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Pianist, drummer joins teaching staff

When Connor Siler's parents enrolled him in music lessons, they were looking for a way that he could burn off energy. What he found was his true passion.

"I love playing music," he said. "I love performing, and I love getting to play with different musicians throughout the week."

He teaches piano, drums and percussion for the Wichita Music Academy at Garten's Music. He studies piano performance with a jazz concentration degree in drum set at Friends University.

Siler, a Hutchinson native, began taking percussion lessons when he was 5 and piano lessons at age 6. He admitted that percussion lessons did, in fact, allow him to expend energy and be a calmer 5-year-old. However, he appreciated other benefits and still enjoys learning and discovering the freedom "to



Connor Siler

go anywhere you want with music," he said.

According to Siler, teaching allows him to stop thinking about himself and consider the student instead – how to take his years of knowledge, simplify it and impart it to students. In addition, students are sometimes interested in music genres that Siler has never attempted to play, and he acknowledged that those circumstances are

good for him.

"I think it humbles a player," he said of teaching.

Siler will be a student conductor for the Friends wind ensemble this fall. He performs as a drummer with the university's top jazz band and its top jazz combo.

"I also gig with different jazz combos at Larkspur

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Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Easy Favorites)! They are (clockwise from top left) Bill Tillison, Ann Ocker, Connie Suhler, Clara DeHaven, Theresa Hubbard, Marsha Helmer, Bev Stamper and Tomoko Klausmeyer. Hubbard's guest, granddaughter Megan, also posed for the photo.



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (3-chord Country Class)! They are (from left) Linda Beauchamp, Eva Buehler and Kerrie Platt.



An excited Tomoko Klausmeyer won our referral contest! She earned 2 tickets to the Ringo Starr & His All-Starr Band concert! Klausmeyer, a member of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class, referred Thelma Etherton, who joined the Book 1 class.



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Mark your calendars!

Upcoming classes and gatherings at Garten's Music:

PlayTime

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, July 22

Organ Club

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, July 15
(Theme: Summer Songs)

L.I.F.E. in Kansas MusicMakers

Join the club and enjoy making music with us!

– 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5

Coming soon!

Lowrey's Bob Ashworth will visit Wichita and provide workshops Friday, July 8, at Garten's Music!

10:30 a.m.:

EZ1, EZ2, EZ4

1:30 p.m.:

EZ10, Journey, Fanfare

3:30 p.m.:

Inspire, Marquee

4:30 p.m.:

Deluxe models

New Classes in July:

Lowrey Magic Red Book 3
(for grads of Red Book 2)
– starts 2 p.m.
Thursday, July 7

Lowrey Magic Blue Book 1
(for grads of Red Book 4)
– starts 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 13

Other upcoming events:

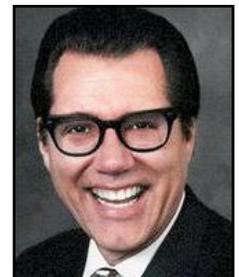
Red Book 4
– starts 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, Aug. 18

Lowrey Classics
Workshop (for retired
models)
– 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, July 14

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

Tymicca A.
Jennifer M.
Tomoko K.
Gail R.
Connie S.
Theresa H.
Yvonne C.
Katie M.
Beverly C.
Gary M.
Esther G.
Edna T.
Verlene K.

Morgan C.
Riley M.
Clara D.
Alec S.
Marsha H.
Ann O.
Bev S.
Shelby M.
LE A.
Brent K.
Liz H.
Sheila S.
Raina H.



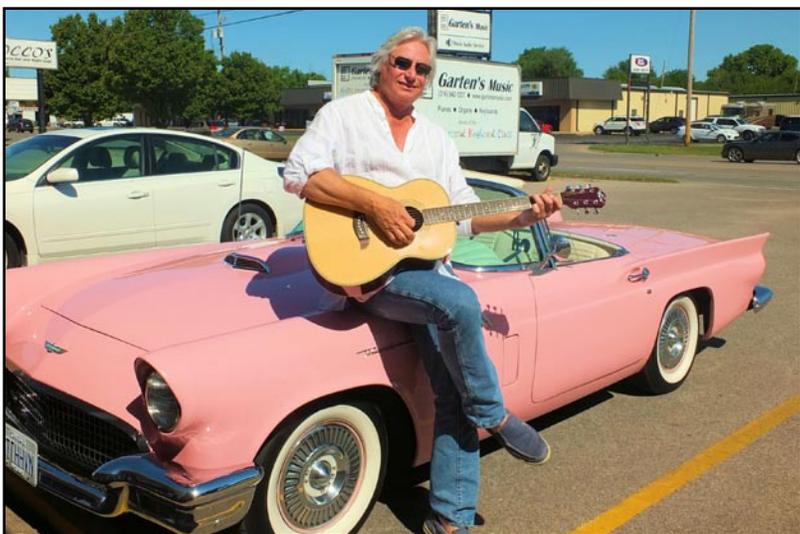
Lowrey's 2016 Home Organ Holiday Spectacular is set for Aug. 18-20 in Chicago!

The event includes workshops, concerts and Lowrey artists such as Brad Bryan (pictured above left), Dennis Awe (pictured above right) and others! Cost is \$939/person for a single-occupancy room and \$839/person for a double-occupancy room.



As always, be sure to check out our selection of music books and accessories!

Goings-on at Garten's Music ...



Allen Hale, a guitar student at the Wichita Music Academy, recently stopped by in his 1957 Ford Thunderbird! His father bought it for his mother, and it was passed down to Allen. With his car and guitar, he's ready for summer!



At the recent Music Academy Success System conference in North Carolina, the Wichita Music Academy received the Faith-Belief-Action award in recognition for our dedication to excellence and service in our community. Congratulation to owners Cindy and Michael Houston (pictured above), WMA teachers and our students for making this achievement possible!



The theme for June's Organ Club meeting was Frank Sinatra music! Nancy Wiard (above) won the Name That Tune game when club members played Sinatra songs, and she received a CD of Sinatra's greatest hits. Bill Hall (above right) provided the Sinatra decorations, organized the Name That Tune game and furnished the CD as a prize.

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Bistro and Bar and Gianni Bacci's," Siler said.

In his spare time, he likes to watch Marvel movies and read about legendary composers. His favorites are Beethoven and Rachmaninoff.

Siler said he didn't have many other hobbies.

"Music is my life, which is OK," he said with a smile. "I enjoy that."

Reaching a musical milestone



Congratulations to those who celebrated anniversaries as students at the Wichita Music Academy! Clockwise from top left, they are: Catrina Owen, guitar, two years; Cristofer Warren, ukulele, two years; Mark Riedl, piano, two years; Will Sorochty, piano, two years; Jan Stauffer, piano, one year; and Mickel Warren, piano, two years. See another photo on back page.



Special Announcement!

Garten's Music is introducing a new program
this month for 3- to 5-year-olds called

Tunes & Tykes!

In this beginner music class, kids will develop singing, movement, rhythm and listening skills. This is an introduction to musical styles and concepts, rhythm instruments and the keyboard. Call today for details!

Coming soon!

Starts 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 13, for ages 3 to 4 1/2

Starts 10 a.m. Thursday, July 14, for ages 4 1/2 and 5



Tiffany Wong celebrated her three-year anniversary as a student at the Wichita Music Academy! She studies piano with Robby Avila. Congratulations to this dedicated student! See more student anniversary photos on Page 5.

Plan ahead for fall music lesson times

Were you or your child affected by the USD 259 decision to extend the school day by 30 minutes in 2016-17?

If you need a later time for music lessons, move to the slot you need NOW and avoid the rush! Call 942-1337 today!

Congrats

to our winner of the monthly drawing for June! Christy Ross won her choice of several items in honor of Make Music Day, which was June 21.

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