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Guitar student hopes to join band

April is International Guitar Month, and musician Kallista Forgie is continuing a family guitar tradition.

Her grandfather and uncle play guitar, and Forgie, 14, took up the instrument as well. She started taking lessons in fall 2015 at Garten's Music, home of the Wichita Music Academy.

"I was doing OK on my own," she said, "but I wanted to improve and learn more so I could get further because I want to do this as a profession."

Forgie hopes to play in an alternative rock band someday. She gained experience playing publicly during the Wichita Music Academy's Student Showcase in December.

"It was the first time I played in front of people I don't know," Forgie said. "It kind of boosted my confidence to play in the next showcase in the spring."

Forgie played clarinet in her school band but lost interest. She is working on piano as well.

"I really love music," she said. "Music has been something I've always relied



Kallista Forgie

on. Whenever I'm upset in any way, it's always helped."

Forgie practices guitar two to three hours a day. She has been working on "Good Riddance" by Green Day and "Sweet Child O' Mine" by Guns N' Roses. She has established a good relationship with her instructor, Andrew Wingert.

"He's an amazing teacher," Forgie said. "He's very encouraging. He doesn't get frustrated with me. We work well to

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Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Red Book 4)! They are (front row) Lynette Hasz, LE Anderson, Velda Luce, Lynne Gable, Liz Hicks and Edna Tomlin and (back row) Virginia Hosey, John Luce, Brenda Mareda, Leo Howe and Brent Kleeman. Not pictured: Connie Suhler, Theresa Hubbard and Louise Zollinger.

Graduation day!



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Red Book 2)! They are (from left) James Langford, Gary Miley, Bernie Hentzen and Stephanie Hentzen.

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Mark your calendars!

Upcoming classes and gatherings at Garten's Music:

L.I.F.E. in Kansas MusicMakers

Join the club and enjoy making music with us!

– 2 p.m. Friday, May 6

Organ Club

includes a Name That Tune game, playing tips, new songbooks and great music!

– 2 p.m. Friday, April 15
(Theme: Classical or Waltzes)

PlayTime

is an opportunity for current and former Lowrey students to enjoy listening to and playing for your friends!

– 2 p.m. Friday, April 29

Congrats

to our winner of the monthly drawing for March! Melissa Asmann won a green ukulele in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

Sign up in April, when the prize is four tickets to the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum's exhibit of vintage guitars!

Upcoming Lowrey Magic classes and workshops:

Red Book 2

– starts 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 6

Easy Favorites

– starts 2 p.m. Thursday, April 14

This class is designed for Red Book 2 graduates and owners of the following:

Current

EZ2, EZ4, EZP8, EZ10, EZ10+

Retired

Adventurer II, Adventurer, Conductor, Voyager, Explorer, Regency

Spring brings workshop, concert

Lowrey artist Chuck Wright, pictured at right, will visit Wichita to perform for Garten's students!

Details: Friday, April 8, at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, 221 E. Kellogg

Schedule: 4:30 p.m. workshop, 6 p.m. dinner (cost is \$18), 7 p.m. concert

RSVP to 942-1337.



Celebrate International Guitar Month!

April is International Guitar Month, and Garten's Music is celebrating!

This month features a big sale on guitars, and our monthly prize is four tickets to the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum's display of vintage guitars, so be sure to register for the drawing!



In addition, our newsletter highlights one of our enthusiastic guitar students, Kallista Forgie. We offer guitar and ukulele lessons!

Finally, don't forget to check out our guitar accessories such as straps, picks, strings, tuners, music books and more!



Dedicated student



Zoe Dong celebrated her three-year anniversary at the Wichita Music Academy. She studies piano with Robby Avila.

Reaching a milestone



Natalie Brant reached her two-year anniversary as a student at the Wichita Music Academy. She studies piano with Joy Vigilus.



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Red Book 3)! They are (from left) Eva Buehler, Marion Crouse, Kerrie Platt and Cheryl Privett. Not pictured: Polly McGreevy and Linda Beauchamp.

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gether. We have a lot in common, which helps.”

Forgie said when she first began learning guitar, she gave up easily because she wanted to play several songs but many chords were difficult. Her advice to other beginners was not to give up.

“Keep practicing,” she said. “It’s always worth it in the end – always. I’ve gotten a lot further since I started lessons with Andrew.”

Wichita Music Academy Student Showcases

will be Saturday, May 21, and Sunday, May 22. Mark your calendars and invite friends & family to watch you perform!



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NEW REFERRAL CONTEST!

The prize is two tickets to Ringo Starr & His All-Starr Band, which plays at 8 p.m. Sunday, June 26, at Hartman Arena! The band includes musicians from Santana, Toto, Kansas and more. It will be one incredible night of hit after hit that will have everyone reminiscing! When you refer a student who enrolls for lessons at the Wichita Music Academy, we'll enter you AND the student in the drawing for the prize. Contact us and find out what days and times are available for lessons!

The Wichita Music Academy offers instruction in piano, keyboard, guitar, bass, voice, ukulele, tuba, saxophone, trombone, trumpet, flute, clarinet, violin, viola and baritone/euphonium!

Call today to reserve your spot ... before the time and day you want are taken!

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

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| Gary M. | LE A. |
| Edna T. | Floyd H. |
| Lynette H. | Cheryl P. |
| Brent K. | Sue M. |
| Nancy W. | Marsha H. |
| Tomoko K. | Evans C. |
| Joey F. | Cruze L. |
| Cael M. | Montae P. |
| Hannah R. | Kaci T. |
| Stephanie H. | Bernie H. |
| Connie S. | Clara D. |
| Theresa H. | Marty S. |
| Mai D. | Raina H. |
| Sheila S. | Deborah U. |
| Karen C. | Nancy S. |
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