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Musicals drew man to keyboard class

When Floyd Hansen enrolled in the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class in 2015, he had a specific style of music he planned to learn.

“My love for music is centered on all the musicals over the years – music theater-type stuff,” he said.

Hansen's favorites include “South Pacific” and “Hello, Dolly!” He sang in choirs at church and school when he was younger, but he never played an instrument. He credited his deceased wife, who was a music teacher and performer, for influencing his music appreciation.

He said he always thought he might learn to play someday and then Cindy Houston, president of Garten's Music, spoke at the Shepherd's Center of West Wichita. Hansen, who is active at the Shepherd's Center, watched Houston draw his name to win one free Goo-



Floyd Hansen

fin' Around Keyboard Class.

“I enjoy the classes a lot,” said Hansen, who owns a Lowrey EZ4. “One of the things about the method of learning here, the approach of a class basis, makes it more of a social activity.

“I enjoy the informal atmosphere of others taking classes together,” he continued. “We can laugh about things and talk about our mistakes

with great ease.”

He especially appreciates the chance to learn songs he recognizes. He is taking the 3-chord country class now, and he plays at home six days a week. Hansen especially likes playing songs he has learned and become comfortable with such as “New York, New York.”

However, he values the learning process. Hansen acknowledged that he could hear chords, rhythms and backgrounds on recordings of songs that he isn't capable of playing. He said that as he takes more classes, he learns more chords and rhythm styles and how the transition from one measure to another can enrich each song. Hansen pointed out that one year ago, he could not have played some of the songs he plays now in the 3-chord country class.

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Music books abound

Check out our collection of music books! Above, student Verlene Kutz holds her Frank Sinatra book with a cutout of The Chairman.



Musical milestones

Trophies continue to arrive each month for our Wichita Music Academy students who earn them! We are proud of them.

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“We had someone play not perfectly – but almost – today,” he said. “And I thought, ‘I want to play that well.’”

He also likes hearing fellow students’ interpretations of songs and listening to them choose a particular rhythm style he might not have paired with a specific song. Hansen said those kinds of discoveries challenge him.

“I see music as a creative expression,” he explained. “Most all of the significant musicals have a social purpose in their presentation.”

For instance, he pointed out that themes addressed in “South Pacific” include war

and the feelings of people who come from different cultures. Music reflects the emotions surrounding those issues.

“I’m getting integrated into that story when I play something from a musical,” Hansen said.

He also finds meaning in the evolution of music as a whole – and his ongoing involvement in learning about it.

“There’s always a history of it in what you’ve learned, but there’s always so much ahead,” Hansen said. “So it’s a growing experience.”

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!

Call today to reserve your spot ... before the time and day you want are taken!

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, March 3

PlayTime

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, March 10

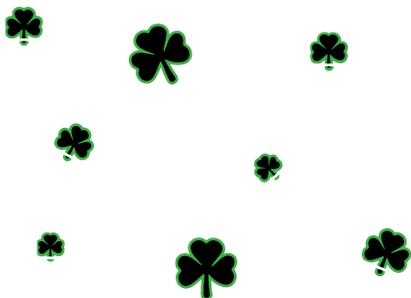
Organ Club

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, March 17
(Theme: Weather)

Hint:

Be sure to wear green March 17. It is St. Patrick's Day!



Congrats to the winner of our monthly drawing for January! Karyn Parker received a Cling On tuner.

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:

– 10:30 a.m. Wed., March 8

– 4:30 p.m. Thur., March 9



Workshops with Lowrey's Bob Ashworth

are set for Wednesday, March 15, here at Garten's Music!

10 a.m. – EZ1, EZ2, EZ4

1 p.m. – EZ10, Journey,
Fanfare

3 p.m. – Inspire, Marquee

4 p.m. – Classic models

Classes available:

Lowrey Magic Blue Book 2

– starts at 2 p.m.
Wednesday, March 22

Lowrey Magic Red Book 3

– starts at 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, March 23

Lowrey Magic Blue Book 1

– starts at 2 p.m.
Thursday, March 23

Theme Class (for Green level)

– starts at 2 p.m.
Tuesday, March 28

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

Lilibeth O.
Tatym T.
Lily C.
John W.
Brenley G.
Steve L.
Margaret S.

Silas R.
Rylee O.
Bryce L.
Janice D.
Tyrone B.
Judy A.

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.



Aiden B.



Collin S.



Kyle G.



Maddie W.



Melanie S.



Elizabeth M.



Riley M.



Sophia E.



Instructor Andrew Wingert, left, and Landon P.



Ty S.



Israel V., left, and Andrew Wingert



Andrea P.



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Alexxis S.



Brynelyn J.



Xavier M.



Lilly A.



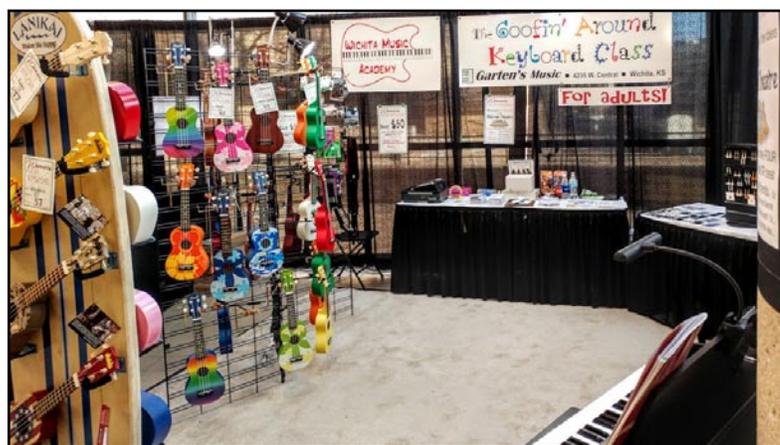
Mary M.



Payten L.



Instructor Andrew Wingert, left, and Brooklyn H.



Booth returns to Women's Fair

Garten's Music returned to Women's Fair in February at Century II in Wichita! The booth featured ukuleles, music accessories and information about our lessons and classes! Pictured at right is Cindy Bogle (wearing floral print), who won our Facebook contest and received two free tickets to Women's Fair. She brought her friend, also named Cindy!



Class for kids ages 3-5 starts March 6

March madness equals March gladness for our Tunes & Tykes students! The 30-minute weekly program will resume March 6.

The 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.

The program covers the fundamentals of rhythm, pitch, listening skills and some keyboard and rhythm instruments. Our goal is to instill and foster a deep love of music, and to provide children a solid musical foundation!

The class is forming now, so call today to enroll! Don't miss out on the fun!



"My child has excelled through this program at Garten's. He has not only gained experience and knowledge through the use of different instruments and sounds but has

a grasp on the concept of rhythms and what we can do with sounds. His teacher is phenomenal. She not only excels on teaching the children the appropriate knowledge but is kind and sincere in her mannerism with the children. This is a great class to help your child begin to understand concepts and rhythm of music." – Merry K.

Daylight saving time begins March 12! Be sure to set your clocks forward one hour!



Let's go

shopping!



Stock up on music accessories and gifts at Garten's Music, or get ready for March Madness by shopping for the KU fan and guitar lover in your life! Check out our selection of fun items.

