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'It makes me feel like I'm awesome'

What a difference a year makes.

In spring 2017, siblings Anastacia and Anthony Riddel were beginners on piano and guitar, respectively. Now they have performed in Wichita Music Academy Student Showcases and they have more songs in mind that they know they can learn.

"It makes me happy," said Anastacia.

"It makes me feel like I'm awesome," said Anthony, who recalled the nervousness he felt when he first enrolled in lessons at Garten's Music.

Anastacia, 10, and Anthony, 9, were influenced to play by relatives who are musicians. Anthony said his Uncle James is a guitarist.

"I really like the sound of the guitar," he added.



Anastacia, left, and Anthony

"I really like playing 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star,'" Anthony said. "It feels relaxing to play and it's easy for me."

He wants to learn "Puff, the Magic Dragon" and songs from "Harry Potter" movies. He likes listening to different types of music, including the soundtrack to "Newsies." Anastacia prefers Disney songs.

"My Aunt Susan, she played piano," Anastacia said. "I thought the piano sounded great."

Anastacia's favorite songs she has learned include "The Harp Song" and "Au Clair de la Lune." Her goal is to learn songs from "The Greatest Showman."

The siblings, who are 18 months apart, said that since they started lessons they pay more attention to music – especially listening for the instruments they play.

"Yeah, because I'm really attracted to music and music makes me happy," An

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Watch more of our interview online:
<https://bit.ly/JuneFeaturedStudents>

Graduation day!



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Red Book 3)! From left: Casey O'Donnell, Geri Acridge, Debra Higgs, Rosie Brumit, Lisa Shorter, Judy Fruth, Noel Gary, Helon Spencer, Penny Ruddle, Carolyn Johnson, Galen Fruth, Judy Cook, Fred Cook.



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Red Book 2)! From left: Geri Acridge, LaJuan Hutcherson, Diane Gestenslager, Sheryl Knott, Karen Lundblade. Not pictured: Lisa Shorter.

Congratulations to the winner of our monthly drawing for April! Krystal Marshall won a guitar stand in honor of International Guitar Month.

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

Zelma S.
Jocelyn P.
Rasri K.
Lajuan H.
Sheryl K.
Connie P.
Marsha H.
Nancy W.
Gary M.
Kathy H.
Bobbi B.
Dee C.
Debi H.
Rilla R.
Gayla S.
William L.
Alexandra B.
Mary Kate M.
Victoria M.

Donna C.
Lynette H.
Diane G.
Joan W.
Karen L.
Wanda S.
Aleta V.
Theresa H.
Brenda M.
Joyce O.
Floyd H.
Sue M.
Millie T.
Sally M.
Margaret T.
Carley B.
Emma B.
Bill H.
Geri A.

Mark your calendars!

Upcoming classes and gatherings at Garten's Music:

Lowrey EZ10 Plus & Journey Showcase

Lowrey's Bob Ashworth will be here to review the features of these great instruments! Come if you own one of these models or are thinking of owning one!

– 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 12

Organ Club

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, June 15
(Theme: Patriotic)

Keyboard Klub

has been suspended for the summer.

Garten's Music & the Wichita Music Academy

will be closed Wednesday, July 4. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Music Summer Camp "Master" Class

This 4-week class is open to graduates of Red Book 2 and owners of any model!

– 3 p.m. Thursday, July 5

L.I.F.E. in Kansas MusicMakers

Join the club and enjoy making music with us!

– 2 p.m. Friday, July 6

Classes starting!

Lowrey Magic Red Book 4

– starts at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, June 20

Lowrey Magic theme class (More 100 Years of Song)

– starts at 2 p.m.
Tuesday, July 10

Lowrey Magic Red Book 3

– starts at 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 11

Lowrey Magic theme class (Roadhouse Country)

– starts at 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, July 12

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thony said.

The two recently earned their Rock Star trophies and wristbands on the Musical Ladder System at Garten's. It was their second trophy and fourth wristband on the Ladder.

"It's really cool," Anastacia said.

"Cooler than cool!" Anthony

replied. "I put them on my dresser, but I want a shelf for them."

Anastacia plans to play "I'm Still Standing" for the Student Showcase on Sunday, June 24, while Anthony will play "Windy Places." Anastacia described her first Student Showcase as "kind of scary with people looking at me," but she and her brother are more comfortable performing now.

After considering their progress in the past year, the Riddels offered advice to other kids who want to take music lessons but may feel hesitant.

"I'd tell them music lessons are great," Anthony said, "and I'd suggest Garten's Music for them."

"And that Garten's Music encourages people even though you make mistakes," Anastacia added.

WMA students earn recognition

Wichita Music Academy students recently received their trophies, wristbands and certificates for achieving musical milestones. We are proud of them! See more photos, Page 5.



Hailey P.



Kayla N.



Madalyn H.



Macie S.



Laney P.



Teagan J.



Trinity K.



Tatym T.



Cooper R.



Elizabeth M.



Emmalyn D.



Instructor Loretta Ewing, left, and Mark R.



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Breeleigh J.



Bryson J.



Kai I.



Brooklyn H.



Brenley G.



Dominick G.



Mickey G.



Megan T.



Mia W.



Teacher Georgeanne Yehling, left, and Michelle W.



Bryce L.



Caleb V.

Wichita Music Academy Student Showcases

will feature student performances, Picture Day with their instruments and refreshments afterward! Performances will be recorded and posted to our YouTube channel. Showcases will be at 1:30, 3:30, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 24, at Clarion Hotel & Suites (formerly La Quinta), 5500 W. Kellogg. Sign-up sheets have been posted!



*Need a gift idea for **Father's Day**?*

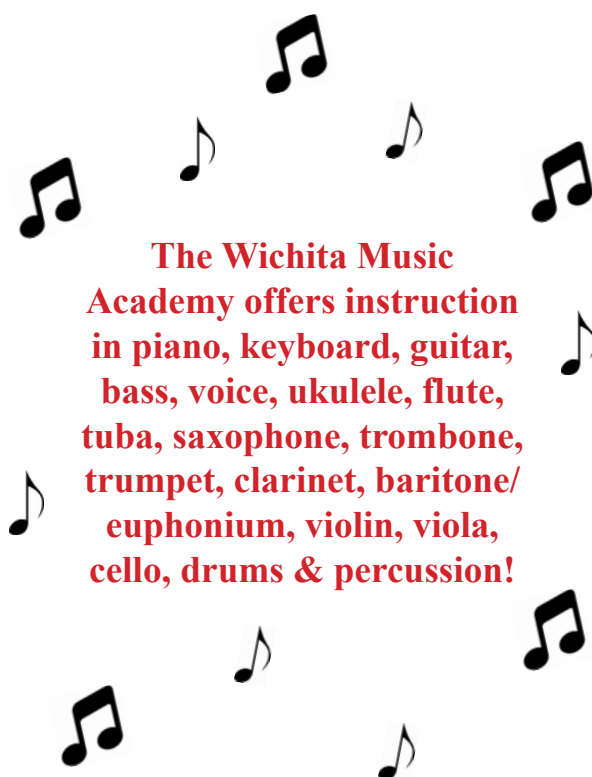
How about a musical instrument, accessories or lessons! We carry pianos, keyboards, guitars, ukes, music books and more!



The music man



Wichita Music Academy teacher Connor Siler performs in his May recital at Friends University. He earned his bachelor's degree!



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