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# NISOM Notes

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**Dates to Remember:**

- **May 16:** Summer registration opens to new and former students
- **May 21:** Student Recitals
- **May 30:** Memorial Day; Closed
- **June 1:** Flint-Lindsay 2016-17 scholarship application deadline
- **June 3:** Kids' classes registration deadline
- **June 4:** End of 3rd trimester
- **June 6-June 11:** Make-up days
- **June 9:** ChamberFest Showcase faculty recital
- **June 13:** Summer lessons begin
- **June 13:** ChamberFest Orchestra concert
- **June 15:** ChamberFest Workshop
- **June 16:** ChamberFest Gala
- **June 17:** Refund request deadline
- **June 28**: Summer Strings begins
- **July 1:** 2016-17 general scholarship application deadline
- **July 14:** Summer Strings concert
- **July 18:** Fall registration begins for current (summer) students
- **July 25:** Fall registration opens to former students
- **Aug 1:** Fall registration opens to new students
- **Aug 13:** Summer session ends
- **Aug 14-20:** Make-up week
- **Aug 22:** 2016-2017 school year begins

## Make-up Week

NISOM's 2015-16 school year runs through June 4 for regular lessons. Make up week is then from **June 6 to June 11.** Speak with the office to schedule make-up lessons. Remember that not all absences are excused. Lessons will be made up for illnesses, emergencies, or NISOM cancellations.

The summer session begins June 13.

School year make-ups do not carry into the summer and vice versa. If you are owed more lessons for NISOM cancellations than can be made up by June 11, you may request a refund for these lessons. All requests must be submitted by June 17. Refunds will not be given for student absences. Please contact our office if you have any questions. NISOM will be closed on Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day. Monday students are encouraged to reschedule for make-up week.

**Don't forget what you've learned!**
**Sign up for summer lessons.**
***You don't have to attend every week. Choose only the weeks you want!***

## 2016-2017 Scholarships

NISOM is now accepting applications for the 2016—17 student scholarship program. NISOM offers need based financial assistance to students from low and moderate income families and those with demonstrated need. Students of any age are encouraged to apply for lessons, classes, or other programs. Apply by **July 1**.

In addition to this general, need-based funding, a Flint-Lindsay endowed scholarship fund will provide a full scholarship to one student. The Flint-Lindsay scholarship is based on musicianship as well as financial need. Students with both outstanding musicianship and financial need are strongly encouraged to apply. Those with either outstanding musicianship or financial need will also be considered. Apply by **June 1, 2016**. Applications must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from your teacher.

Applications and more information are available at nisom.com and in the NISOM office.

# Student Recitals

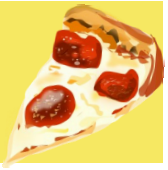
All students are encouraged but not required to perform in at least one recital per school year. We have one more day of recitals this year:

**Saturday, May 21**
**Emmaus Bible College**
**9:30AM, 11AM, and 1PM**

Each recital will last approximately one hour and feature students of a variety of ages, skill levels, and instruments.

Not performing? Join us in the audience! Admission is free, and everyone is welcome. Emmaus Bible College is at 2570 Asbury Road, next door to NISOM.

**Thank you** to everyone who volunteered for the Pizza Night at Pizza Ranch student fundraiser and to everyone who came out to eat!



# Sizzling Summer Classes

**In addition to private lessons, NISOM offers fun summer group classes for all ages!**

**Small Groups:** Try Kids' Piano, Kids' Voice, or violin repertoire. Register by June 3.

**Ensembles:** String players can keep those fingers flying in Summer Strings ensembles. Join one of two string orchestras for incoming grades 6-9. Joint concert for all ensembles July 14. Register by June 17.

**Design Your Own Class:** Students of any age form a class with friends or family. Available in piano, voice, guitar, or preschool music. A fun and flexible option!

Visit nisom.com or see class flyers for schedules, forms, and more information.

# Musical Theatre & Opera Classes

## HIGH SCHOOL-ADULT CLASSES

**Musical Theatre Technique and Performance (high school)**

Tuesdays 4:30-5:30PM with instructor Rebecca Lansing
June 21-August 9

This class will teach the fundamentals of healthy vocal technique and performance craft for musical theatre. Students will put these techniques to use by participating in staged solo and ensemble number, with a final "scenes performance" to conclude the summer session.
$85, materials included. **Register with the class payment by June 8**.

**Opera Workshop (high school-adult)**

Tuesdays 1:00-2:00PM with instructors Jill Heitzman & Rebecca Lansing
June 21-August 9

This class is designed as a training medium for young singers. Fundamentals of stage technique, movement, improvisation, warm ups, and acting for the singing actor are emphasized through a series of theatrical exercises, as well as the practice and performance of various opera scenes. Participants will gain knowledge of the fundamentals of classical singing, while developing dramatic preparation and performance of roles and scenes from the operatic and operetta repertory. In addition, the participants will be prepped in other facets of the vocal music industry including auditioning, young artist programs, college scholarship auditions, recital etiquette, and more. The sessions will conclude with a final "scenes performance." $85, materials included. **Register with the class payment by June 8.**

# ChamberFest Dubuque

ChamberFest Dubuque is back! This June NISOM alum Michael Gilbertson and fellow professional musicians will present two concerts and a workshop.

On Monday, June 13, Gilbertson and friends will join a full orchestra at the ChamberFest Orchestra concert. Maestro Nicholas Palmer returns for this Sounds of Broadway concert in UD's Heritage Center.

The festival culminates on Thursday, June 16, with the Gala Performance (formerly Julliard in June) at Clarke University. The Gala will feature the guest artists in intimate solo and ensemble performances, with a champagne reception to follow. Visit nisom.com for more information.

| **ChamberFest Orchestra** | **ChamberFest Gala** |
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| Monday, June 13, 7PM<br>Heritage Center, UD | Thursday, June 16, 7PM<br>Jansen Hall, Clarke |
| **Regular Prices:**<br>Adults: $20<br>Students (kids-college): $5 | **Regular Prices:**<br>Adults: $50<br>Students (kids-college): $25 |
| **NISOM Discount:**<br>$5 off each ticket!<br>*For NISOM students & family* | **NISOM Discount:**<br>$5 off each ticket!<br>*For NISOM students & family* |
| Tickets available at the UD box office at (563) 585-7169 or online at nisom.com/events | Tickets available at NISOM or online at nisom.com/events |

# ChamberFest Showcase Faculty Recital

ChamberFest 2016 kicks off with ChamberFest Showcase. This celebration of ChamberFest will feature ensemble performances by NISOM faculty members on **Thursday, June 9** at 7:30PM at Eagle Point Park.

Admission is free, so come hear your teachers perform!

# ChamberFest Workshop For Students of all ages

Michael Gilbertson and our ChamberFest guest artists will lead free student workshops on **Wednesday, June 15** at 5:30 to 7:00PM at Loras College. The workshop begins with a combined session and concludes with for each instrument.

Both children and adults are welcome. Attend as an audience member or participate by playing for these accomplished musicians to get expert feedback. Register for free through NISOM.

Workshops include piano, violin, viola, cello, clarinet, and composition. Visit nisom.com for information about this year's impressive young guest artists.

GREAT GIVE DAY 05·03·16

On May 3 and 4, NISOM participated in Great Give, through the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque. Thanks to our wonderful donors, we raised over $2,700! These funds support all our programs, including your lessons and classes. Great Give is just one of the many ways we offset the costs of teaching, so please help us thank our donors!

## Student Film Score Contest Winner

### Jacqueline S. Boothe!

Virginia high school student Jacqueline S. Boothe is the winner of NISOM's Student Silent Film Score Contest, which was held in partnership with the Julien Dubuque International Film Festival (JDIFF) in April. Watch the film on nisom.com.

***"Ms. Boothe has written a powerful score which perfectly captures the essence of the visuals" – Sean O'Boyle, Professional Film Composer***

## Mark Your Calendar for Fall Registration

**June 1:** Flint-Lindsay scholarship applications due
**July 1:** General scholarship applications due
**July 18:** Registration begins for current (summer) students
**July 25:** Registration opens to former students
**Aug 1:** Registration opens to new students
**Aug 22:** 1st Trimester begins