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Chance meeting leads to shared interest

When Thelma Etherton arrived for a morning event at Botanica in Wichita, she had no idea she would attend a life-changing event in the afternoon.

Thelma stood in line at Botanica one day, right behind a couple she'd never met, Mike and Tomoko Klausmeyer.

"Of course, women talk," Tomoko said with a laugh.

As Thelma and Tomoko visited, Tomoko mentioned that she would attend her music class in the afternoon. When Thelma expressed interest, Tomoko invited her along, and now the women are friends and fellow musicians.

They are students in the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class at Garten's Music. Tomoko owns a Lowrey EZP8 digital piano, and Thelma has a Lowrey EZ1 keyboard



Tomoko Klausmeyer, left, and Thelma Etherton

but hopes to acquire an EZ4 organ in the future.

"I've really enjoyed it and played for other people who came to the house – if they want to hear me," Thelma said. "The people I exercise with, they think it's fantastic."

Both women admitted to feeling nervous when they enrolled in the class.

"I have no specific music background," Tomoko said. "I've never played any songs or any instrument."

However, she and Mike were at Senior Expo when they heard a Goofin' Around student playing Beatles tunes at the Garten's Music booth. Tomoko loves Beatles music, and she stopped at the booth to listen.

"That made me wish I could play some Beatles songs," she recalled.

Tomoko's initial goal was to develop the skills to play a Beatles song after one year.

"The dream came true much sooner," she said.

Tomoko volunteered to play "Here, There and Everywhere" for Organ Club.

"I practiced and practiced, and it happened," she said.

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September expo



Above and below, Garten's Music had a booth at Botanica during Senior Expo!



Millie Tallman, left, was among Goofin' Around Keyboard Class students who provided music throughout the day.

Fall for a Kawai!

For **October only**, Kawai is offering customers an **instant rebate** on selected acoustic and digital pianos. Rebates range from \$150 to \$3,000, depending on which instrument is purchased. Hurry in today to take advantage of this offer!



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

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| Addison C. | Brooke C. |
| Sophia E. | Lucy F. |
| Toby F. | Lillian P. |
| Marsha H. | Kerrie P. |
| James L. | Beverly C. |
| Theresa H. | Clara D. |
| Gary M. | Aleta V. |
| Connie S. | Bev S. |
| Stephanie H. | Yvonne C. |
| Eva B. | Priscilla L. |
| Arletta P. | Raina H. |
| Bill H. | Nancy W. |
| Dee C. | Joyce O. |
| Phyllis C. | Wanda S. |
| Brenda M. | Floyd H. |
| Connie G. | Liz H. |
| Harley M. | Matthew K. |
| Addison B. | LE A. |

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, Oct. 7

PlayTime

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14

Organ Club

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21
(Theme: Body part in title)



Hooray for Hollywood!

This two-day Lowrey spectacular includes workshops and concerts with artists Dennis Awe and Bob Ashworth!

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, and Wednesday, Oct. 12, at Wyndham Garden Hotel, 221 E. Kellogg, Wichita

\$80/person includes lunch both days & book

Other classes available:

“Over the Rainbow” theme class

– started at 2 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 28

Red Book 4

– started at 2 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 29

“Songs of the 1960s” theme class

– starts at 2 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 18

Lowrey classic models “All Time Favorites” class

– starts at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 19

Congratulations:

To the winner of our monthly prize drawing for August, Karen Wagner, who received a \$25 gift certificate for music books in stock!

To the Forgie and Kirkpatrick families, who earned \$25 for referring a new student to the Wichita Music Academy and Tunes & Tykes, respectively!



Our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Red Book 1) included, from left, Thelma Etherton and Janet Adams. Not pictured: Brenda Banta, Kathy Sifford, LaShay Black, Charlene Peterson.

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.



Lily A.



Derek G.



Foster M.



Landon P.



Kaleb G.



Khoi D.



Hannah R.



Daphne V.



Quyanh N.



Priscilla T., left, and Israel V. with instructor Andrew Wingert



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Adrina P.



Nate H.



Zoe D.



Amiah O.



Cody G.



Coltin C.



Cooper R.



Courtney C.

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“This is the best decision I ever made, to come here.”

Tomoko recently finished the Lowrey Magic Red Book 3 class. Thelma is taking the Red Book 2 class, and she has joined the L.I.F.E. in Kansas Music Makers at Garten’s. One of her favorite songs she has learned is “This Land Is Your Land,” and she plans to learn Christian music eventually.

“I do enjoy doing it and I practice several times a day, if at all possible,” Thelma said.

Tomoko said classes were important to her because they motivated her to move forward “and then to be with good people, good friends.”

Tomoko wondered if she was a little old to learn music when she first enrolled in a class, but she knew that if she didn’t try, she would always regret it. Thelma also questioned whether she could learn at her age.

“When Cindy said she’d taught a 94-year-old man, I thought, ‘Well, maybe there’s hope for me,’” Thelma said.

Both women expressed appreciation for instructors Cindy Houston and Mark Short, and they didn’t feel any pressure in their classes.

“It’s a pleasure, it really is,” Thelma said. “Hopefully I can continue learning more. Cindy and Mark are so patient with me.”

Tomoko said she had told other friends about her music classes and invited them.

“I tell my friends, ‘I believe you will enjoy it,’” she said. “And it’s true. I believe they will.”

The Chairman



Frank Sinatra music was a recent theme for Organ Club, and some students posed with The Chairman! Verlene Kutz shows off her Sinatra music book, above, and Phyllis Carr smiles below.



Spooky sounds



Check out our selection of Halloween music books, and have some fun with the holiday! We can help you learn music, from “The Addams Family” and “The Munsters” theme songs to “Monster Mash” or the theme from “Jaws.” And don’t forget a Kansas favorite, “Ding-Dong! The Witch Is Dead.”



Tunes & This class for children ages 3-5 meets weekly at Garten’s Music! Enroll your child for fun and music education. Call today!

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!