

THE ORAC OUTLOOK

OAK RIDGE ARTS COLLECTIVE'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER SOUNDS & SMILES

Last week, ORAC held its third-annual Music Explorers Camp for elementary-aged students. Throughout the week, campers sang music from around the world, learned new instruments like the ukulele and piano, and even created their own puppets. When these budding musicians weren't busy making a joyful noise, they were harvesting vegetables in a community garden, learning magic from a real magician, and partaking in a demonstration from the local fire department! It was an action-packed week of community and friendship!

Music Explorers Camp is one of many camps hosted by ORAC this summer. If you know of a child who may be interested in any of the camps below, lock in your spot today at oakridgeartscollective.org/summer-camps.

Spy Camp: 7/13-7/17 (Completed K-2nd grade)

All-Star Sports: 7/20-7/24 (Completed K-5th grade)

Music Discovery: 7/27-7/31 (Completed 2nd-5th grade)

Great Outdoors: 8/3-8/7 (Completed K-5th grade)



INSPIRING CONVERSATIONS

Click [here](#) to read an interview with ORAC's Executive Director, Mary Boudreault, as she shares her vision for expanding arts education in NW Guilford County!



PORCHFEST 2026

In June, **12** music students from ORAC had the opportunity to perform an hour-long set at this year's Dunleath Porchfest! Porchfest is a yearly community-driven music festival hosted on porches and lawns throughout the historic Dunleath neighborhood in Greensboro. This festival's collaborative and fun vibe created a comfortable environment for our students to develop their skills as live performers. Kudos to all our performers and our lovely hosts! We can't wait until Porchfest 2027!



YOGA CLASSES

Stop by our **Friday 12:00PM** yoga class in the sanctuary at Oak Ridge Presbyterian Church! Whether you're new to yoga or have an established practice, these classes offer a welcoming space to stretch, breathe, and recharge. We're grateful for our wonderful, experienced instructors who each bring their own unique style, expertise, and encouragement to every class.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: ASHTON AND ALEXA

Twin sisters Alexa (piano) and Ashton (violin) started taking music lessons at ORAC in January. The ORAC Outlook got to catch up with this dynamic duo and hear all about their music-making adventures!

ORAC Outlook: What made you want to start taking lessons at ORAC?

Alexa: I've always wanted to play an instrument and I've always loved piano. Many times when I was younger, I enjoyed playing notes on any piano I saw.

ORAC Outlook: You recently made your performance debut at ORAC's "Guitars on the Lawn" event. How did it feel to perform for an audience for the first time?

Ashton: I was very nervous at first and wasn't sure I could do it, but when it was over, I was very proud of myself.

ORAC Outlook: What advice do you have for anyone thinking about learning an instrument?

Ashton: Choose the instrument you feel most connected to.

Alexa: It's going to be challenging, but believe in yourself! Practice, and you will get better! You won't regret it!



ALEXA



ASHTON

School's Out, Music Lessons are In!

Enroll your child in an ORAC
Music Program today!

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