

# NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 2026

## HERE'S WHAT'S Happening

Rehearsals Starting February 5  
Register [faopa.org](http://faopa.org)

### Florida Academy of Performing Arts

Good Luck To Our Students In Competition!

Feb. 6-8 MTCA - Competition Team  
Feb. 15 - Lincoln Center for Jane Eyre  
Feb. 20-22 NPAF - Competition and FIRE



Homeschool Group



Teen/College Dance Class

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT JM VAN HOOVER

John lives in Lithia and has been with FAOPA for 2 years. His favorite role has been playing Nate in Camp Rock. He loves going to musicals and his favorite music is show tunes and musical scores. A fun fact about John is that he has a bearded dragon named Ed Sheeran. He loves being at FAOPA because the volunteers and instructors make it a place where he wants to be!



## TEACHER FEATURE WILLIE LAWSON

Willie Lawson, originally from Newark, NJ, has been teaching here for 23 years. He specializes in saxophone, flute, and clarinet. He graduated from Brandon Senior High School in 1978 and attended both Hillsborough Community College and Florida State University. Willie has performed professionally with numerous bands in central Florida. He also is a sought after studio musician. Willie has been married 32 years to Deborah and they have one son, William Alexander.



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