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Keyboard class, lessons at Garten's help student fulfill her dream

Heather Barnett played violin in elementary school through high school, but she was always fascinated with the piano. She decided to pursue her dream as an adult at Garten's Music, home of the Wichita Music Academy.

"I would have begged to take piano lessons, knowing what I know now," she remarked.

Barnett said she was motivated to start piano lessons for her daughter, Lily, 6.

"I really want her to love music," Barnett said.

She started her journey in the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class, designed for adult beginners at Garten's.

"It helped me remember to read music and familiarizing myself with the keyboard," Barnett said.

She learned some songs and enjoyed the pace of the class. When she completed it, she began working with instructor Joy Vigilius at the Wichita Music Academy.



Heather Barnett

"She's a great teacher," Barnett said. "She's patient. She's funny. She has a good ear for listening to what I need to work on."

Barnett enjoys listening to all types of music, especially classical. However, she wants to play a variety of music. Vigilius convinced her to perform publicly for the first time in this month's Student Showcase at Garten's.

"I just need to do it for myself – get over that fear of playing in front of people,"

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Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Love Songs theme class)! They are (front row) Connie Gonzalez, Dee Cheatham, Esther Gable and Bill Hall and (back row) Connie Profaizer, Priscilla Liddeke, Joyce O'Dell, Wanda Shaw and Floyd Hansen. Not pictured: Roberta Stafford, Evelyn Whitmer, Vesta Campbell.

Dedicated student

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!



Brynelyn Jones reached her two-year anniversary as a clarinet and piano student at the Wichita Music Academy! She studies with Robby Avila. She has studied guitar at the Wichita Music Academy even longer!

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, May 13

Organ Club

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, May 20
(Theme: Amateur's Choice)

L.I.F.E. in Kansas MusicMakers

Join the club and enjoy making music with us!

– 2 p.m. Friday, May 6
– 2 p.m. Friday, June 3



Patriotic Theme Classes:

– starts 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 18
– starts 2 p.m. Tuesday,
May 31

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 class:

– 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 19
– 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 20

See our booth at Thrive!

The Wichita Eagle will sponsor Thrive, an expo celebrating all aspects of the lives of Kansas baby boomers! Speakers will give presentations about various subjects, and check out the fashion show, booths and other events!

Learn more at:
WichitaThrive.com

– 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday,
May 14
– 1-5 p.m. Sunday, May 15

The Wichita Music Academy Student Showcases

will be later this month, when students will perform here at Garten's! They will take place at 2, 4 and 6 p.m. Saturday, May 21, and 2, 4, 6 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 22. Slots are still available at 7:30 p.m. May 22. Those who play in the Student Showcases may have their pictures taken with their instrument, and the photos will be displayed in our Hall of Fame!

Congrats

to our winner of the monthly drawing for April, which was International Guitar Month! Eva Buehler won four tickets to the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum's exhibit of vintage guitars.

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NEW REFERRAL CONTEST!

The prize is two tickets to Ringo Starr & His All-Starr Band, which plays at 8 p.m. Sunday, June 26, at Hartman Arena! The band includes musicians from Santana, Toto, Kansas and more. It will be one incredible night of hit after hit that will have everyone reminiscing! When you refer a student who enrolls for lessons at the Wichita Music Academy, we'll enter you AND the student in the June 15 drawing for the prize. Contact us and find out what days and times are available for lessons!

Artist performs concert, introduces Journey



Lowrey's Bob Ashworth and Chuck Wright visited Wichita in April! They introduced a new instrument in the Lowrey line, the Journey, and Wright performed a concert for the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class students from Garten's Music.

Reaching a milestone



Zachary Rangel, above, and Tyson Jarvis celebrated their one-year anniversaries as students at the Wichita Music Academy! Rangel studies trumpet with Robby Avila, and Jarvis studies piano with Avila. See another student photo on Page 2.



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Barnett said.

Lily's favorite songs that her mother has learned include "Joy to the World" and other Christmas tunes. Barnett bought a book with music from the movie "Frozen," and she plans to eventually play those songs for Lily as well.

"I feel a lot of pride and a lot of pleasure that I finally made myself do it and I'm sticking with it," she said. "I want to be a good role model for her – for Lily. I don't want to give her the excuse 'Well, you stopped.'"

Lily's father plays guitar, and Lily has asked to follow in her mother's footsteps as a piano student. Her parents plan to enroll her in lessons with Vigilius this summer at the Wichita Music Academy.

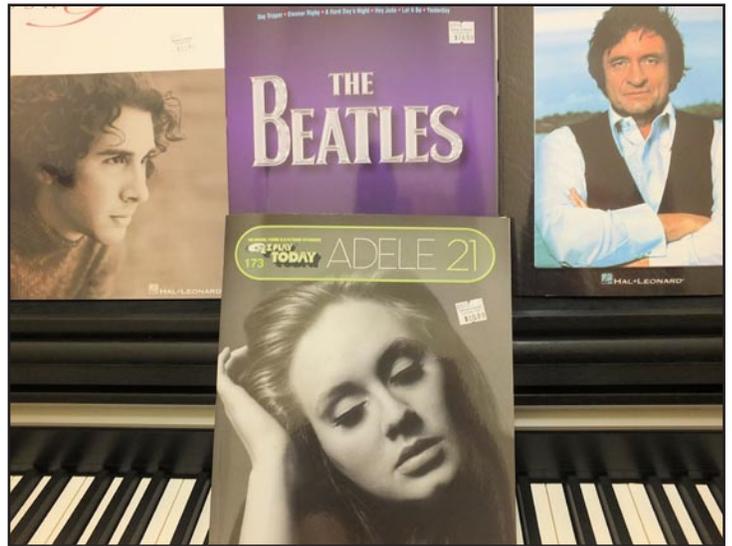
"We're trying to be a musical family," Barnett said. "When she told me she wanted to take lessons, I was like, 'Yes!'"

Barnett admitted that it can be difficult to make time for musical activities. She works more than 30 hours a week and volunteers at Lily's school. However, she advises others to make their desired hobby a priority.

"Be brave. Do what makes you happy," Barnett said. "I put it off for so long, and I don't really know why. Make the time!"



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