

# Garten's Music

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## Sisters continue family music tradition

When Shelby and Katie Melton started taking music lessons, they were continuing a long-standing family tradition.

Musicians in the family include their great-grandfather, their grandparents and their mother, Carol.

“I grew up with music,” she said. “As long as they want to play something and be involved in music, I’m happy.”



Katie, left, and Shelby Melton

Shelby, 14, and Katie, 12, are students in the Wichita Music Academy at Garten's Music. Shelby takes voice and guitar lessons, and Katie

is a guitar and trumpet student. Katie began playing trumpet at school, just like her father, Michael. She wanted to continue to devel-

op her talent this summer.

“I thought it would help improve my skills on the trum

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## Students now earn wristbands, trophies, certificates

The Wichita Music Academy at Garten's Music has introduced a new program for students!

They have the opportunity to earn special color wrist-

bands, trophies and certificates for passing musical tests with the Musical Ladder System®. The Musical Ladder is our unique method of music education that you can only get here.

Our instructors give students a test or challenge to work toward. When our students have a test coming up, they practice more, their parents are proud, their teachers are

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Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Patriotic)! They are (front row, from left) Gary Miley, Edna Tomlin, Connie Gonzalez and (back row, from left) Liz Hicks, Linda Beauchamp, Kerrie Platt and Stephanie Hentzen. Not pictured: Polly McGreevy.

## *Graduation day!*



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class who are new owners of the Journey! They are (from left) Joe Perrie, Arletta Perrie and Ruth Faught.



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Red Book 1)! They are (clockwise from back left) Deborah Underwood, Janet Diggs, Josephine Chege and Nancy Smith. Not pictured: Raina Harper, Marty Sampson and Sheila Stegink.

# Mark your calendars!

## Upcoming classes and gatherings at Garten's Music:

### PlayTime

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12

### Organ Club

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19  
(Theme: Kids' and silly songs)

### L.I.F.E. in Kansas MusicMakers

Join the club and enjoy making music with us!

– 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5

### Other upcoming events:

#### Red Book 4

– starts 10:30 a.m.  
Thursday, Aug. 18

#### Home Organ Holiday Spectacular

The event, which includes workshops, concerts and Lowrey artists, is set for Aug. 18-20 in Chicago!

Garten's Music & the  
Wichita Music Academy  
will be closed Monday,  
Sept. 5, for Labor Day.

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

Mia H.	Kathy H.
Ely L.	Xavier M.
Erni M.	Chloe S.
Collin S.	Karah W.
Pepper W.	Phyllis C.
Bill H.	Esther G.
Wanda S.	Vesta C.
Nancy W.	Joyce O.
Dee C.	Kerrie P.
Connie G.	Brent K.
Brenda M.	Lynette H.
Floyd H.	Melissa E.
Maleah E.	

## Summer school



Lowrey's Bob Ashworth visited Wichita in July to provide a day of workshops for our students. Thank you, Bob!

### Congrats

to our winner of the monthly drawing for June! Christy Ross won her choice of several items in honor of Make Music Day, which was June 21. She selected the Yamaha trumpet maintenance kit.

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proud and everybody wins!

Pictured at right are three of the students who recently earned their wristbands, trophies and certificates! Elena Alvarez (whose shirt reads “Never give up”) and Alexxis Schloetzer received Rock Star trophies and Grace Francis earned a Prodigy trophy.



Elena Alvarez



Alexxis Schloetzer

They worked hard to pass their tests and deserve congratulations! Parents can encourage their children to work toward a defined goal, and they see the added motivation in their kids and the sense of pride when that goal is accomplished.

Teachers notice the positive impact on their students as well.



Grace Francis



Trophies and wristbands

“I’ve been pleasantly surprised how well the Musical Ladder System has encouraged not only my younger students but also my adult students,” said Les Clark, who teaches guitar and ukulele at the Wichita Music Academy.

More good news for parents: These wristbands, trophies and certificates are awarded at no charge to them! That is just one of the benefits of joining the Wichita Music Academy.



WMA staff and teachers pose with wristbands (and with attitude)! From left, Michael Houston, Les Clark, Amy Houston, Joy Vigilus and Robby Avila.

# Reaching a musical milestone



Two dedicated musicians recently celebrated anniversaries as students at the Wichita Music Academy!

Dodge Mattingly (at left) has studied voice for one year. Razi Cash (at right) has studied piano for one year. Congratulations, Dodge and Razi!



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pet,” she said. “I chose guitar because I had been interested in it for a long time.”

Shelby hopes to become a performer, and she wanted to learn to read music and control her voice better. In addition, her goals included playing an instrument besides piano.

“It wasn’t my forte,” she remarked.

That didn’t dissuade her, though. And her parents encouraged her to persevere.

“Don’t limit yourself to a certain instrument,” Carol advised.

Katie admitted to feeling nervous about lessons at first since she didn’t know what to expect. However, the girls found a welcoming environment that wasn’t intimidating at the Wichita Music Academy.

“It feels really relaxed,” Shelby said. “I was afraid it was going to be awkward, but it wasn’t.”

“I like my teachers,” Katie added. “They’re cool.”

Katie discovered that she and Robby Avila, her trumpet teacher, both love jazz and musicals. Avila and Les Clark, the girls’ guitar teach-

er, are “Star Wars” fans like the Meltons. And Katie was amused when Clark, a fellow video game fanatic, used “Mortal Kombat” terms to explain a guitar technique.

“They share a passion with you – that’s one thing,” Shelby said. “Don’t be nervous, because they just want to help you get better. It’s not high-pressure.”

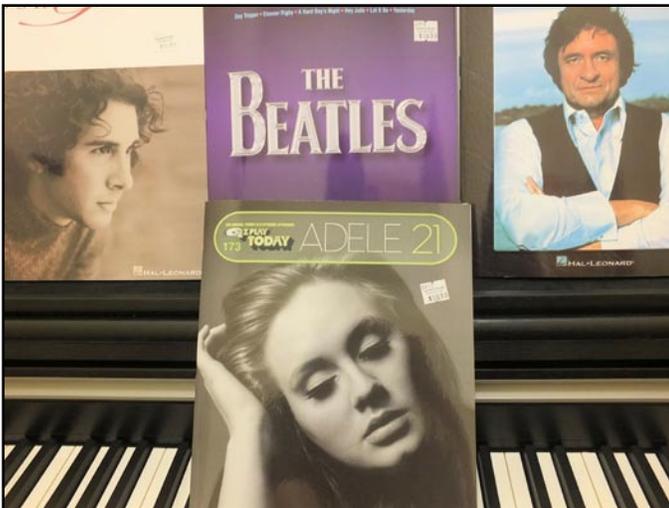
Shelby and Katie hope to sing and play guitar at the same time someday. Shelby also plans to write her own music.

“I know if I can create a song, I’d be more attached to it,” she said.



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## Tunes &



## Tykes

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singing, movement,  
rhythm and listening skills.  
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musical styles and con-  
cepts, rhythm instruments  
and the keyboard. Call  
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Academy offers instruction  
in piano, keyboard, guitar,  
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