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Building a Musical Family

Family members of all ages benefit from classes at Garten's Music and the Wichita Music Academy

Having never played an instrument himself, it wasn't difficult for Jason Cotter to decide to give his children the chance to pursue building that skill early in their lives.

Jason is the father of Austin and Brianna. Austin is 10 years old and Brianna is 8. The kids are fourth and second graders, respectively, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

A flyer came home with the kids one day last spring that introduced the Cotters to the Wichita Music Academy at Garten's Music. Jason called and scheduled the kids to begin piano lessons.

"I was thinking of activities



Brianna and Austin Cotter began taking lessons at the WMA in June.

for my kids to do during the summer," said Jason. "They've never had any other lessons prior to Garten's."

The kids each take piano lessons, back-to-back, with Billy Bloomquist—whom Jason describes as, "an amazing teacher." They each have their own one-on-one lesson with

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Mark your calendars!

LIFE in Kansas MusicMakers - Christmas service project.

Wed., Dec. 4,
1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

We will present a music program for patients at the VA Hospital (TLC).

LIFE in Kansas MusicMakers Meeting -

Fri., Dec. 6,
2:00 p.m.

Bob Ashworth from Lowrey will be here! More details to come later.

Wed.,
Jan. 8, 2014

Organ Club Christmas

11:30 a.m. - Friday, December 13
at Hometown Buffet, 6820 W. Central

\$8.56 per person (senior) - pay at the Hometown Buffet register then join us in the meeting room. Guests Welcome! Bring your spouse and/or friends.

If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a gift (worth up to \$10).

Please RSVP to Garten's.

Welcome to the Family!

In the October newsletter, we introduced you to Christina Lee and her family. Lee is a piano teacher who purchased two new Kawai pianos from Garten's Music.

One of Lee's piano student families liked the piano so much that they came to Garten's and purchased a new Kawai Grand Piano for their home, as well.

Here is a photo of the piano in its new home at the residence of Kuen Low and family.



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Billy and sometimes they sit in on each other's lesson or do something as a group.

"He has really made things fun for my kids and done a lot to inspire them," said Jason.

"(Wichita Music Academy) makes it very easy. Lessons are flexible and don't have to be during store hours. It's really just about the teacher and the student."

Jason said it was easy to choose to start building his children's musical

foundation. It's something the family has enjoyed doing together and something Jason hopes the kids will love even into their adult lives.

"I guess I always wished I had learned how to play an instrument when I was a kid," said Jason. "I wanted them to have their chance. I feel like I'd be cheating them if I didn't give them that chance. Maybe one day music will be a very important part of their adult life."

Vesta Campbell and Millie Tallman play at annual Botanica event

Vesta Campbell, who learned to play the organ in Garten's Goofin' Around Keyboard Class, is playing the a Lowrey EZ4 Virtual Orchestra.

Millie will play anywhere for anybody and has even been known to play for her insurance adjustor! Vesta also works part time at Garten's Music doing clerical work.



Millie Tallman, playing a Lowrey Encore organ, learned to play in the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class.

Both ladies are members of LIFE in Kansas MusicMakers chapter. Find out more about the club throughout this newsletter!

The women played songs at Botanica's annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Not all students are comfortable playing for others, but both of these ladies enjoy sharing their music.

They alternated songs so that while one was playing, the other was getting ready to play her next song.

During the Botanica event, Mille and Vesta played and provided dinner music. Cindy Houston did a short "commercial" about classes at Garten's Music and handed out door prizes. Garten's will be back in August and present a program for the Botanica volunteers.

A Holiday Hit for Anyone on your List!

WICHITA MUSIC ACADEMY

LESSONS PLUS

The Wichita Music Academy is offering a Christmas promotion for the music lover in your life.



- Pay the \$25 registration fee.
- Schedule the first lesson for January, after the holidays.
- Have the instrument in hand in time for Christmas giving.

Wichita Music Academy's Lessons Plus program provides students with quality, playable instruments at greatly reduced prices – in some cases free!

How it works: If you've ever owned a cell phone, you probably have a general idea of how Lessons Plus operates. At a typical wireless carrier, some cell phones will be "free" (to you); some will be a few dollars depending on features. But these phones are not *really* free; you get the discounted price in exchange for a two-year contract.

Lessons Plus works the very same way, except a six-month commitment to lessons is the minimum required to get a great instrument at a reduced price, or perhaps even *free*. There's no surcharge, no additional costs, no gimmick – just a commitment to the lessons you'd be taking anyway.

What's in it for you:

- 1) You or your student gets a brand-new quality instrument to practice on.
- 2) Students with nice instruments play more than students with old worn-out instruments. Playing more = faster advancement + more enjoyment.
- 3) Your lesson price is locked in for the duration of the lesson commitment.

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LIFE in Kansas MusicMakers



Green - Book 1 - Class Graduation - November 2013

Seated, L to R: Betty Neugerbauer, Bill Sullivan, Dee Cheatham, Nancy Wiard, Evelyn Whitmer. Standing, L to R: Vesta Campbell, Wanda Shaw, John Bignall, Alice Yoachum Not pictured: Mercedes Pickering, Red Kimball.



Red - Book 2 - Class Graduation - October 2013

Seated, L to R: Arletta Perrie, Nona Mackey.
Standing, L to R: Joe Perrie, Patsy Howe, Leo Howe



Red - Book 3 - Class Graduation - October 2013

Front, L to R: Nancy Scofield, Mary Piotrowski, Chuck Ehresman, Carl Bierdeman. Back, L to R: Roberta Sanders, Jan Kelley, Bill Fagyal, Judi Hanks, Laurie DeGarmo. Not pictured: Lynnette Hasz



Red - Book 4 - Class Graduation - November 2013

Front, L to R: Bill Hall, Aleta Vogt, Virginia Hosey, Marvis Lary, Connie Profaizer. Back, L to R: Ruth Faight, Myron Schwartz, Loraine Browning, Doris Schwartz, Larry McCurry, Joyce O'Dell. Not pictured: Donna Classen, Connie Gonzales, Priscilla Liddeke

LIFE in Kansas MusicMakers

LIFE is a national music club started by LOWREY about 8 years ago and within 5 years it was the largest music club in the nation! LIFE stands for "Lowrey is Fun and Easy". Our local LIFE chapter has two purposes: (1) to provide opportunities for members to gather and enjoy music together, and (2) to spread the word to other adults that making music is fun and good for us.



New Officers for 2014:

Joyce O'Dell, President
Bobbi Bruce, Recorder/Secretary
Marvis Lary, Vice President