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Wichita Music Academy Students Shine at Spring Student Showcase



(Above) WMA student Emma B. and her "band" consisting of instructors Ryan, Alec, and Luis pose on the red carpet after Saturday night's performance.

(Right) Student Katherine G. and her instructor Lane play guitar and (Below) student Bryce N. plays drums during Friday's performances.

Nearly 100 Wichita Music Academy Students shared their talents over five showcases Feb. 21 & 22. Hosted at Venue 3130, the shows consisted of a variety of performances from solos to duets to ensembles as well as a variety of instruments.



WMA offers these student showcases twice a year to all current students. Performances are voluntary and provide an opportunity for students to show friends and family what they have been learning.

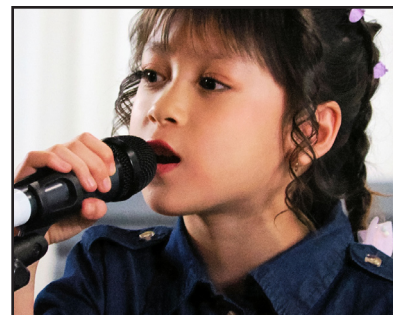
We love seeing our students shine! Showcase videos have been posted to our YouTube Channel: tinyurl.com/gartensmusic. Additional photos are on Page 2.

Mark your calendar for our Fall Student Showcases on September 26 & 27 at Trinity Christian Center.



(Right) WMA student Kailee P. sings during Friday's evening showcase.

(Left) Student Syreeta Dweh-Chenneh plays the cello during Saturday's evening performance.



NEW FEATURE! *Music Benefits*

Music Makes Us Feel Better

Written By: Cindy Houston

Scientists believe that song may have come before language. Maybe that's why it's called the universal language! Music conveys messages without words.

For example: music is the narrator in movies and television, telling the viewer when the bad guy is near or the romantic scene is coming. Music creates a mood: soothing music in an elevator or a doctor's office, peppy music at the gym.

We can be more mindful about using music in our lives to help us express emotions, change our feelings, calm anxiety, control pain, and more.

The idea dates back to ancient times. The Bible describes King Saul calling for musician, David, to calm him by playing music. Our modern field of Music Therapy originated in the 1940's, when musicians playing for hospitalized soldiers helped calm their PTSD symptoms.

Listening to music can be an effective wellness tool, but research shows that playing music ourselves benefits us much more!

*For more "Music Benefits,"
be sure to check out our column
in next month's newsletter.*

Showcase Highlights (Cont.)



Mark your calendars!

Upcoming classes and gatherings at Garten's Music:

Music Makers

Our Goofin' Around Keyboard Class students enjoy a "Name That Tune" game, playing tips, new song books and great music!

FRIDAY, APRIL 25 - 2 p.m.

Theme:

"Houses, Doors, Windows, Walls, Floors"

FRIDAY, MAY 16 - 2 p.m.

Theme:

"Woman's Name in Title"

Goofin' Around Classes:

"Traditional Gospel"

1:30 PM - Tues.
Beginning April 8.

"Lowrey Magic Blue Book 3"

10:30 AM - Wed.
Beginning April 23.

"Lowrey Magic Red Book 2"

2 PM - Wed.
Beginning April 30.

"Disney Fun Songs"

10:30 AM - Thurs.
Beginning April 24

"Party Songs"

1:30 PM - Thurs.
Beginning April 24

Call 316-942-1337, text 316-661-6605,
email info@gartensmusic.com, or speak to a staff member
to sign up today.

January Jumpstart Recap

Thank you to all those who came out to Venue 3130 for our January Jumpstart Lowrey Legacy event with Dave Brown and artist Bil Curry.



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Refer a Friend, Get \$25 Cash

Through the WMA Student Referral Program, current Wichita Music Academy students earn \$25 cash for every new student they refer to us.

How? It's easy!

- 1.) Invite your friends.
- 2.) Give them a copy of the Student Referral Form with your name.
- 3.) Your friend brings the completed flyer when they enroll.
- 4.) You get \$25 cash!



Congratulations to Micah Dunn and her son Ethan (pictured left) who were the World Piano Day Drawing winners!

World Piano Day, celebrated on the 88th day of the year, was

first celebrated in 2015 to promote music and foster a deeper appreciation for the piano. This special day serves as a tribute to the piano's rich history and its enduring impact on music across cultures and genres.

This year we celebrated on March 29 by giving away a Roland FP-30x digital piano. Around 230 people participated in this year's drawing.

Additionally digital pianos all over the store were on sale all week and staff was on hand to enroll students in lessons.



Need a Gift Idea for Mother's Day or Graduation?

Get them a musical instrument or a giftcard for lessons or classes!

We carry a range of digital pianos, guitars, and ukuleles. We also rent-to-own band and orchestra instruments!



We also offer music accessories and fun jewelry, scarves, bags, music books, and MORE.



Stop by our store for details. We are open 9:30-5:30, Tues-Fri, and 10:00-4:00 on Sat.

Sign up for Music Lessons through the Wichita Music Academy at Garten's Music

We teach lessons 6 days a week (Mon- Sat) in a variety of music styles both in-person and online. We offer instruction in piano, keyboard, guitar, bass, voice, ukulele, cello, violin, viola, brass, woodwinds, drums and percussion!

HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES:

Enrich your curriculum with music lessons! We currently have weekday daytime (before 3 PM) music lesson times available.

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