debbie Bates, Cheryl Privett. Back row, from left: Diana Friend, Nancy Pickler, Sandy Tinsmon, Barbara Booher. Pictured on screen: Jennifer Lewis.

Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Blue Book 4)! Front row, from left: Brenda Lee, Hilde Yops, Theresa Hubbard. Back row, from left: Kate Meyer, Larry Grimes, Karen Stocks.



# 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, July 15  
(Theme: Planes, trains, cars)

The Wichita Music Academy Student Showcases are set for Saturday, Sept. 17, and Sunday, Sept. 18! Sign-ups will be available this month. We can't wait to see our students shine!

Congratulations to our quarterly drawing winner, Judy Graves! She received a kids' kalimba. Register for our quarterly drawing at the front desk!



The Wichita Music Academy will be closed Monday, July 4, for Independence Day!

### Classes starting!

#### Lowrey Magic theme class (Broadway's Best)

– starts at 10:30 a.m.  
Thursday, July 14

#### Lowrey Magic Green Book 1

– starts at 1:30 p.m.  
Thursday, July 14



Have a fun Fourth of July! We wish you a safe and happy holiday!

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“It’s been good because he’s helped me know that I can practice still, without using my right arm,” Aiden said. “He makes sure I’m comfortable and I’m resting it well.”

Aiden’s cast is off now and he is wearing a brace, so he can play piano with both hands again.

“I was still able to do most of the things I could (before),” he said. “I just had to take it much slower.”



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

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

Efrain H.  
Jewell M.  
JoAnn W.  
Cindy S.  
Roger G.

Jack V.  
Rachel P.  
Natalie R.  
Tina B.  
Aales B.

Jaelynn L.  
Mary S.  
Mary D.  
Elisabeth S.  
Scotty D.

Watch for details about our retail sale in July & support the Kansas Humane Society!



*A joyful noise*



Joel, age 3, was elated when his father - Wichita Music Academy teacher Andrew - bought him a ukulele during our Father's Day sale! Music is a great way to beat the heat this summer!



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