



# Garten's Music

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## Composer teaches guitar, piano

Andrew Wingert, an instructor at the Wichita Music Academy, followed his older brother into music.

“I thought I wanted to be just like him,” Wingert said.

His brother took piano lessons, and Wingert started playing piano at age 5.

“He quit, and I kept going,” Wingert remarked.

He took up guitar when he was in high school because he wanted to try another instrument. He said his first guitar, which was lying around the house, was “so big and poorly made.” Even so, his love of music was solidified.

Wingert – a native of Lititz, Pennsylvania – received his bachelor's degree in music composition. When he graduated from college, he worked as a long-term substitute at a



Andrew Wingert clowns around with his two favorite musical instruments.

Christian school.

Wingert's wife, Shannon Nakai, became a Fulbright Scholar who taught English at Mugla University in Turkey. Wingert taught piano lessons there, where he had about 30 students.

Following the couple's return from Turkey, Wingert spent two years working on his master's degree in music composition at State Col-

lege, Pennsylvania. After he earned his degree, the two moved to Wichita so Nakai could pursue her master's in poetry at Wichita State University.

Wingert teaches piano, guitar and music composition at Garten's Music, home of the Wichita Music Academy. When he was in college, he tutored students in music the-

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Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (3-chord Country)! From left: Sally Wiebe, Merl Hollis, Edna Tomlin. Not pictured: Tina Baldwin, Marion Crouse, Cheryl Privett, Connie Profaizer, Floyd Hansen.

## *Graduation day!*



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Easy Favorites)! Front, from left: Yvonne Coon, Kerrie Platt, Lynette Hasz. Back, from left: Esther Gable, Eva Buehler, Maxine Mikesell. Not pictured: Farol McMillan, Linda Beauchamp, Becky Klaver, Clara DeHaven, Larry McCurry.



## Queen bee

Connie Kiewel has joined Garten's Music & the Wichita Music Academy as a part-time staff member! She dressed up as a bee for Halloween. Connie was The Wichita Eagle's first female police reporter, and her most recent job was in the Boeing Wichita communications and public affairs organization. Welcome, Connie!



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Very Best of the Rat Pack)! Back, from left: Connie Gonzalez, Evelyn Whitmer, LE Anderson, Vesta Campbell, Wanda Shaw. Front, from left: Bill Hall, Priscilla Liddeke, Phyllis Carr. Not pictured: Ruth Faught, Red Kimball, Brent Kleeman, Liz Hicks, Joyce O'Dell.

**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!**

Eva B.	Lynne G.
Maxine M.	Joyce O.
Lynette H.	Wanda S.
Clara D.	Connie G.
Robert S.	Priscilla L.
Cheryl P.	Vesta C.
Floyd H.	Brent K.
Esther G.	Bill H.
Merl H.	Sue M.
Edna T.	Evelyn W.
Brenda M.	Connie P.
Nina C.	LE A.
King-Jay G.	Dee C.
Killian C.	Bobbi B.
Tin T.	Michelle T.
Lexie B.	Angie R.



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*Students celebrating  
one-year anniversaries  
at the Wichita Music  
Academy:*



Gavin Kline, piano



Abigail Webb, piano and voice



Brady Jones, bass guitar



Harlan Harkman, violin



Nate Harkman, piano



**Christmas specials!** ❄️

Ukes to grand pianos, priced for Christmas giving.



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❄️ from \$9.95,  
touch-screen  
metronomes  
\$19.95, scarves  
\$14.95, jewelry  
from \$7.99 &  
musical Christmas  
cards!



# 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, Dec. 4

### PlayTime

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11

### Organ Club

### Christmas Luncheon

will be at Spear's Restaurant & Pie Shop at the corner of Maple and Tracy. Guests are welcome! Cost is \$11. If you'd like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a gift of up to \$10. **Please RSVP to Garten's, 942-1337!**

– 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 18

### Garten's will be closed

for Christmas on Friday, Dec. 25, and Saturday, Dec. 26. The Wichita Music Academy will be closed Thursday, Dec. 24, through Friday, Jan. 1.

Esther Gable won our monthly drawing in October! She received an LED music light. Congrats, Esther!

# Save money with Local Legacy program

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card are entitled to discounts at nearly 100 participating businesses. The merchants include food and drink establishments, shopping destinations and service providers such as auto repair shops, dry cleaners and salons.

To purchase the Local Legacy card or view a list of merchant partners and the discounts they offer, visit [www.locallegacy.com](http://www.locallegacy.com). And remember to shop local this holiday season!



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ory and music history classes. He has taught guitar students in the past, and he has played in bands and at churches.

Wingert likes teaching at the Wichita Music Academy. His favorite part of instruction: "seeing kids get excited about a song they're playing."

"When they have a 'this is so cool' moment, I really enjoy those," he added.

Wingert is also working on six commissioned pieces. Another skill is music notation;

if a composer has various scores he or she has created, Wingert will put them in a book in the correct format for publication.

Some of Wingert's favorite creations of his own are film scores, which he has done in the past for short films.

"I'm actually doing a film score starting about a month from now," he continued. "This is my first full-length film score I'll be doing."

He especially appreciates

film scores written by Hans Zimmer and James Horner. Some of Wingert's favorite professional musicians are classical composer John Adams, the band Radiohead and several other artists.

Wingert said he was exposed to different bands and new kinds of music during high school. That led to the advice he offers aspiring musicians.

"The turning moment in my life was finding music that I liked," Wingert said. "Try to discover new music."