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Musical Families

Lessons and a love of music gives this close family a new connection.

Nancy Wiard always wished she could sit down at the piano and play a song like her mother had done.

Now, after four years of Goofin' Around Keyboard Classes and countless hours of playing, her newfound musical confidence and ability to play many songs brings her more joy than she ever expected.

"I play a large variety (of music)," said Wiard. "From the 1920s through the 90s."

Pursuing the new skill brought another unexpected result as well as one of her adult daughters also decided to pursue the hobby.

"I saw that my mother was enjoying her time learning there and I thought it would be a good opportunity for me to try out something I had always wanted to do," said Angi Harlan, who began taking piano lessons at the Wichita Music Academy

during the summer of 2013.

Harlan, who works full time and is also the mother of two young children, admits it isn't easy to fit something for herself into her schedule, but the reward is worth it.

"I have really enjoyed learning piano at the Academy," said Harlan. "My teachers there have been patient with me and I do feel that I have learned something new each time I finish a lesson. It has been a great experience and I look forward to learning more."

She has also enjoyed her mother's growing repertoire of music. Harlan and her two children live with her mom and dad and it isn't unusual to wake up to a concert on a Sunday morning if she's slept a little too late.



Angi Harlan (left) and her mother, Nancy Wiard, are both learning to play at Garten's Music.

"It is actually nice to wake up to her playing," added Harlan.

While Wiard is still working up the nerve to try new things like the embroidery machine she recently bought, she doesn't hesitate to hammer out a tune anytime the mood strikes her.

"I have enjoyed the experiences brought to me by my music as well as the enjoyment," said Wiard. "You will find me humming a tune any place, anywhere as it lifts my spirits and helps me enjoy this great life. I run home and find it in a book and play it on my organ. It is great!"

WICHITA MUSIC ACADEMY

Fall 2013 Student Showcase



Mark Your Calendars!

Fri., Jan. 3 - 2:00 p.m.

LIFE in Kansas MusicMakers Meeting
-Membership is free!
-Come and help us choose our 2014
Organ Club themes!

Fri., Jan. 10 - 2:00 p.m.

Lowrey Play Time

Fri., Jan. 17 - 2:00 p.m.

Lowrey Organ Club
Theme: "Our Favorite Songs"

Welcome to New & Returning Students!

Donna C
Laurie D
Chuck E
Bill H
Floyd H
Virginia H
Leo H
Roberta S
Sally W
Max S
Sherrie P

Allen H
Debbie B
Phyllis C
Esther G
Connie G
Judie H
Joyce O
Cheryl P
Connie P
Myron S
Doris S

Aleta V
Lynette H
Melvon B
Pauline F
Susie K
John L
Mary L
Mary Ann
M
Billy M
Cindy P

Sudy S
Mary W
Donna C
Patricia A
Robyn I
Vicky I
Andrez J
Conner K
Ramon M
Vira S
Casey W

A Holiday Hit for Anyone on your List!
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LESSONS PLUS

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The Wichita Music Academy is offering a Christmas promotion for the music lover in your life.



- Pay the \$25 registration fee.
- Schedule the first lesson for January, after the holidays.
- Have the instrument in hand in time for Christmas giving.

Wichita Music Academy's Lessons Plus program provides students with quality, playable instruments at greatly reduced prices - in some cases free!

How it works: If you've ever owned a cell phone, you probably have a general idea of how Lessons Plus operates. At a typical wireless carrier, some cell phones will be "free" (to you); some will be a few dollars depending on features. But these phones are not *really* free; you get the discounted price in exchange for a two-year contract.

Lessons Plus works the very same way, except a six-month commitment to lessons is the minimum required to get a great instrument at a reduced price, or perhaps even *free*. There's no surcharge, no additional costs, no gimmick - just a commitment to the lessons you'd be taking anyway.

What's in it for you:

- 1) You or your student gets a brand-new quality instrument to practice on.
- 2) Students with nice instruments play more than students with old worn-out instruments. Playing more = faster advancement + more enjoyment.
- 3) Your lesson price is locked in for the duration of the lesson commitment.



Acoustic Guitar packages
From \$99.95!
 LIFETIME WARRANTY,
 CHOICE OF COLORS,
 FAMOUS MAKER.
 INCLUDES STRAP, PICKS,
 AND A SNARK ELECTRONIC TUNER.



Electric Guitar packages
From \$99.95!
 INCLUDES 3/4 SIZE FAMOUS-MAKER ELECTRIC GUITAR WITH TELE-STYLE DUAL PICKUPS, PRACTICE AMP THAT OPERATES OFF OF 9V BATTERY OR AC ADAPTER (INCLUDED), STRAP, PICKS, INSTRUMENT CABLE, AND A SNARK ELECTRONIC TUNER.



Yamaha Keyboard packages
From \$159.95
 61, 76, AND 88-NOTE HAMMER-ACTION MODELS ALL AVAILABLE.

**“Tips & Tunes”
with Lowrey’s Bob
Ashworth**

Weds., Jan. 8

Classroom at Garten’s Music –
don’t miss the fun!

10:00am – EZ Virtual Orchestra Series.

EZ2, EZ4, EZ10, Fanfare

1:30pm – Lowrey Classic Series.

Adventurer II, Conductor, Regency, Encore,
and other retired models.

3:30pm – Lowrey Deluxe Models.

Current: Patriot

Retired: Sensation, Performer, Legend,
Prestige, and other retired models.

Garten’s Musical Notes:

 Billy Bloomquist, an instructor with the Wichita Music Academy, recently performed on the Brett & Sierra show on KSCW.

 Garten’s Music delivered a new Kawai grand piano to Towne East Mall’s Von Maur department store.

