

# Garten's Music

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## Siblings love to play piano, soccer

Israel Valenzuela-Torres and his sister, Daphne, started piano lessons in February 2016 at the Wichita Music Academy. They remember how they felt on the first day.

“I was excited for my new teacher,” said Daphne, 7.

“I was kind of happy and a little bit nervous,” Israel, 9, admitted.

Now they love their piano instructors and they enjoy making music on their own.

“We get to do fun songs,” Daphne said. “And we get to play a lot of songs, and get better and better. We can play faster, too.”

Daphne’s favorite songs she has learned so far are “Bingo” and “Circle Dance,” which she played in June at the Student Showcase. Israel’s favorite song he has learned is “Carol of the



Daphne, left, and Israel Valenzuela-Torres

Bells.” He played “TNT” at the Student Showcase.

They also look forward to their Musical Ladder System tests, which enable them to earn trophies, wristbands and certificates for achieving musical milestones.

“It’s so cool,” Daphne said.

“It’s cool,” Israel agreed, “and we practice a lot (to

prepare for a test).”

The children’s trophies are displayed on their piano. When they’re not making music, they both love to play soccer.

Israel said he would tell others thinking about taking lessons to go ahead and do it “so it can be fun for them.”

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# Graduation day!



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Red Book 2)! Front row, from left: Rosie Brumit, Debra Higgs, Kim Erney. Back row, from left: Steve Loeb sack, Fred Washington, Noel Gary, Margaret Shifflett, Lisa Shorter. Not pictured: Judy Voegeli.



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Blue Book 2)! From left: Joe Perrie, Arletta Perrie, Brenda Mareda, Liz Hicks, Floyd Hansen.

# 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, Aug. 4

### PlayTime

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11

### Organ Club

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18  
(Theme: Folk Songs)

### 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:**

– 1:30 p.m. Wednesday,  
Aug. 16

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

Ayla I.	Orion I.
Ezra S.	Ivy L.
Abby Y.	John P.
Kim E.	Rosie B.
Debra H.	Margaret S.
Fred W.	Lisa S.
Casey O.	Carolyn J.
Penny R.	Helon S.
Judy F.	Galen F.
Noelle J.	Michael O.
Caden C.	Ember N.
Kai I.	Laney P.
Briana D.	Kayla N.

### Classes starting!

Lowrey Magic  
Blue Book 2

– starts at 2 p.m.  
Tuesday, Aug. 22

Lowrey Magic Red Book 1

– starts at 1:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Aug. 23

Lowrey Magic Red Book 2

– starts at 3:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Aug. 29

Lowrey Magic  
Blue Book 1

– starts at 10:30 a.m.  
Thursday, Aug. 31

Lowrey Magic  
Blue Book 1

– starts at 2 p.m.  
Thursday, Aug. 31

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“They can learn a lot of songs, too,” he added.

In the future, Daphne wants to learn to play “Wrecking Ball” by Miley Cyrus. Israel is considering his father’s idea for him and his sister to play a duet at the Student Showcase. He has also thought about playing for church someday.

**Garten's Music  
& the Wichita Music  
Academy will be closed  
Monday, Sept. 4, for  
Labor Day. Have a safe  
and happy holiday!**

# 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.



Brayden R.



Collin S.



Isabella M.



Amanda E.



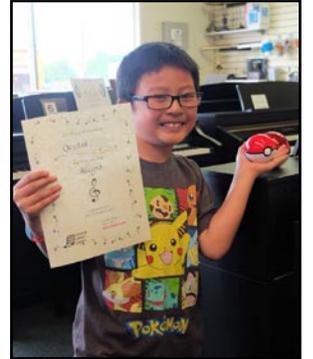
Landon H.



Maddie W.



Nicholas R.



QuyAnh N.



Elektra T.



Toby F.



ThuyAnh N.



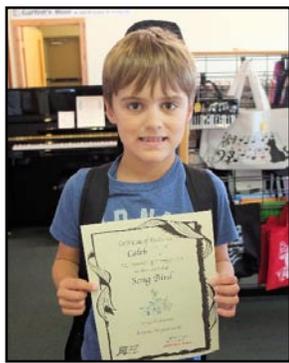
Kayleigh F.



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Ailey F.



Caleb V.



Instructor Andrew Wingert, left, and Ariella A.

## *Student inspired by basketball player*



KSN-TV visited Garten's Music for a story about our Wichita Music Academy student, Natalie Brant! The pianist and organist, who is in high school, wrote a forensics speech comparing her progress in music to Ron Baker's development of his basketball talent.

Jeff Eberle interviewed Brant, a longtime Baker fan, and the piece aired during the 10 p.m. newscast July 6. Baker, who played for Wichita State, has signed a two-year, \$8.9 million deal with the New York Knicks.



**Congrats to the winner of our monthly drawing for June! Justin Gilbert received a free half-hour lesson at the Wichita Music Academy in honor of Make Music Day June 21.**

# More music for all!

This month, Garten's Music is excited to start offering band and orchestral instruments that are available for rent or sale. Talk to a member of the staff for more information!



*Need some extra ca\$h?*

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



Carlita Saft received \$50 in cash for referring two students to the Wichita Music Academy! When students refer another person who enrolls in lessons or classes, they earn \$25!