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Goofin' Around Keyboard Class helps students learn music, make new friends

The Goofin' Around Keyboard Class helps adult beginners learn music, but it's more than that.

It provides an outlet for those experiencing transitions in life, and it introduces a new group of friends with common interests. Those are some of the reasons students enjoy their classes at Garten's Music.



Wanda Shaw enrolled in a class to help her cope with her husband's death.

"It's really helped because I lost my husband," said Mildred Hudnall. "I'm a widow, and it's really helped me through all my grief process and everything that you go through over losing a husband."

That's the same reason Wanda Shaw joined the Goofin' Around Keyboard Class.

"I had lost my husband and I just had a void," she said. "And I saw the ad in the

paper and I thought, 'That sounds like fun.' I mentioned it to my daughter and she said, 'Give it a try.' So I did and I basically love it."

In addition to beginner classes, Garten's Music offers theme classes for more experienced players. Those in a patriotic-music class found a little extra enjoyment in Flag Day and the Fourth of July this year. Other recent theme classes include Broadway's Best and the music of George

Gershwin.

The Lowrey program offers beginners a chance to learn in a fun, no-stress environment. They don't have to worry about recitals or performances, so they can learn at their own pace, even if they have no experience with a musical instrument.

"I did not know any music at all," Hudnall said, "and I really enjoy playing my organ. Usually I sit down and

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Graduation day!



Congratulations to our graduates of the Lowrey Blue Book 2 class! From left: Bill Hall, Joyce O'Dell, Loraine Browning, Aleta Vogt. Not pictured: Laurie DeGarmo.

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play every day.”

The students’ camaraderie is evident in groups such as Organ Club and the L.I.F.E. in Kansas MusicMakers. Both meet once a month at Garten’s Music.

Shaw is a former officer for the L.I.F.E. club.

“I have made several really good friends, and I love the people at Garten’s,” she said. “I think there’s a little bit of confidence there, that I can do something at my age, and just well-being. I just enjoy being around and listening to other people play. I really do enjoy that aspect of it, just the camaraderie of everyone.”

Garten’s appointed dealer for Alvarez

Mention guitarists like Bono, Johnny Cash, Ani DiFranco, John Mellencamp, Dolly Parton, Eddie Van Halen, Barbara Mandrell, Paul McCartney, Lita Ford and Carlos Santana, and it doesn’t seem like they have much in common musically.

But they have all played Alvarez guitars, which are great for beginner and advanced students alike. Garten’s Music was honored to be appointed an Alvarez dealer, and we know you’ll love these high-quality instruments as well.

Alvarez, which was established by St. Louis



Check out the high-quality Alvarez guitars available at the store!

Music, will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2015. We’re proud to be part of the tradition!

Mark your calendars!

Upcoming classes and gatherings at Garten's Music:

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!

Call today!

Classes are forming now.

Upcoming Lowrey
Magic classes:

Red Book 3

– 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2

Red Book 4

– 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18

PlayTime

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12

Organ Club

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

– 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19
(Theme: Songs with a month in the title)

L.I.F.E. in Kansas MusicMakers

Join the club and enjoy making music with us.

– 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5

Guest offers workshops, concert



Lowrey's Brad Bryan, a Tennessee resident, visited Wichita in early August! He offered workshops at Garten's Music and performed a concert for Lowrey owners and their guests at Venue 3130. Bryan will return later this year with more great tips and information!

**Welcome to
new students
who signed up
for lessons!**

Barbara B.
Flora C.
Avery H.
Dorian P.
Lincoln R.
Robert P.
Chuck S.
Nolan F.
Jerry B.

**Check out our
Back-to-School
Specials on
instruments
& amps in the
store!**



Ready for a movie

Angela Page won our drawing for 2 tickets to the Warren Theatre during the school carnival at Black Elementary in Wichita. Above, her son Joshua McCarrell holds the prize.



This Kawai UST9 is on its way to First Christian Church in Douglass, Kan. We're honored to be part of the church's worship every Sunday!

**The Wichita Music Academy
offers piano, keyboard,
guitar, bass, voice, ukulele,
dobro, mandolin, banjo, fiddle,
saxophone, violin, viola,
djembe and cajon lessons!**

**Call or stop by today & begin
your musical journey!**



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