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Band of brothers plays violin, piano

Brothers Nate, Harlan and Cal Harkman understand the importance of family traditions. They root for the Minnesota Vikings since their parents are from Minnesota. They all like “Star Wars.” And they all take lessons from the Wichita Music Academy at Garten’s Music.

Nate, 12, and Harlan, 9, started lessons in October 2014. Nate studies piano with instructor Andrew Wingert while Harlan learns violin from instructor Rosie Barney. Cal, 6, started violin lessons with Barney in July 2017.

“I found piano really fun,” Nate said.

Cal decided to follow in Harlan’s footsteps when it was time for him to choose an instrument.

“Harlan said in piano lessons there are, like, a thousand notes to learn,” Cal



From left: Cal (violin), Nate (piano) and Harlan (violin).

Watch Nate and Harlan at Student Showcases:

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said.

He enjoys playing songs and especially likes the D scale.

“I can remember it without even looking at the notes,” Cal said.

Harlan’s favorite song he has learned is “The Imperial March (Darth Vader’s Theme).” Nate’s favorite is “Binary Sunset,” also from “Star Wars,” although

he played “The Imperial March” in a Wichita Music Academy Student Showcase.

“I don’t care what song I’m playing,” Nate said of the showcases. “As long as I like it and I do OK, I’m fine.”

Harlan recalled that he felt nervous when he performed in his first showcase.

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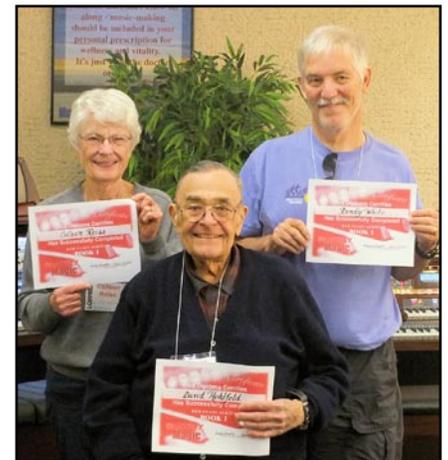
Graduation day!



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (More 100 Years of Song)! Front row, from left: Bill Hall, Yvonne Coon, Floyd Hansen, Dee Cheatham, Nancy Wiard, Connie Profaizer. Back row, from left: Gary Miley, Wanda Shaw, Joyce O'Dell, Bobbi Bruce, Aleta Vogt, Brenda Mareda, Beverly Coover, Marsha Helmer, Theresa Hubbard. Not pictured: Connie Gonzalez, Brent Kleeman.



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (First 50 Songs You Should Play on Keyboard)! Seated, from left: Rasri Kraisan, Lynette Hasz, Liz Hicks. Standing, from left: Janet Adams, Linda Overman, Arletta Perrie, Zelma Smith, Kerrie Platt, Donna Clasen, Jocelyn Pickard.



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Red Book 1)! From left: Colleen Reiss, David Hohlfeld, Randy White.

Mark your calendars!

Upcoming classes and gatherings at Garten's Music:

Organ Club

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, May 18
(Theme: Female Singers)

Keyboard Klub

is a monthly gathering developed for students from Red Book 1 through Red 4. Mark and Cindy provide tips about how to recover from mistakes, how and when to use the Fill and more. Bring a song to share with others or come to listen!

– 3:30 p.m. Tuesday,
May 22

L.I.F.E. in Kansas MusicMakers

Join the club and enjoy making music with us!

– 2 p.m. Friday, June 1

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!

Free Lowrey Showcase!

Mark and Cindy will provide a closer look at the Lowrey EZ1, EZ2 and EZ4. Learn more about these instruments and hear great music! Special offers and special financing will be available.

– 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 1

Congratulations to the winner of our monthly drawing for March! Sandra Kiewel won a “Songs of the ’30s” music book.

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“The more showcases I do, the less nervous I get,” he said, “because I got more used to it.”

The boys also like the Musical Ladder System that affords them the chance to earn trophies and wristbands for achieving musical milestones. Cal earned his Musician wristband last month.

“Now I have three wristbands,” he remarked.

“I think it’s pretty good,” Nate said of the system, “and the farther along you go, the bigger the trophies get. It’s an even better incentive.”

All three like their teachers.

“She’s super-nice and she

helps me a lot,” Harlan said of Barney.

Nate has a “Star Wars” shirt that he always wears to his lessons. His teacher is a “Star Wars” fanatic as well.

“Andrew’s really nice and patient,” Nate said. “I’ve had a couple teachers over the years who sometimes weren’t as

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WMA students earn recognition

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



Caden C.



Collin S.



Ember N.



Foster M.



Kaylee R.



Rylee O.



Zoe D.



Athena M.



Carlita S.



Jackson C.



Eli C.



Kekona M.



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Adventures in music

Garten's recently held a ukulele class for the Adventurous Babes Society, a social network for women 21 and older! The group learned to play "Twist and Shout."



Keyboard Klub

Bill Hall (standing), president of L.I.F.E., addresses the new Keyboard Klub at its first meeting. This monthly gathering was developed for students in Red Book 1 through Red Book 4!

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

Carter J.	Ellie C.
Emma C.	Maria M.
Lea K.	Madison C.
Breanna M.	Jazlin H.
Brent K.	Brian H.
Ken W.	Arletta P.
Kyle C.	Rosie B.
Carolyn J.	Casey O.
Helon S.	Yvonne C.
Beverly C.	Debra H.
Lisa S.	Kerrie P.
Judy C.	Fred C.
Judy F.	Galen F.
Fred W.	Noel G.
Linda O.	Penny R.
Brenda B.	Janet A.



*Need a gift idea
for **Mother's Day**
or **graduation**?*

Get them music-themed accessories, a musical instrument or lessons! We carry pianos, keyboards, guitars, ukes, jewelry, scarves, bags, music books and more!



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patient with certain kids and snapped at them. I like that Andrew doesn't snap at me."

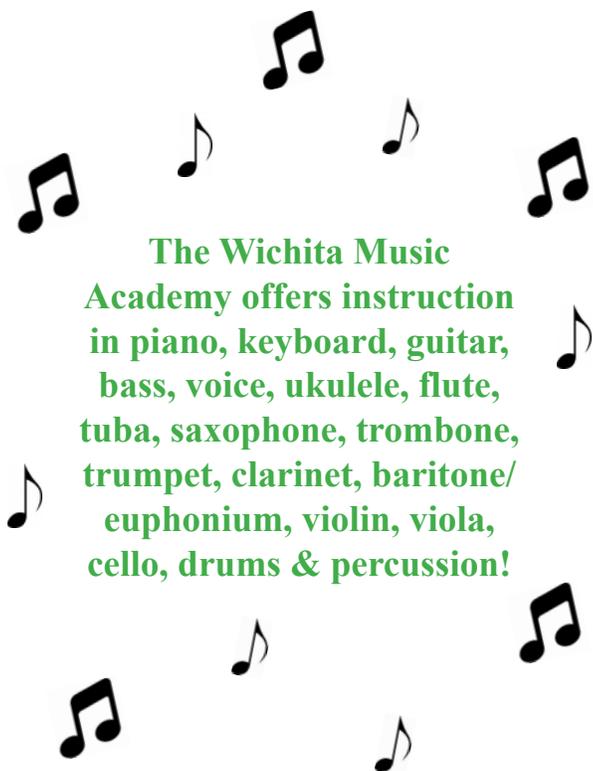
In their spare time, Harlan and Cal play soccer. Nate plays percussion in his school band. The boys try to play their instruments every day at home. They offered some advice for others considering lessons.

"Don't stress about it,"

Nate said. "It's just for fun. It's not a competition."

"The teachers are really nice and helpful," Harlan added.

Nate's goals include learning to play "Whatever It Takes" by Imagine Dragons. Cal might learn "Star Wars" songs like his brothers or music by Ed Sheeran. Cal and his mother have Ed Sheeran dance parties at home!



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!