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'1 day I'll be a great piano player'

Older brother, sister help pianist learn his instrument, develop discipline to practice, prepare for Student Showcase performances

For three years, Philip Huynh has watched his older siblings take music lessons, perform in Student Showcases, and bring home trophies and wristbands they earn at the Wichita Music Academy.

"It made me wish that I could have my own trophy and one day I'll be a great piano player," said Philip, 5.

His siblings — brother Daniel, 10, and sister Hannah, 9 — take piano and guitar lessons. Philip started studying piano one year ago.

"I wanted to learn piano songs," he recalled. "Hannah said, when I was still 4 years old, that she had piano plans for me."

Philip's favorite song he has learned on piano is "Ode to Joy."

"It's just so fun, I can't stop playing," he said. "Every time I have to go home, I play 'Ode to Joy' first."

His goal is to learn Pachelbel's Canon in C, which he described as "one of Hannah's songs." Philip first performed in the Wichita Mu-



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sic Academy Student Showcases in February 2022, when he played "Für Elise."

"I liked it. When I play piano on stage, I'm fine," he said. "Ever since I've been watching Daniel and Hannah play the showcase songs, I'm just so excited!"

Philip said his older siblings sometimes help him with his piano assignments.

"Mostly they help me with the counting and the notes," he said.

The Huynh kids play their instruments every day. Their parents

taught Daniel and Hannah the importance of practice, and now Hannah is helping to instill that in Philip.

"I make sure he practices every day," she said. "It feels nice, just to have him actually want to do it."

"Hannah says when I turn 7, I could use one of the guitars that they used to play," Philip added, "and have guitar lessons."

For now, Philip is preparing to fine-tune his next Student Showcase song and to earn more wrist

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Graduation day!



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (50 Great Songs)! Front row, from left: Rosie Brumit, Lisa Shorter, Carolyn Johnson. Back row, from left: Debra Higgs, Fred Washington, Galen Fruth, Judy Fruth.



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Hits From Musicals, Part 2)! Front row: Eva Ornelas. Back row, from left: Joan Welborn, LaJuan Hutcherson, Karen Armstrong, Sheryl Knott. Not pictured: Liz Hicks.

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, Aug. 19
(Theme: Water songs)

The Wichita Music Academy Student Showcases are set for 5 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, and 2, 4 and 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18! Sign-ups are open now! NEW showcase location: Trinity Christian Center, 2356 N. Arkansas, Wichita.



for adult beginners teaches students to have a blast goofin' around at the keyboard! The 10-week class affords students the chance to learn to play in a fun, no-stress (and no recital) environment. We'll even loan you an instrument!

FREE introductory classes:

- 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23
- 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8

Classes starting!

Lowrey Magic theme class (Hits From Musicals)

– starts at 10:30 a.m.
Friday, Aug. 12



The Wichita Music Academy will be closed Monday, Sept. 5, for Labor Day. We wish you a safe and happy holiday!

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bands and trophies. He succinctly described his reaction to earning his first Musical Ladder awards: "Exciting!"



Philip Huynh peers over his shoulder after playing "Fur Elise" in the February 2022 Wichita Music Academy Student Showcases.

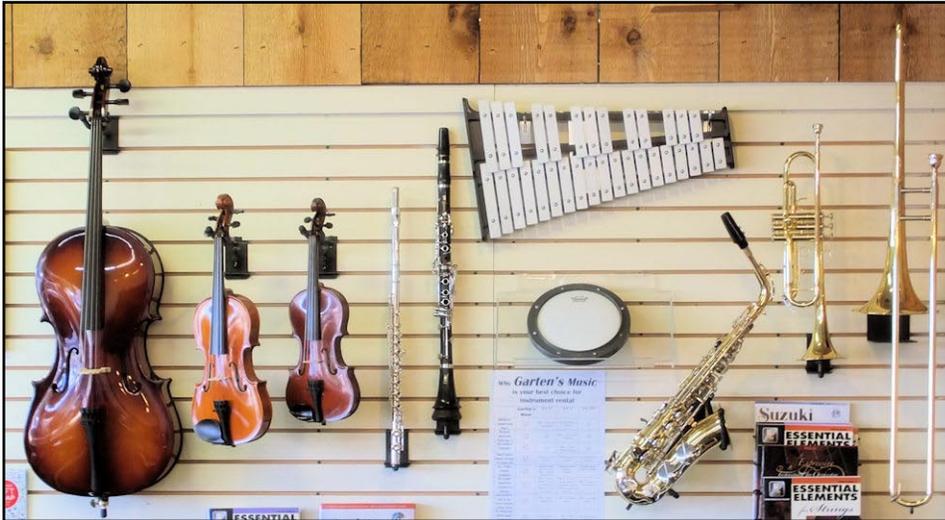


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