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Happy New Year! 2015

Is this the year you learn music?

Is it your dream to learn music? Make that your New Year's resolution and then 2015 will be known as the year you started your musical journey!

Joe and Arletta Perrie's special year was 2013, when they enrolled in a Goofin' Around Keyboard Class at Garten's Music. Now Arletta has graduated from the Lowrey Book 3 Class, and Joe takes guitar lessons from instructor Matt Kuzma through the Wichita Music Academy.

They learned about the Goofin' Around program when they met Cindy Houston, president of Garten's Music, at Senior Expo in Wichita.

"She showed the EZ play method, and we thought we'd like to try that," Arletta said.

Arletta had taken some piano lessons as an adult, and Joe had a few guitar lessons. They didn't have a good



Joe and Arletta Perrie

experience, but Joe said the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class renewed his self-confidence.

"Through the classes it's helped me gain confidence that yeah, I can do this," he said.

Now he urges others to try the classes as well.

"Go to an introductory class," he advised. "You'll find that

it's very relaxed, easy, non-threatening and you'll have a good time. I've experienced another place or two, and they don't come close to comparing."

Arletta said she appreciated the chance to play for fun and without pressure. She also wanted to see if she could learn something new. She now owns a Lowrey EZ4,

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*Graduation
day!*



Congratulations to our graduates of the Lowrey Red Book 4 class! Seated, from left: Nancy Scofield, Cheryl Privett, Roberta Sanders. Standing, from left: Virginia Hosey, Priscilla Liddeke, Floyd Hansen, Laurie DeGarmo, Carl Bierdeman.



Congratulations to our graduates of the Gershwin Deluxe class! Front row, from left: Bill Hall, Vesta Campbell, Sue Maurer, Evelyn Whitmer, John Bignell, Phyllis Carr. Back row, from left: Betty Neugebauer, Ruth Faught, Wanda Shaw, Nancy Wiard.



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Ho-ho-holiday ... the Lowrey way



Dennis Awe (right) and Brad Bryan of Lowrey visited Wichita for the Lowrey Christmas Cantata! They helped Garten's Music provide two days of music, tips and information for our students before the holidays.



"Keys" to a happy New Year ...



Diana Shook, above, and husband Steve were excited to purchase a Kawai grand piano at Garten's! She's a great pianist who is sure to make beautiful music.



Kay Taylor smiles about her December purchase, a Kawai grand piano. She and her husband, Robert, no doubt had a merry Christmas, complete with festive music!

Mark your calendars!

Upcoming classes and gatherings at Garten's Music:

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:
– 1 & 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20

Upcoming Lowrey Magic classes and workshops:

Red Book 2

– 2 p.m. Wednesday,
Jan. 21

EZ10 Workshop

– 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23

Red Book 1

– 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27

Red Book 1

– 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27

Regency Workshop

– 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30

L.I.F.E. in Kansas MusicMakers

Join the club and enjoy making music with us!

– 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2

PlayTime

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9

Organ Club

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16
(Theme: Our favorite songs)



Bill Hall assists Connie Davis at the Organ Club Christmas luncheon.

2 big days with Lowrey!

Lowrey artists Chuck Wright and Bob Ashworth will provide concerts and workshops at Garten's.

Tuesday, Jan. 13

10 a.m. – Concert for Lowrey Classic Owners (Adventurer II, Conductor, Regency, Encore & other retired models)

2:30 p.m. – EZ Virtual Orchestra Concert (EZ2, EZ4, EZ10, Fanfare)

Wednesday, Jan. 14

10 a.m. – Playing the Patriot (For owners & dreamers ... how to find registrations you'll love!)

1 p.m. – USB Workshop for Lowrey Deluxe owners (Patriot, Prestige, Legend, Performer, Sensation, Holiday Classic, Century & Premier models with USB or disk drives)

2:30 p.m. – Concert (Hear the amazing Lowrey Patriot & other deluxe Lowrey organs)

Upcoming Country Music classes:

For owners of EZ2 - EZ10, Adventurer II & Conductor – 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8

For owners of EZ10, Fanfare, Regency, Encore & Odyssey – 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8

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and she likes to play waltzes and dance songs with the various rhythm styles that the Lowrey organs offer.

“That’s the fun part,” she added. “You can play all these different instruments and play them all different ways. It never gets boring – all the variety.”

Joe likes country songs, gospel music and Christmas tunes.

He is pleased to learn from Kuzma.

“I really like Matt not only as a teacher but as a person,” Joe

said.

“I think you’ve come a long way with him, too,” Arletta said.

The couple spends a few months in Texas each year, and Joe met a man who used to play music with Waylon Jennings. When he’s in Texas, Joe joins that man and a few other musicians who get together and jam.

“When you are playing music and trying to learn new music, time just goes by so fast,” Joe said. “You don’t think about anything else in the world.”

The Perries planned to play together in December and record Christmas carols for their relatives.

“We’re probably not going to make No. 1 on the chart,” Joe said with a grin.

The Perries don’t believe in slowing down during retirement. Arletta paints with a group in Texas, and she sold five paintings last year.

“There’s a certain amount of enjoyment from being able to learn new things,” Arletta said. “That’s always enjoyable to me.”

Our YouTube channel is at tinyurl.com/gartensmusic

Check out some clips of our students performing at the Fall Student Concert! We couldn’t be more proud of them.



Check out the selection of books, from instruction books to music books – including music from the movie “Frozen” – at Garten’s Music!

**Did YOU get a musical instrument for Christmas? Sign up for lessons now!
Get a FREE \$25 registration before Jan. 31, 2015!**

The Wichita Music Academy offers piano, keyboard, guitar, bass, voice, ukulele, dobro, mandolin, banjo, saxophone, trombone, trumpet, tuba, euphonium, clarinet, flute, violin, viola, djembe and cajon lessons!

Call or stop by today & begin your musical journey!