



# Garten's Music

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## Brothers share love of music, learning

When brothers Coltin Crossland and Collin Schmidt stopped taking karate, they decided to try music. They found a hobby they love, and now their home is filled with piano, guitar and violin music.

Coltin, 8, began piano lessons a year and a half ago. His favorite songs that he has learned are "Big Ben" and "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy."

"I like how they sound," Coltin said.

The Wichita Music Academy at Garten's Music offers the Musical Ladder System, and Coltin recently earned his Allegro wristband. He also received his Rock Star wristband and trophy in mid-2016.

"I thought it was awesome," he said of the trophy.

Coltin said he felt excited



Collin Schmidt, above, and Coltin Crossland



when he started lessons. His instructor is Joy Vigilius.

"Music lessons are cool," Coltin said. "I like that she always smiles during the lesson."

Collin, 12, started piano lessons one year ago. He was nervous because he had a

bad experience when he previously took piano lessons elsewhere.

"But when I saw him, he was nice," Collin said of instructor Andrew Wingert. "He doesn't get frustrated. He's really patient."

Collin's favorite song he has learned so far is "The Entertainer," which he played at his first Student Showcase at Garten's. Collin's love for music has grown in the past several months. He was drawn to violin when he attended a middle school band concert.

"It just touched me a lot," Collin said.

As a result, he added violin lessons last summer. He learns violin from Wichita Music Academy instructor Rosie Barney. Collin later received an acoustic guitar

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# Graduation day!



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Red Book 4)! Front row, from left: Theresa Hubbard, Connie Suhler, Bev Stamper, Yvonne Coon, Marsha Helmer. Back row, from left: Kerrie Platt, Stephanie Hentzen, James Langford, Gary Miley, Linda Beauchamp, Raina Harper, Clara DeHaven. Not pictured: Beverly Coover, Ann Ocker.



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Red Book 1)! Front row, from left: Ruby Wright, Rasri Kraisan, Linda Overman, Maridell "Mez" Dreyer, Janette Barnes. Back row, from left: Anna May Colon, Zelma Smith, Jane Voth, Jocelyn Pickard, Cindy Cachard, John Wright.

# 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, Feb. 3

### PlayTime

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10

### Organ Club

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17  
(Theme: Emotions)

### 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 classes:

- 3:30 p.m. Tue., Feb. 14
- 10:30 a.m. Wed., Feb. 15
- 2 p.m. Wed., Feb. 22
- 4:30 p.m. Thur., Feb. 23

### Come see our booth

at the annual Women's Fair in Wichita! The event will take place noon to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, at Century II.

### Tunes & Tykes

This weekly class for kids ages 3-5 will meet at Garten's Music! Enroll your child for fun and music education. Class will start at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 6. Call today!

## On the road again

Videos from our December Student Showcases have been posted on our YouTube channel! Please visit: [tinyurl.com/gartensmusic](http://tinyurl.com/gartensmusic)



Congrats to our winner of the monthly drawing for December! Seth Maddox received a 2017 wall calendar featuring electric guitars.

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day!



Garten's Music conducted an outreach in December at the Orchard Park Senior Center. Cindy Houston spoke about the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class, and Liz Hicks (above right) and Arletta Perrie also spoke and performed.

# WMA students earn recognition

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



Noah B.



Lucy F.



Lily B.



Hailey P.



Gabriel B.



Elektra T.



Daphne V.



Cooper R.



Aarav R.



Joey F.



Addison B.



ThuyVan V.



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## Happy winner

Arletta Perrie won our “Music is for sharing” quarterly drawing! She received two tickets to a documentary about “Home on the Range” that was shown at the Orpheum Theatre and a \$30 gift certificate to Neighbors Restaurant.

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

Hugo A.	Reese B.
Landon H.	Janet M.
Brady A.	Logan A.
Kate B.	Cooper H.
Isabella M.	Amy B.
Susan H.	Lidia P.
Brayden R.	Nicholas R.
Jessica S.	Alex S.
Sadie S.	Mickala S.
Shirley R.	Ron C.
Lisa S.	Kim E.
Shaina W.	Debra H.
Shar I.	Noel G.
Linda W.	Fred W.
Ryder A.	Gabe G.



## Visiting veterans

The L.I.F.E. in Kansas MusicMakers at Garten’s donated Christmas gifts in December for homeless veterans housed at Passageways in Wichita. They visited the organization and talked to residents and staff. Above left, Brent Kleeman, Jim O’Dell and Joyce O’Dell pose with those who received donations. Officials at Passageways called our students the “angel organ players.”



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as a gift, so Wingert started teaching him guitar as well.

Collin practices every day. He remarked that learning to read music and to count when he plays his instruments had improved his

reading and math scores at school.

“They really help me with my grades,” he said. “Music helps me relax and have less anxiety about things.”

