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Musical journey follows retirement

Gary Miley always had an interest in learning to play an instrument, but his pursuit of music started in earnest after he retired from a 34-year career at Koch Engineering.

"It was something I wanted to do," he said. "It's almost like starting a new job but not quite."

Miley enrolled in the Goo-fin' Around Keyboard Class at Garten's Music. He now owns a Lowrey Journey and has worked his way up to advanced classes. He will start Blue Book 4 this fall.

"It doesn't matter how good or bad you're playing – they're all for you," he said of students. "That's what I like about our classes – people don't criticize how well or not you play."

His favorite is southern gospel quartet music, but he also likes "country honky-



Gary Miley

tonk music" such as Johnny Cash, Patsy Cline and Hank Williams, he said. One of the most challenging songs he has learned is Marty Robbins' "El Paso."

"My interests go from A to Z – Abba to ZZ Top – and everything in between," Miley said. "But most of us tend to stay with the stuff

we like. Mine is ballads, mostly."

He enjoys learning new songs, socializing with classmates and the choice of songbooks available at Garten's. Miley is a member of Organ Club and L.I.F.E. Club, which meet monthly and are open to students from all classes. What keeps him involved in the clubs?

"Oh, gosh, just the people!" he exclaimed. "They're so fun to be with, having a positive outlook on life, which is good for senior groups. They learn how to play the music, too. It doesn't matter whether they play well or not. It's just the pure enjoyment that they're out doing something, playing music, having fun with each other."

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

Graduation day!



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Summer Master Class)! Seated, from left: Nancy Wiard, Wanda Shaw, Lisa Shorter, Penny Ruddle, Carolyn Johnson. Standing, from left: Geri Acridge, Lajuan Hutcherson, Brent Kleeman, Bill Hall, Helon Spencer, Karen Lundblade, Arletta Perrie.



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Red Book 1)! Front row, from left: Sandy Peters, Eva Ornelas. Back row, from left: Pamela Thompson, Doris Weed, Melinda Rocha.



Congratulations to our graduates of the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class (Red Book 2)! From left: Larry Johnson, Vinita Edwards, Ann Pyles. Not pictured: Mary Robillard, Larry Grimes.

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, Sept. 7

Organ Club

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21
(Theme: Latin)

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,
Sept. 25

Classes starting!

Lowrey Magic Red Book 1

– starts at 10:30 a.m.
Friday, Sept. 7

Lowrey Magic Red Book 2

– starts at 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 13

Lowrey Magic theme class (Favorite Songs with 3 Chords)

– starts at 3 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 13

Lowrey Magic theme class (Songs with 3 Chords)

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

Lowrey Magic Blue Book 4

– starts at 2 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 25

Lowrey Magic theme class (Over the Rainbow & 40 More Great Songs)

– starts at 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 3

Lowrey Magic Blue Book 2

– starts at 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, Oct. 4

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Miley sometimes accompanies Garten's Music president Cindy Houston on outreaches where she talks to groups and organizations about the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class and the health benefits of making music. He performs a few songs and occasionally talks about his experience learning music as an adult. Although Miley isn't shy, he admitted to some nervousness about playing in front of a crowd.

"But after awhile, the more you do it, the less nervous you are," he said, "especially

on a song you like and that you can play fairly well. We're not concert pianists, by any means, and like I said, it doesn't matter. We're in a Goofin' Around Keyboard Class so we can play that music any ol' way we want to. As I told Mark, our teacher, we play it the Frank Sinatra method – we play it our way!

"I want to thank the staff here for being so friendly and nice and always knowledgeable on any questions you have," Miley added. "It's like anything else – you get out of it what you put into it."

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.



Brenley G.



Ian P.



Landen P.



Madalyn H.



Ailey F.



Sam G.



Alexxis S.



Alex R.



Megan T.



Amanda E.



Tayton J.



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Amy B.



Madison C.



Evelyn J.



Athena M.



Aiden B.



Alexander C.



Dorian P.



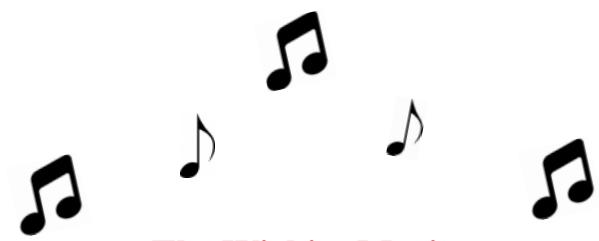
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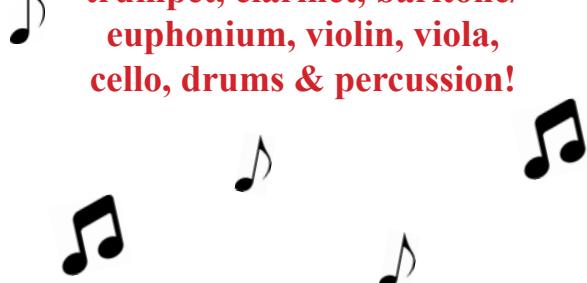
Kekona M.



Caleb V.



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!



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

Sara A.
Arjun M.
Melissa B.
Arissa C.
Thelma E.
Nancy S.
Vicki J.
Priscila H.

Meghan H.
Liam N.
Ryder A.
Bobby B.
Gaither W.
Margie B.
Irving K.

Check out our instrument sale!

September is National Piano Month, and Garten's Music is celebrating with a sale on these keyboard instruments! We also have piano lamps, piano music and piano-themed jewelry and music bags!



Everybody loves the sound of a [Hammond B3](#) and [Leslie 122](#). This sound is the foundation of countless rock-and-roll, rhythm-and-blues, jazz, blues, and gospel songs. They don't make 'em anymore (since the mid-'70s), but this is a clean and great-sounding rig. Yours for \$4,495, including local delivery. Have a truck and some buddies who have never moved a Hammond? Save some \$\$ and move it yourself.



Here's a [Kawai ES110](#), a current model. It has a couple of scratches on the top (picture frame fell on it), but it does not affect the sound! The ES-110, HML-1 stand, and F-350 3-pedal unit list at \$1,379, but you can have this bundle for \$749. Save \$630!



The [Baldwin Hamilton](#) has been the workhorse piano for schools and churches since the '40s. (Some homes have these, too; they're practically indestructible.) The new Chinese-made equivalents list for \$12,495, but you might negotiate a price of maybe \$8K. This gently used piano, purchased from us in 1995, is in fabulous condition. Buy this American-made jewel for \$2,295!



This is a [Roland HP603](#), a current model (details here: <https://www.roland.com/global/products/hp603/>). It's their best technology: SuperNATURAL piano sampling, wireless Bluetooth MIDI (works with free Piano Partner 2 app), PHA50 wood/plastic hybrid keyboard, 319 great Roland tones. List is \$3,499, but this out-of-the-box floor model can be yours for \$2,477.

Other Roland models on sale:

A [Roland RP102](#) (details here: <https://www.roland.com/us/products/rp102/>). This is a great piano in its own right, but it can connect wirelessly (Bluetooth) to the Roland Piano Partner 2 app, which opens up a whole bunch of additional features. You can buy this online for \$999, but if you buy it from us you get a FREE bench and a FREE iPad (refurb)!

A [Roland HP506](#) (details here: <https://www.roland.com/us/products/hp506/>). It's got the good stuff: SuperNATURAL piano sampling, Ebony/Ivory feel keyboard, 350 great Roland sounds. Out-of-the-box floor model. List on it is \$3,499, but it's yours for \$2,277!

Visit our booth at Senior Expo!

The event lasts from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, at the Wichita Art Museum, Botanica & the Advanced Learning Library!