



Garten's Music

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April 2019

Garten's celebrates golden anniversary

This year marks the 50th anniversary of some exciting events in history, including the Woodstock music festival in New York and the Apollo 11 moon landing with Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin. It's also the golden anniversary of Garten's Music!

Harold and Margaret Garten founded the company in 1969. Although both have passed away, their musical legacy lives on. Their daughter, Cindy Houston, is the president of Garten's Music.

"My father studied electronics in the service, and when he was discharged he spent a few years at Cessna," she said. "And then he got involved in the music business when he went to work for Jenkins Music as a service technician. In 1969 he went out on his own and opened Garten's Music, again as a service company."



Harold Garten, left, was named a Hammond Master Technician in 1974.

Garten's provided service for organs in funeral homes, churches, private homes and more. As Garten's Music staff made service calls and talked with customers, the business became more involved in helping them learn instruments and replace instruments that couldn't be repaired. This eventually resulted in adding retail sales and music education to the service component of the

company.

In 1971, Harold and Margaret constructed a building in Valley Center that housed their private home and their company. In 2000, the business moved to its current location

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Watch a brief history of Garten's Music online:

<http://bit.ly/HistoryofGartensMusic>

Graduation day!



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (30 Songs for a Better World)! Seated, from left: Bobbi Bruce, Joyce O'Dell, Connie Profaizer, Esther Gable, Teresa Hubbard. Back row, from left: Gary Miley, Janet Adams, Nancy Wiard, Marsha Helmer, Brent Kleeman, Wanda Shaw, Arletta Perrie, Floyd Hansen, Bill Hall. Not pictured: Brenda Banta, Beverly Coover, Brenda Mareda.



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Fireside Singalong)! Front row, from left: Linda Overman, Rasri Kraisan. Back row, from left: Kerrie Platt, Geri Acridge, Jocelyn Pickard.



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Red Book 2)! Front row, from left: Bobby Browne, Mary Robillard. Back row, from left: Kathy Schneider, Pamela Thompson, Gaither Williams. Not pictured: Mary Singleton, Melinda Rocha.

Mark your calendars!

Upcoming classes and gatherings at Garten's Music:

Organ Club

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, April 19
(Theme: Title is a Question)

L.I.F.E. in Kansas MusicMakers

Join the club and enjoy making music with us!

– 2 p.m. Friday, May 3

COMING SOON!

Spring Workshops with
Cindy, Mark & Michael
Tuesday, April 30, in the
Garten's Music classroom

10 a.m. – EZ1-EZ4

1 p.m. – EZ10+, Journey

3 p.m. – Rialto, Inspire & up

Come to the session that matches the Lowrey model you have, the model you dream of, or both! Enjoy beautiful music, playing tips, hints, features & registration ideas. Register at Garten's, 942-1337, by April 26!

Goofin' Around Keyboard Class

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 class:

– 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 12

Classes starting:

Lowrey Magic Blue Book 3

– starts at 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, April 4

Lowrey Magic theme class (Simple Songs)

– starts at 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 11

Lowrey Magic theme class (Hallelujah)

– starts at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 1



Congrats to
the winner of
our monthly
drawing for
March! Mike
Robison re-
ceived a mu-
sic-themed
picture frame.



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Red Book 3)! Clockwise from top: Larry Johnson, Rilla Rogus, Eva Ornelas, Gayla Scott.



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WMA students earn recognition

Wichita Music Academy students recently received their trophies, wristbands and certificates for achieving musical milestones. We are proud of them! See more photos, Page 5.



Alex B.



Zoe D.



Alexander C.



Trent B.



Carley B.



Joana C.



Theus W.



Bryce L.



Kenna C.



Mark R.



Braelynn M.



Mercedeze B.



Jesse M.



Megan T.



Alivia F.



Aiden B., right,
with instructor
Elizabeth



Caleb V., left,
with instructor
Andrew



Joyce V., left,
with instructor
Toby



Freddie C., left,
with instructor
Les



Jovani L.



Rachel P., right, with instructor Andrew



Aidan A.



Anabelle A.



Tayton J.



Silas R.

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at 4235 W. Central.

“Our business in Wichita has really evolved over the years because now, a very small part of our company is service,” Houston said, “and a very big part of it is education and sales.”

Garten’s Music features pianos, organs, guitars and ukuleles for sale and also carries band and orchestra instruments for rent or purchase. In addition, music books and accessories are available at Garten’s.

The store houses the Wichita Music Academy, which offers music lessons for students age 5 through adult, and the Goo-fin’ Around Keyboard Class, which is designed for adult beginners.

“One of the things I’m really proud of is that we help people learn to play music,

develop a passion and a love for music, and really enhance their lives and reap all the benefits that research shows we enjoy when we make music,” Houston said. “We have lots of students in our Goo-fin’ Around program that are in their 90s, and they’re still enjoying making music and they’re still taking classes.

“The other thing that I’m very proud of is the fact that we are a third-generation company,” she continued. “My husband, Michael, and our daughter, Amy Houston, are involved

in running the company. We have a lot to offer. We have a lot of expertise and experience, and what’s more, we can help you learn to enjoy making music and develop that same passion for music that many of us share.”

We are thankful for our customers, students, teachers and staff who helped make this milestone possible, and we want to celebrate with you! A 50th anniversary party is planned for later this year. Watch our newsletter for details!



Garten’s was located in Valley Center, pictured here, before moving to Wichita. See another photo, Page 8.

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

Isaac M.	Allegra H.
Alex N.	Paladin R.
Francisco Q.	Jesse H.
Melina M.	Keenan G.
Sophia L.	Dayla B.
Alyssa K.	Sarah Y.
Kay L.	Jeanne S.

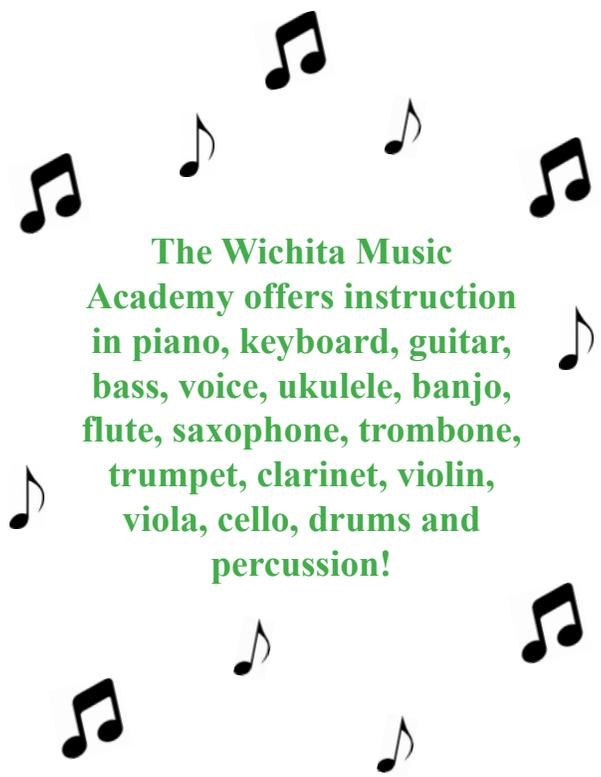
Need a gift idea for Mother's Day or graduation?



Get them music-themed accessories, a musical instrument or lessons! We carry pianos, keyboards, guitars, ukes, jewelry, scarves, bags, music books and more!



Save the date!
The next Wichita Music Academy Student Showcases will be Saturday & Sunday, June 22 & 23. Sign-up sheets will be posted soon!



The Wichita Music Academy offers instruction in piano, keyboard, guitar, bass, voice, ukulele, banjo, flute, saxophone, trombone, trumpet, clarinet, violin, viola, cello, drums and percussion!

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