

# Garten's Music

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## Class brings music, new friends

Beverly Coover has a strong opinion about the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class at Garten's Music.

"I think it's one of the better-kept secrets in the city of Wichita," she said.

Coover enrolled in the class for adult beginners two years ago. She now owns a Lowrey EZ10.

"It's been a delight – a real light in my life," she said. "Even after the first class, I could knock out a little tune. I was thrilled. It was easy."

She completed the Red Book series of classes and then stopped while she was caring for her husband, Gary, who had cancer. He was an accomplished trumpet player who especially liked her music book of Frank Sinatra songs.

"He loved to hear me play – bad notes and everything,"



Beverly Coover (video link at <https://goo.gl/zUY2B3>)

she said with a laugh. "I was playing two or three hours every day on my organ."

After Gary passed away, Coover rejoined the Goofin' Around program. She is enrolled in the Blue Book 1 class. She said the most important thing she learned through her music was to have patience and tolerance for herself.

"It takes time to learn," she added. "It will come and you will get there if you just practice and come to class and try."

Check out our video version of this story on our YouTube channel! The link is listed in the cutline below.

Coover's music remains important to her, even as she is adjusting to a new phase of life as a widow.

"My EZ10 is my new best friend," she said. "It's not uncommon for me to need a little picker-upper, and I'll play a song or two songs. It certainly helps pass the time, pass the day."

Coover mentioned the unexpected blessing of taking classes: She has formed friendships with her fellow

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# Graduation day!



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Hits From Musicals, Part 2)! Front row, from left: Nancy Wiard, Dee Cheatham, Connie Profaizer, Connie Gonzalez, Brent Kleeman. Back row, from left: Vesta Campbell, Bill Hall, Joyce O'Dell, Wanda Shaw.



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Red Book 1)! Front row, from left: Shirley Kimrey, Dan McKown. Back row, from left: Dorothy Jacobs-McPhail, Orpha Eyres. Not pictured: Wanda Tyson, Wynona Roth-Martinez.

# 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, Oct. 13

### Organ Club

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20  
(Theme: Animals)

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

Join the club and enjoy making music with us!

– 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3

### 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:**

– 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5

### Workshops:

**“Fun Features” with  
Lowrey’s Chuck Wright**  
(Learn more about your  
Lowrey!)

**EZ1, EZ2, EZ4,  
Adventurer II,  
Conductor**

– 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, Oct. 26

**EZ10, EZ10+, Fanfare,  
Journey, Regency,  
Odyssey, Encore**

– 10:30 a.m.

Friday, Oct. 27

**Inspire, Marquee,  
Performer, Legend,  
Prestige, Patriot**

– 2 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 27

## *Garten's returns to Senior Expo*

Garten's Music had a booth again this year at Senior Expo! Millie Tallman (at right) was among students who shared their music throughout the day!



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

Lisa S.

Debra H.

Judy F.

Margaret S.

Helon S.

Jensen H.

Warner P.

Dominic J.

Madalyn H.

Carson C.

Reznor H.

Carolyn J.

Penny R.

Galen F.

Fred W.

Casey O.

Alex R.

Lynn H.

Louis W.

# 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.



Addison B.



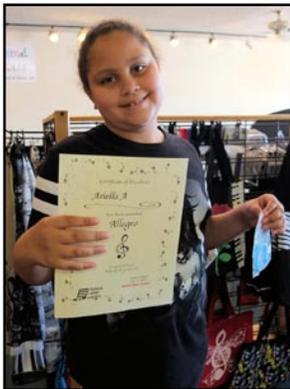
Alexxis S.



Amy B.



Payten L.



Ariella A.



Brayden R.



Nicholas R.



Mercedez B.



Breeleigh J.



Catrina O.



Faheem C.



Cooper H.



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Gabe G.



Ivan D.



Grace F.



Cayleigh C.



Jennifer P.



Olivia W.



Landon P.



Priscilla T.



Toby F.



Reese B.



Rylee O.



Sadie S.

**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!**



## 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 \$1,000, depending on which instrument is purchased. Hurry in today to take advantage of this offer!



*They're creepy  
and they're kooky!*

Just in time for the holidays, we got a shipment of new ukuleles from Mahalo! We will give away a skull ukulele in our drawing Oct. 31. Stop by and register!

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“All the classes merge at that time, and anyone that wants to can come,” she said. “It’s just a wonderful group of people. A lot of them are singles – widowed or whatever. I think Garten’s Music does a lot to enhance older people’s lives, if they’ll just tune into it.”

Coover continues to grow as a musician. She feels

nervous when she performs in front of others, so she volunteers to play during class or club meetings, and she even played for an hour at the Festival of Trees last year in Wichita. Another aspect of her progress: She is learning songs that are more complex or use different tempos, which she admitted she probably would not have tried if they weren’t class assignments.

“They’re making me stretch out of my comfort zone, which is why you take the class,” Coover remarked.

Her goal this fall is to continue to improve because she will play for her grandchildren, who travel from Colorado for Christmas. She said family members gather around her organ, and she plays while they sing.

It’s another example of the importance of music in her life.

“It’s meant everything,” she said. “It’s filled my life with lots of joy. I would highly recommend it to anyone. Take a chance and learn music. You’ll be better for it.”