



# Garten's Music

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Mary Kate, left, and Victoria McClure

## Sisters 'band' together

When Mary Kate McClure, 13, started flute lessons in May, she had played her instrument for two years. Her sister Victoria, 11, played piano but took up trombone this summer.

Victoria didn't join the school band last year, and when she and her sister expressed interest in lessons, her piano teacher recom-

mended the Wichita Music Academy at Garten's Music.

"I just like to come here because that way, since I'm kind of a beginner in band, I can keep ahead and keep with everybody," Victoria said.

"Whenever you walk in, it feels really warm and wel

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Watch more of our interview online:  
<http://bit.ly/NovemberFeaturedStudent>

## Garten's plans Black Friday, Small Business Saturday deals

Christmas is just seven weeks away, so be sure to plan ahead by visiting us on Black Friday or Small Business Saturday!

Save on keyboard instruments, ukuleles, accessories and more! We recently received a shipment of music-themed jewelry, bags, scarves, socks and other items. They make great gifts or stocking stuffers!

Some of the highlights are pictured on Page 5, so check out our specific sale items there! After the Black Friday rush Nov. 23, support local businesses on Small Business Saturday Nov. 24. When you shop local, more of your hard-earned money goes back into your own community, supporting your friends and neighbors!

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coming,” Mary Kate added. “And you also have a one-on-one teacher, and it helps you a lot more than just being in a band class because they pay more attention to you instead of everybody else, and so you get to learn more about the theory and everything like that.”

Both girls said their favorite kind of music to play is classical.

“That’s basically what the flute is for,” Mary Kate said, “and I think the flute just plays it really beautiful – classical music.”

The girls also share a goal of learning music from “Star Wars.”

“The songs are so different from other ones,” Victoria said. “And probably also Indiana Jones songs because that’s just amazing.”

The sisters have paid more

attention to film scores since becoming musicians themselves.

“It helps you develop a great appreciation for all the music that everybody plays and how well they’re playing,” Mary Kate said, “and it makes you want to get up to that point someday.”

“Since you’re playing music, you know how difficult it can be,” Victoria added. “Because you don’t just learn a song then you’re done with it because you know it so well. You have to keep working at it.”

Part of the reason they stay motivated is the Musical Ladder System, which affords students the chance to earn wristbands, trophies and certificates for achieving various musical milestones. Victoria and Mary Kate have reached the Apprentice level and are working toward their Song Bird trophies and wristbands.

“I really like it because then you have something to look forward to,” Victoria said. “You have a goal to set for yourself. That way you can keep track of how long you’ve been doing it, how long you’ve been here and how hard you worked at it. I think it’s really cool because you kind of get rewarded. The wristbands are really cool.”

“I like it because it helps you want to work harder and be more determined to pass the test,” Mary Kate said. “And it helps you develop in your music.”

Both girls admitted to some nervousness their first day of lessons.

“You don’t really need to worry. ... All the teachers here are really nice and really fun,” Victoria said. “And they’re all really good teachers and they’ll help you a lot.”

## COME #SHOPSMALL WITH US



# 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, Nov. 16  
(Theme: “Dance” in title)

### L.I.F.E. in Kansas MusicMakers

Join the club and enjoy making music with us!

– 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7

### Holiday events!

We’re having a “Friends Play For Friends” event this year at the Festival of Trees! It starts at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at Midian Shrine, 130 N. Topeka in Wichita. Admission is \$5.

Enjoy Christmas music with your friends, the beautifully decorated trees and yummy refreshments! The festival will be Nov. 8-11.

Mark your calendars for the annual Organ Club Christmas lunch at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 14! Stay tuned for more information.

### New classes:

#### Christmas Songs (three-week class)

– starts at 3 p.m.  
Thursday, Nov. 29

#### Christmas Songs (two-week class)

– starts at 10:30 a.m.  
Friday, Nov. 30

#### Christmas Songs (two-week class)

– starts at 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, Dec. 5

### HOLIDAY CLOSURE!

Garten's Music will be closed Thursday, Nov. 22, for Thanksgiving. The Wichita Music Academy will be closed Nov. 21-24.

### Wichita Music Academy students:

The Winter Student Showcases are full! They will take place at 1:30, 3:30, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9! Talk to staff at the front desk if you'd like to be placed on our waiting list. Performances will be posted to our YouTube channel, and refreshments will be available. We can't wait to see our students shine!



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Red Book 2)! Front row, from left: Rilla Rogus, Sally McGinnis, Debi Hutcheson. Back row, from left: Gayla Scott, Margaret Thompson.

**Congrats to Dulce Torres, the August monthly drawing winner, and Bob Kralicek, our September winner! Dulce received \$25 worth of music books, and Bob received a Snark metronome!**

# 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.



Anastacia R.



Evelyn J.



Harbour R.



Rhyz R.



Sophia E.



Amy B.



Athena M.



Carson C.



Jade B.



Orion I.



Kayla H.



Cooper B.



Gabe G.



Ian P.



Israel V.



Trent B.



Warner P.



Lily C., left, with instructor Les



Audrey R., left, with instructor Georgeanne



Landen P.



Ayla I.



Morgan B.



Anthony R.



John P.



Above, the Yamaha P45 88-note digital piano plus L-85 stand, folding bench and sustain pedal are on sale for just \$499! Don't miss this package on Black Friday and Small Business Saturday.

At left, Pig Hog guitar stands come in 6 vibrant colors! Just \$19.95. Black Friday/ Small Biz Saturday special: buy one \$19 guitar stand, get one \$17 20-foot guitar cable **FREE** (choice of colors)!

At right, our Nov. 23-24 special means that ALL ukes come with a tuner, bag and **FREE** uke class in January. Choose from more than 120 (Wichita's best uke selection!) from Kala, Mahalo, Kahuna, Eddy Finn, Diamond Head, Amahi, Alvarez, Islander, Dean, Luna, Ortega and more! Ukes start at just \$25.

At right: Folding music stands just \$12.50 each! Choose from six colors; all stands include bag.

