

Garten's Music

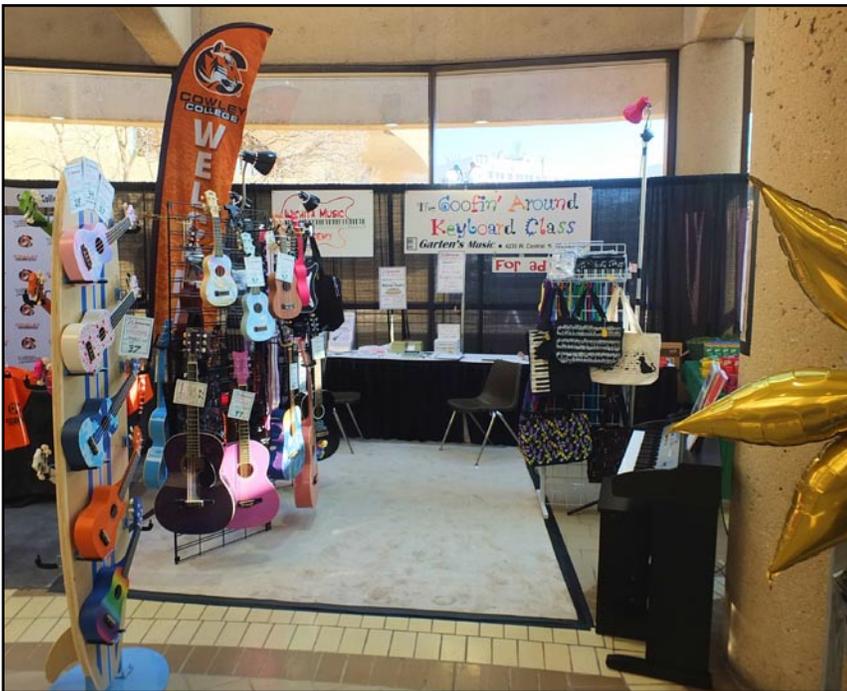
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Garten's booth returns to Women's Fair



Garten's Music and the Wichita Music Academy had a booth again this year at Women's Fair. We held drawings for a free Goofin' Around Keyboard Class for adult beginners and also for movie gift certificates. Talia Quezada, pictured above, won the four gift certificates to the Warren Theatre! We met lots of fun people and sold out of ukuleles, but we now have more at the store!

Strings teacher likes a challenge

Rosie Barney aspired to play stringed instruments from an early age. Her mother, a violinist, taught lessons out of her home and at a music academy.

“I would sit in my mom’s violin case and watch her practice,” Barney said.

Her two older siblings began taking piano lessons at age 5, and so did Barney. When she was 8, she started asking about violin lessons. Her mother taught her for 10 months and then Barney enrolled in viola lessons with another teacher.

Barney and her siblings joined the Houston Youth Symphony in Texas. Her sister played violin, and Barney’s mother didn’t want her daughters to compete for the same spot. That’s why Barney switched to viola.

The family moved from Texas to Springfield, Mo., between Barney’s ninth- and 10th-grade year. The orchestra at Evangel College needed strings players, so Barney joined the musicians and later attended college there.

After two years, Barney wanted a greater musical challenge, so she transferred to Wichita State University. She graduated with a bachelor of arts in music performance. Barney plays violin, viola and piano, and her favorite kind of music is movie soundtracks.

She works at the Wichita Music Academy, teaching students how to practice “so their time at home is just as productive as



Rosie Barney teaches violin and viola.

their lesson,” she said. Barney wants her students to push themselves, just as she did.

Barney was quick to identify the best part of teaching: “when someone’s struggling with something and you give them the solution and see it click,” she said.

Barney advises students who are working on a tough piece – or a difficult portion of a song – to find ways to break it down and play each element, focusing on the notes or the rhythm, before bringing it all together. That way it’s not as overwhelming, she said.

Barney and her husband lead a church youth group, and Barney plays viola in the Wichita Symphony Orchestra and Wichita Grand Opera.

“I just love music,” she said. 🍀

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, April 1

Organ Club

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, March 11
(Theme: Title is a Question)

PlayTime

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, March 18

Upcoming Lowrey Magic classes and workshops:

Green Book 1

– starts 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 22

Three-chord Country

– starts 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 23

Three-chord Country

– starts 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 24

Red Book 2

– starts 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 6

Easy Favorites

– starts 2 p.m. Thursday, April 14



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Red Book 1)! They are (from left) Tomoko Klausmeyer, Diane Weve, Tedd Roe, Beverly Coover and Marsha Helmer. Not pictured: Connie Suhler, Theresa Hubbard and Louise Zollinger.

Congrats

to our winner of the monthly drawing for January! Annie Johnson won two keyboard method books.

Liz Hicks won a 1,000-piece guitar puzzle for February. Sign up in March, when the prize is a ukulele!

Goofin' Around Keyboard Class students attend concerts by Lowrey artist



Lowrey's Bob Ashworth and Dennis Awe recently visited Wichita. Awe, pictured at left and right, performed two concerts for Goofin' Around Keyboard Class students at Garten's Music!

Garten's will host Ashworth and Lowrey artist Chuck Wright on Friday, April 8! Details will follow soon.



Several students celebrate milestone anniversaries at Wichita Music Academy

Congratulations to these musicians who reached their anniversaries as students at the Wichita Music Academy. They each received a gift certificate to Garten's Music!

At right, three students from the Jones family celebrated their two-year anniversaries at the academy. They are, from left, Breeleigh (piano), Brynelyn (guitar and clarinet) and Bryce (guitar and saxophone).

Below, Haley Maestas achieved her one-year anniversary as a guitar student. She studies with Andrew Wingert.

In addition, Donovan Blake reached his one-year anniversary as a trumpet student. He studies with Robby Avila.



Breeleigh, Brynelyn and Bryce Jones



Wichita Music Academy instructor Robby Avila, left, and Donovan Blake



Haley Maestas

Wichita Music Academy Student Showcases

will be Saturday, May 21, and
Sunday, May 22. Mark your
calendars and invite friends &
family to watch you perform!

It's not easy being green

... but we're OK with it!

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day this year with a green ukulele, or choose from our selection of various colors!

And be sure to enter our monthly prize drawing. This month's winner will receive a green ukulele.

St. Patrick's Day will be Thursday, March 17. We hope you have a safe and happy holiday!



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!

Abigail B.	Kloe B.
Mita D.	Allen H.
Foster M.	Samuel B.
Zaine B.	Quyanh N.
Thuyanh N.	Grace B.
Amanda B.	James O.
Carol S.	Daphne V.
Israel V.	Arletta P.
Connie G.	Liz H.
Brenda M.	Lynne G.
Roberta S.	Polly M.
Joyce O.	Priscilla L.
Dee C.	Esther G.
Bill H.	Wanda S.
Eva B.	Vesta C.
Connie P.	Linda B.
Amy H.	Kerrie P.



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