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Student: 'I'm so glad I stuck with it'

Maddie Weed has become a talented pianist, but when she first enrolled in music lessons, she had her sights set on drums.

Her uncle is a drummer, and that influenced her interest, but her mom said she wanted Weed to learn treble clef and bass clef on piano first.

"Then I actually started falling in love with the piano," Weed said, "and now I can't stop doing it."

Weed, now 12, started piano lessons five years ago at the Wichita Music Academy. She added bass guitar lessons two years ago.

Weed's favorite song she has learned to play on piano is Pachelbel's Canon in C.

"My goal right now is to finish all the books," she said of her curriculum. "I really like the book I'm on right now be-



Maddie Weed has studied piano for 5 years and added bass.

cause I get to play really fast. If I start something, I want to finish it."

Weed said she clicked well with Wichita Music Academy instructor Andrew Wingert.

"I love working with Andrew," she remarked. "I feel like he fits my personality. I like how Andrew does it because he's so into it. It's just really exciting to go to piano."

Weed is equally excited about

her second instrument.

"The bass guitar is awesome. I love it!" she said.

Weed was matched with Wichita Music Academy instructor Toby Lind, who happened to be her older cousin.

"I feel like he knows me more," Weed said. "He'll bring up something from when I was younger. It's

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Graduation day!



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Blue Book 4)! Top row, from left: Judy and Galen Fruth, Helon Spencer, Casey O'Donnell. Middle row, from left: Debra Higgs, Rosie Brumit. Bottom row, from left: Gary Miley, Fred Washington, Lisa Shorter. Not pictured: Carolyn Johnson.

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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. 20
(Theme: State name in title)

Rent your band & orchestra instruments here!

Garten's Music offers band and orchestra instruments for rent or purchase. Most instruments rent for just \$5 the first month, and rentals are available on a month-to-month basis! Every rental payment applies toward the purchase price. For more information, call us at 942-1337 or stop by 4235 W. Central, Wichita!

Classes available:

Lowrey Magic theme class (All-Time Standards)

– starts at 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, Sept. 9

Lowrey Magic theme class (Hits from Musicals)

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

Lowrey Magic theme class (Hits from Musicals Part 2)

– starts at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 15

Lowrey Magic Red Book 4

– starts at 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 21



The Wichita Music Academy will be closed Monday, Sept. 6, for Labor Day. We wish you a safe and happy holiday!

Wichita Music Academy Student Showcases

will be Saturday, Aug. 7, and Sunday, Aug. 8! They'll take place at 5 and 7 p.m. Saturday and at 1, 3, 5 and 7 p.m. Sunday at Best Western Wichita North, 915 E. 53rd St. N. Performances will be recorded and posted to our YouTube channel. A photographer will be on hand to take students' photos with their instruments. Those will be displayed in our Wichita Music Academy Hall of Fame!



Our last Wichita Music Academy Student Showcases were virtual, but that didn't stop piano student Emerson R. from dressing for the occasion when she arrived to record her showcase performance! She works with instructor Patrick.

WMA students earn recognition

Wichita Music Academy students recently received their trophies, wristbands and certificates for achieving musical milestones. We are proud of them!



William L.



Colin S.



Sarah V.



Daphne V.



Preslee W.



Sebastian G.



J.J. K.



Olivia R.



Kinley R.



Ariella A.



Kayden M.



Miley R.



Jeremy Z.



Gracie G.



Finn R.



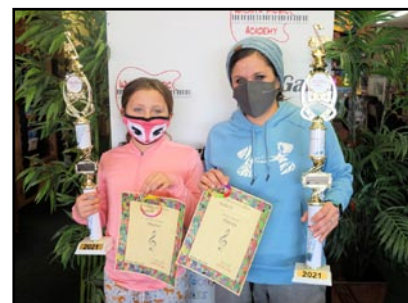
Maxwell B.



Ayden H.



Adylin H.



Daughter and mother
Teagan and Rachel

Thanks for the referral!

Thanks to Lina F. for her referral! Students who refer a friend to the Wichita Music Academy or Goofin' Around Keyboard Class earn \$25 when that person enrolls!



Happy drawing winner!

Congratulations to Mo Spicer, who won our recent quarterly drawing! She received a Garten's Music baseball cap and a coffee mug. Register to win at the front desk!



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really fun working with a relative.”

Weed admitted that her parents were hesitant to allow her to take guitar lessons from her cousin. She promised them that she and Lind would work hard on bass guitar, not just joke around and waste time during lessons.

When she started bass guitar lessons, she had already learned the importance of working on her music regularly. She identified that as the most important advice she would give a new student.

“Make sure you stick with it,” Weed said. “There were multiple times where I didn’t want to practice piano. I would ask my mom, ‘Can I just go to les-

sons and not practice?’”

“There’s always a stage – ‘I don’t want to do this anymore,’” she added. “But you have to keep going and stick with it.”

Weed, whose other passion is playing soccer, was excited to earn her five-year Prima trophy and wristband through the Musical Ladder System at the Wichita Music Academy. The program affords students the opportunity to earn certificates, trophies and wristbands for achieving musical milestones.

“I really like it because it sets a goal for me,” she said. “I want to have a trophy that’s as tall as me. It’s really exciting when you get a trophy. It’s

awesome!”

Weed plays her instruments every day. She’s come a long way since the days when her mother would threaten to withhold dessert if Weed didn’t practice her music.

“She was correct, of course,” Weed said, smiling as she reminisced. “I’m so glad I stuck with it.”



Maddie stands with the Prima trophy she earned for five years of lessons.



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Red Book 1)! Clockwise from top left: Willard Friend, Kaye Stevens, Beth Pompa, Rovilla Lorimer.

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

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| Amelia R. | Ethan D. | Philip H. |
| Julia D. | Xavier C. | Jenisis H. |
| Betty R. | Karen S. | Larry G. |
| Jeanne S. | Helen L. | Brent K. |
| Millie T. | Nancy W. | Wanda S. |
| Marsha H. | Connie P. | Sheryl K. |
| Eva O. | Joan W. | Larry J. |
| Karen A. | Gayla S. | Lajuan H. |
| Carolyn J. | Fred W. | Rosie B. |
| Galen F. | Judy F. | Linda O. |
| Lisa S. | Kerrie P. | Debra H. |
| Helon S. | Casey O. | Brenda B. |
| Monica M. | Sandy T. | Diana F. |
| Nancy P. | Jennifer L. | |

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